

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Australia 2007

Information Circular
for Delegates attending the

APEC 2007 Annual Conference of APEC Centres
‘Driving Growth – APEC’s Destiny’

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1. Introduction

This Information Circular provides general information and details for the Annual Conference of APEC Centres that will be held in Melbourne from Wednesday 18 to Friday 20 April 2007.

This conference is part of the official schedule of APEC Australia 2007 and will attempt to ensure that APEC has fresh vitality for this year and beyond.

We have made every effort to confirm that the information contained in this pack is accurate. However, should there be any changes or alterations, delegates will be made aware of these via mail or email. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office of the Australian APEC Study Centre at Monash University (details below). Amendments and updates will also be posted on the conference website at www.apec-centresconference2007.org which you should check on a regular basis.

2. Venue

The conference will be held at:

ANZ Pavilion

The Victorian Arts Centre

100 St Kilda Road

Melbourne, VIC 3004

Web: www.theartscentre.net.au

The entrance will be via St Kilda Road only, which is at Level 6, and then follow the signs to the ANZ Pavilion on Level 8 via the stairs or the elevators. As there are other events taking place at the Arts Centre at the same time as our conference, please make sure to only use this entrance. All the sessions and lunches will take place at the ANZ Pavilion except for the parallel sessions in the afternoon on the first day which will take place in the Amcor Lounge on Level 3. For information about the dinners, see the Social section below.

Any enquiries you may have about the venue should be directed through the Australian APEC Study Centre or through a staff member of the centre on the day. If however you need to contact the Arts Centre, our contact person is Katherine and her phone number is: +63-3-9281 8350.

3. Accessing the Venue

For those of you from outside of Melbourne, the Arts Centre is a very prominent complex just on the edge of the city but well within walking distance of landmarks such as Federation Square and Flinders Street Station. It is also very much within walking distance of all the recommended conference hotels (see below). If you are travelling to the Arts Centre by public transport, the best way is to travel by tram. The following trams go along St Kilda Road and stop outside the Arts Centre: Routes 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 16, 64, 67 and 72.

For those of you intending to drive to the venue, there is a secure underground car park that will be available on the day. The entrance to the car park is located on the corner of Sturt and Kavanagh Streets. Prices begin at A\$5 an hour up to a maximum A\$25 per day, but the rate is only A\$9 per day if you enter before 10am and exit before 6:30pm.

4. Australian APEC Study Centre Contact Details

For any information or clarification about the program or about anything contained herein, please do not hesitate to contact us. The Australian APEC Study Centre at Monash University is located at:

Level 12, 30 Collins Street
Melbourne VIC 3000
Ph: +61-3-9903 8757
Fax: +61-3-9903 8813
E: alex@apcc.org.au

5. Accommodation and Travel

For those of you coming to Melbourne from interstate or overseas, it is your responsibility to organise your own travel and accommodation. We can assist or advise about this but we cannot organise these matters on your behalf. If you are coming from overseas, you will also need a valid visa to enter Australia. See below for more information about visas.

With regards to accommodation, there are many hotels in the CBD or slightly on the outskirts of town within close proximity to the conference venue. Four of these are listed below and they may be a good starting point if you are looking for somewhere to stay during the conference. The prices listed are only an indication and are subject to fluctuation, but they represent a range of hotel types, from budget to exclusive. Please note that it is your responsibility to book your own accommodation and you are free to stay where you like – these hotels are simply suggestions:

Travelodge Southbank Melbourne
Cnr Southbank Ave & Riverside Quay, Southbank
Ph: (03) 8696 9600
Fax: (03) 9690 1160
E: reservations@travelodge.com.au
(Prices start at AU\$129 per night)

Rendezvous Hotel Melbourne
328 Flinders St, Melbourne (between Elizabeth and Queen Streets)
Ph: (03) 9250 1888
Fax: (03) 9250 1877
E: res@melbourne.rendezvous.com.au
(Prices start at AU\$158 per night)

Citigate Melbourne
270 Flinders St, Melbourne (between Swanston and Elizabeth Streets)
Ph: (03) 9654 6888
Fax: (03) 9654 0368
E: reservations@cm.mirvac.com.au
(Prices start from AU\$190 per night)

Quay West Melbourne
26 Southgate Ave, Southbank
Ph: (03) 9693 6000
Fax: (03) 9693 6099
E: reservations@qws.mirvac.com.au
(Prices start at AU\$239 per night)

6. Visa Information

For participants or presenters coming from overseas, you may require a visa to enter Australia. The Australian APEC Study Centre cannot be held responsible if conference delegates fail to obtain an appropriate visa in advance. Information about visas to Australia can be found at: <http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms>. Unless otherwise advised, you will probably require a Business (Short Stay) visa, which is accessed through application form 456. In order to apply for a visa, you will need to contact your local Australian consular office. See <http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/overseas/index.htm> to find your nearest office. They should also be able to advise you about the type of visa you should apply for.

If you require a letter of reference or support to assist your visa application, please contact us in advance so that we can provide this for you. Please be aware that a visa application may take 10 business days or more to process so make sure to apply for your visa as soon as possible. Please notify us if you run into any problems or issues.

Please also let us know once you have obtained your visa so that we can inform the relevant authorities at the Immigration Department as part of their security arrangements.

Information about visas, insurance and other such matters is attached to this letter.

7. Sessions and Discussions

You will notice from the draft program that the conference has been nominally divided into two parts. The first is the APEC Centres Symposium which is targeted mainly towards the APEC Study Centre Network, whilst the second is the Business Program focussing largely on issues relevant to the business community. Naturally and expectedly there will be significant overlap between the people, and the issues for discussion in the two streams. All presenters and delegates are encouraged to stay for both parts.

Sessions have been designed to run for about an hour and a quarter, depending on the number of presentations within each session. It is expected that presenters will speak for about 10 minutes each, and then there will be enough time for some interaction and discussion to be monitored by the Chair of each session. We will very strongly attempt to keep to the schedule to ensure that each session and each day runs on time as much as possible. If the discussion has to be cut short, hopefully the presenters will still be available during the breaks to continue the dialogue.

8. Presentations and Video Links

Each presenter will be asked to provide a paper of their presentation. A copy of this will be in each conference folder. However, on the day, each presenter will simply summarise their papers, emphasising the main points. In order to keep each presentation visually stimulating, presenters will be asked to use Powerpoint slides, footage or other visual aides. There will be one large screen in the room that should be visible from every angle. People with visual impairments should sit at an appropriate distance from the screen so as to be able to see the presentations. However, most presentations will also be included in the course folders.

Although every effort is being made to encourage presenters to attend the conference in person, due to a variety of reasons, some presenters will not be physically present in the

room. Provisions are being made to include their presentations via video link. It is expected that these speakers will make their presentations from a remote location and their image will be broadcast on the screen. It is unlikely that the link will allow them to be involved in the entire session, but there still may be an opportunity for discussion or questions. Every effort will be made to ensure that the video links work without any delays.

9. Registering for the Conference

Each registered participant will be referred to as a delegate. All delegates and presenters will need to register, though not all will be required to pay. Only ASC members and presenters are exempt from paying for the conference. Paying delegates will be invoiced and will have to settle their accounts using cheque, credit card or EFT payment options. Due to the nature of this conference, there is a different price for Business registrants, as opposed to Academic or Student registrants. When registering, please make sure you mark the appropriate box so that you can be invoiced accordingly.

The registration process is through the conference website only in advance. If potential delegates do not have access to the internet or are not able to afford the registration fee, they should contact the Australian APEC Study Centre so that an alternative can be sought. Furthermore, all potential delegates should be aware that registration is not guaranteed and is subject to a verification process. Shortly after registering, each successful delegate will be sent a confirmation letter to their nominated email address with further information. For overseas delegates, this confirmation can be used to substantiate a visa application.

10. Delegate Information

Each presenter and delegate will receive a course folder once they arrive at the conference. They will also receive a conference bag and other relevant information. The folder will contain a copy of all the presentations and papers, as well as the names of all registered delegates and other such information. Once registered, each delegate will be entitled to attend every session as well as all social events.

11. Accreditation and Security

As you will notice from the program, the conference begins on Wednesday 18 April with registration at 8am. All presenters and participants are required to register upon arrival on each of the days. Although registration for the conference takes place in advance, the accreditation part of the registration process will take place on the day. Part of that process will include a minor security check so please ensure that you have photo ID with you at all times.

Since this event is part of the APEC Australia 2007 cycle, it may be targeted by protestors. We will therefore have security at the door and only registered delegates will be allowed to enter the conference. It is therefore imperative that everyone registers in advance and passes through the registration desk upon arriving at the conference. The desk will be staffed throughout the conference.

12. Social Events and Meals

All delegates should know that registration entitles them to attend all sessions and participate in all social activities. Drinks and snacks will be available throughout each day in the lounge right next to the conference room. This will also be the venue for socialising

and networking, particularly during breaks. Moreover, on Wednesday 18 April and Thursday 19 April lunch will be provided at the conference venue, with a panel or a speaker after the meal. When registering, it is important to tell us about any dietary requirements so that these can be catered for.

We aim to conclude the formal part of the conference in time for lunch on Friday 20 April. There will be a closing cocktail reception or a luncheon after the proceedings. We are also in the process of organising an optional social activity after the conclusion of the conference. Details of which will be provided at a later time.

The main social events however will be the reception on the first evening and dinner on the second evening. The first one will be a cocktail reception hosted by the Victorian Government. This will be held at a Victorian government site in the city centre. Dinner on the second evening will incorporate the annual APEC Lecture and will be delivered by a high profile leading Australian political leader. It will be held at a function venue within close proximity to Arts Centre. Both these events will be confirmed shortly and will be open to registered conference delegates only. We are expecting a relatively large turn out and a media presence as well. All participants and presenters will be encouraged to attend all of these social events.

13. Further Information

All delegates should note that the program is still subject to change. After registration, delegates will receive further information detailing some of the specifics that are alluded to in this Circular. Presenters should also note that they will also be asked to send in their papers, presentations and biographical details in advance of the conference.

Any questions about the program, the information contained within this Circular or any other matter related to the conference should be directed to the Australian APEC Study Centre at Monash University. Contact details are provided above. We look forward to your participation and to welcoming you in Melbourne.

14. Conference Website

To assist with registration and other details about the conference, a purpose-designed website has been developed. All the relevant information about the conference, including program, venue, accommodation and other details are on the site. Most importantly, the only way to register is via the registration section on the website. Updates of the program as well as any other news also will be posted on the site.

The conference website is: www.apec-centresconference2007.org

15. Attachments

The following items are attached to this Circular:

- information about visas to Australia provided by the Department of Immigration
- a current draft copy of the conference program

PROGRAM

DAY 1 – APEC CENTRES SYMPOSIUM – WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL 2007

Chair: The Hon Michael Duffy, former federal Attorney-General and Minister for Trade

0800 Registration

CONFERENCE LAUNCH

0845 – 0900 The Hon Theo Theophanous MLC, Victorian Minister for Industry and State Development, Major Projects and Small Business

OPENING ADDRESS

0900 – 0930 Ambassador David Spencer, Ambassador for APEC to Australia and Deputy Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

SESSION 1.1

0930 – 1045 Is an APEC FTA Feasible?

CHAIR The Hon Michael Duffy, former federal Attorney-General and Minister for Trade

1.1.1 Making an FTA work, C. Fred Bergsten, Director, Peterson Institute for International Economics (via video link)

1.1.2 Relating it to an East Asian Summit FTA, Prof Ippei Yamazawa, President, International University of Japan

1.1.3 Getting a liberal result Robert Scollay, Director, APEC Study Centre, University of Auckland

1.1.4 The politics of trade liberalization, Prof Ross Garnaut AO, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, ANU

1045 – 1115 BREAK

SESSION 1.2

1115 – 1230 Gains from Trade Facilitation

CHAIR Michael Crouch, Executive Chairman, Zip Industries Australia

1.2.1 Improving the gains in 2007, Chris de Cure OAM, Head, APEC Task Force, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

1.2.2 A framework to achieve the Busan Roadmap, Dr Sang Kyom Kim, Director, APEC Study Centre, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy

1.2.3 Opportunities in regional strategies, John S. Wilson, Lead Economist, World Bank, Washington DC

LUNCH

1230 – 1400 Keynote Address – APEC's Strategic Importance

Rowan Callick, China correspondent, The Australian*

Introduced by Bruce Kean AM, Chair, Australian APEC Study Centre Advisory Board

SESSION 1.3 and 1.4

1400 – 1530 Shaping APEC - Papers presented by various ASC members in two parallel sessions 'Regional Development' & 'Business Impacts'
(In the AMCOR Lounge, Victorian Arts Centre)

Chairs: Dr Nick Bisley, Monash University and Prof Ross Garnaut AO, ANU

1530 – 1600 BREAK

SESSION 1.5

1600 – 1715 Secure Trade – The Impact of Terrorism

CHAIR Robert Kerr, Commissioner, Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission

1.5.1 Trade and security, Ambassador Chak Mun See, Senior Advisor, Singapore

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1.5.2 Food defence initiative, Dr Isabel Walls, Office of Food Defence and Emergency Response, US Department of Agriculture

1.5.3 Challenges for Customs, Adjunct Prof Steve Holloway, Director, Australian Centre for Customs and Excise Studies, University of Canberra

DINNER

1800 for 1815 – 2100 COCKTAIL RECEPTION

With a senior commentator on Asia-Pacific issues, at Melbourne Town Hall

DAY 2 – APEC CENTRES SYMPOSIUM – THURSDAY 19 APRIL 2007

Chair: Prof Stephanie Fahey, Deputy Vice Chancellor (International), Monash University

0800 Registration

SESSION 1.6

0830 – 0945 Intellectual Property and Innovation

CHAIR John Roskam, Executive Director, Institute of Public Affairs

1.6.1 Emerging growth trends, Joseph Alhadef, VP Global Public Policy, Oracle USA

1.6.2 Locking in value from IP, Simon Edwards, Manager, Government and Industry Affairs, Microsoft Australia & New Zealand

1.6.3 IP and health, tbc, Pfizer*

1.6.4 IP innovation and development, Richard Kjeldgaard, Associate Vice President, International IP, PhRMA, Washington DC

0945 – 1000 BREAK

SESSION 1.7

1000 – 1115 Ageing Populations in APEC – Impacts on Pensions

CHAIR tbc

1.7.1 Impacts on ageing and pension reforms in Korea, Dr Hyungpyo Moon, Senior Fellow, Korea Development Institute

1.7.2 Impacts on ageing and pension reforms in Japan, Hiroshi Miyai, Director and Manager, Nikko Financial Intelligence, Japan

1.7.3 Impact of ageing on capital markets, Prof Kim Dietrich, Marshall School of Economics, University of Southern California

1.7.4 Asian demographics, Prof Jim Butler, Deputy Director, Australian Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, ANU

1115 – 1130 BREAK

SESSION 1.8

1130 – 1245 The Threat to Human Health in APEC

CHAIR Prof Stephanie Fahey, Deputy Vice Chancellor (International), Monash University

1.8.1 Animal diseases, human health and food safety, Dr Gardner Murray, President Asia and Oceania, World Organisation for Animal Health, Canberra

1.8.2 Quarantine trade restrictions, Peter Gallagher, Director, Inquit Pty Ltd, Melbourne

1.8.3 Responses to pandemics, Dr Julie Hall, Medical Advisor, Office of Health Protection, Australian Department of Health & Ageing

NB. The Study Centre Symposium finishes following Session 1.8 after which the Business Program begins. All confirmed delegates are entitled to attend all sessions and social events contained in the Study Centre Symposium and Business Programs.

DAY 2 – BUSINESS SYMPOSIUM – THURSDAY 19 APRIL 2007

Chair: Mr David Byers, Chief Executive, Committee for Economic Development of Australia (CEDA)

1200 Registration

LUNCH

1245 – 1400

BUSINESS PROGRAM LAUNCH (Sponsored by The City of Melbourne) – Economic Outcomes from APEC 2007, Heather Ridout, Chief Executive, Australian Industry Group
Introduced by the Right Hon. John So, Lord Mayor, City of Melbourne*

SESSION 2.1

1400 – 1515 Asian Growth – Risks and Forecasts

CHAIR Terry McCrann, Business columnist, Herald-Sun newspaper, Melbourne

2.1.1 The outlook for Asia's emerging markets, Ian Thompson, Managing Director and Head of Research, Asia-Pacific, Standard & Poor's, Melbourne

2.1.2 Investment Opportunities, Jeremy Duffield, CEO, Vanguard Investments Australia

2.1.3 The fund management market in Asia, Ben Bruck, Group Head, Macquarie Funds Management, Sydney

1515 – 1530 BREAK

SESSION 2.2

1530 – 1630 Energy and Climate Change in APEC

CHAIR David Byers, Chief Executive, Committee for Economic Development of Australia (CEDA)

2.2.1 China's climate change approach, Dr Jiang Kejun, Director, Energy Resource Institute, Beijing

2.2.2 Regional initiatives, Brendan Pearson, Environment Branch, DFAT*

2.2.3 What can technology deliver?, Dr Margo Thorning, International Council for Capital Formation, Brussels (via video link)

1630 – 1645 BREAK

SESSION 2.3

1645 – 1745 The Future for Carbon Market and Emissions Trading

CHAIR David Byers, Chief Executive, Committee for Economic Development of Australia (CEDA)

2.3.1 How big can global carbon markets get?, Des Moore, Director, Institute for Private Enterprise, Melbourne

2.3.2 Impact of abatement strategies on Australia, Brian Fisher, Vice President, CRA International, Canberra

2.3.3 Prospects for a global carbon emissions trading system, Bill Bowen, Principal Consultant, ITS Global, Canberra

PANEL DISCUSSION

1745 – 1845 Is a post-Kyoto consensus on climate change in prospect?

Dr Jiang Kejun (China); Dr Brian Fisher (Australia); Bill Bowen (Australia); Brendan Pearson* (Australia); Des Moore (Australia)

DINNER

1900 for 1915 – 2200 CONFERENCE DINNER featuring the Monash APEC Lecture Lecture to be delivered by The Hon Alexander Downer MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs, at the River Room, Crown Casino. Introduced by Hugh Morgan AC, Board Member, Reserve Bank of Australia

DAY 3 – BUSINESS SYMPOSIUM – FRIDAY 20 APRIL 2007

Chair: Mr David Byers, Chief Executive, Committee for Economic Development of Australia (CEDA)

0800 Registration

SESSION 2.4

0830 – 0945 Global Imbalances in Financial Flows

CHAIR Prof Kevin Davis, Director, Melbourne Centre for Financial Studies

2.4.1 Do imbalances matter?, Prof Deepak Lal, James Coleman Professor of Development Studies, UCLA (via video link)

2.4.2 Currency stability in the Asia-Pacific region, Huw McKay, Senior International Economist, Westpac Bank, Sydney

2.4.3 The region adjusting to China, Andrew Stoler, Executive Director, Institute for International Trade, University of Adelaide

0945 – 1015 BREAK

SESSION 2.5

1015 – 1130 Can the Asia-Pacific Region Adjust?

CHAIR Gary Banks, Chairman, Australian Productivity Commission*

2.5.1 What can APEC do?, Gordon de Brouwer, General Manager, Macroeconomic Group, Australian Department of Treasury

2.5.2 Beyond trade liberalization, Alan Oxley, Chairman, Australian APEC Study Centre

2.5.3 The challenge of structural change, Prof Bob Buckle, Chair, APEC Economic Committee and Principal Advisor, New Zealand Treasury

2.5.4 Competition for skills, Tom Bentley, Executive Director, Policy and Cabinet, Victorian Department of Premier & Cabinet

1130 – 1145 BREAK

SESSION 2.6

1145 – 1300 China's Impact on the Global Economy

CHAIR Ken Waller, Senior Advisor, ABAC Australia Secretariat

2.6.1 Is China cheating?, James A. Dorn, Vice President for Academic Affairs and China specialist, Cato Institute, Washington DC (via video link)

2.6.2 Can China maintain a competitive advantage, Prof On Kit Tam, Director, China Research Centre, Monash Asia Institute, Monash University

2.6.3 What is the challenge to manufacturing?, Dr John Edwards, Chief Economist, HSBC, Sydney

CLOSING ADDRESS

1300 – 1315 Alan Oxley, Chairman, Australian APEC Study Centre

LUNCH

1330 – 1500 Conference closure

Information for Event Organisers about:

- **visas for event participants from ETA and non-ETA countries,**
- **the Health requirement,**
- **the Character requirement.**

In relation to the following information, the term "event" covers international conferences, sporting and cultural events.

- ❑ For event participants the appropriate visa may be a Business (Short Stay) visa or a Visitor visa. Usually, the visa granted to event participants will be a 456 Business visa, but the visa class decision will be made by the visa office.
- ❑ If the visa is pasted as a label into a passport, it may be a 456 visa or 676 visa (both are fee payable). At visa office discretion, the visa may allow one or more visits (of stays up to 3 months) within 12 months of visa grant.
- ❑ If the visa is issued electronically as an ETA (Electronic Travel Authority -ie - no label in passport and no fee payable), it is called a 977 visa. The 977 visa allows multiple visits (for up to 3 months for each visit) within 12 months of visa grant.
- ❑ ETAs are available through participating airlines and travel agents overseas when people book their airline tickets.
- ❑ For participants who will engage in work relating to the entertainment industry (either at an event or elsewhere whilst in Australia), different visa arrangements will apply. For further information, contact the appropriate State or Territory Business Centre's International Event Coordinator (IEC) if onshore. Offshore event applicants should contact the closest offshore Australian visa office.

ETA Countries

- ❑ The 977 ETA is available to people who hold passports belonging to the following countries:

Andorra	Iceland	Portugal
Austria	Ireland	Singapore
Belgium	Italy	South Korea
Brunei	Japan	Spain
Canada	Liechtenstein	Sweden
Denmark	Luxembourg	Switzerland
Finland	Malaysia	Taiwan (a)
France	Malta	UK (b)
Germany	Monaco	USA
Greece	Netherlands	The Vatican
Hong Kong SAR	Norway	San Marino

- (a) Taiwan passport holders can be processed for an ETA only if resident in and applying in Taiwan.
- (b) UK passport holders whose nationality is British National (Overseas) can be processed for an ETA only if resident in and applying in Hong Kong SAR.
- ❑ ETA countries are considered to be "low risk" in immigration terms. A computer check is carried out against DIMA's alert lists prior to ETA issue. In most cases, eligible applicants do not need to go to an Australian mission overseas or fill in forms to apply for an ETA.

Passport holders of all ETA countries who want an electronic business visa that is valid for longer than 12 months (with stays in Australia of up to 3 months) can apply for a 956 ETA. A fee (credit card only) is payable for this visa and this visa can then be used for entry to Australia for the lifetime of the passport.

Non-ETA Countries

- ❑ For non-ETA countries, the 456 visa can be applied for from Australian missions overseas. There is an application form to fill in (Form 456) and a fee to pay, on application.
- ❑ 456 visa applications may be subject to greater scrutiny because non-ETA nationals are statistically at higher risk of overstaying, of not abiding by their visa conditions, and of seeking to remain permanently in Australia. It is up to decision-makers at each post to assess each 456 visa application carefully.
- ❑ When applying for a 456 visa at an Australian overseas mission, nationals of non-ETA countries, will be expected to provide adequate documentation about their background, financial situation and other relevant details as required, regardless of their professional /social status or standing.
- ❑ Event Organisers (EOs) can facilitate the visa assessment/processing procedure by providing DIMA IECs with full details about events and event participants (including the type of event documentation they will be presenting to the overseas post as evidence of invitation to attend). Whilst visa grant cannot be guaranteed, the provision of early and complete documentation by EOs will greatly facilitate the whole visa process.
- ❑ EOs can assist event participants to better understand DIMA's visa application process if they provide the event participants with full information about what is required of them in order to obtain visa grant.

Information that EOs should provide to event participants would include:

- where participants must apply for a visa,
 - that participants must substantiate the information that they provide in their visa applications, and
 - that the participants can expect to come under a certain amount of scrutiny as a normal part of the visa assessment process.
- Additionally:
Participants must be counselled that their status as a conference delegate alone will not guarantee visa grant.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT EVENT PARTICIPANTS APPLY FOR THEIR VISAS WELL IN ADVANCE OF ANTICIPATED TRAVEL

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

- ❑ All visa applicants are required to complete the health declaration on Form 456.
- ❑ To be eligible for a business 977 (or 956) ETA, the applicant must be free from tuberculosis, and free from any disease or condition that may result in being a threat to public health, or a danger to the Australian community or needing health care or community services while in Australia. ETA holders must make a declaration to that effect on arrival in Australia.
- ❑ Additional information (Form 1163i *Health requirement for temporary entry to Australia*) is available at DIMA offices or via the internet.

Special Significance Health Checking

- ❑ All visitors who will be involved for more than 4 weeks in a "classroom-type" situation i.e. attendance at an event where persons will be in close proximity to each other, will be required to have a medical exam and/or chest x-ray if they are nationals or permanent residents of high TB risk countries, i.e. countries *other than*:

Algeria	Luxembourg
Andorra	Malta
Austria	Mauritius
Bahrain	Monaco
Belgium	Netherlands
Canada	New Zealand
Cyprus	Norway
Czech Republic	Oman
Denmark	Palestinian Territories
Egypt	Poland
Fiji	Puerto Rico
Finland	Qatar
France	San Marino
Germany	Saudi Arabia
Greece	Seychelles
Hungary	Spain
Iceland	Sweden
Iran	Switzerland
Ireland	Syria
Italy	Tunisia
Japan	Turkey
Jordan	United Arab Emirates
Kuwait	UK
Lebanon	USA
Libya	Vatican City
Liechtenstein	

- ❑ Where visitors are attending an event to be located in a hospital environment, a chest x-ray is required.
- ❑ Visitors who are aged 70 years or over must submit evidence of their fitness to travel to, and return from, Australia. They must also provide evidence of private health insurance covering their proposed period of stay. Intending event participants should check with the closest Australian mission to determine whether the "fitness to travel" certificate may be obtained from their own doctor or whether they must attend a panel doctor recommended by the Australian mission. If required, a proforma medical report is available from DIMA offices in Australia and overseas.

CHARACTER REQUIREMENTS

Visitors to Australia must be able to meet Australia's character requirement before a visa can be granted. Details for character processing will be available from the visa office.

THE DIMA WEBSITE

DIMA's INTERNET SITE: www.immi.gov.au

Available on DIMA's Internet website is a wealth of helpful information about Australian missions overseas, how to apply for visas and further information on ETAs, Customs clearance, Quarantine regulations, health issues, arrival and departure and more.

World Index:

<http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/overseas.htm>

The DIMA World Index within the website provides a list of all Australian missions overseas by country and by city. The information is regularly updated and includes:

- Information identifying the post where residents of each country should lodge applications for entry and where these applications are processed and decided.
- Street and postal addresses, telephone and facsimile numbers of each mission, the website name and Internet e-mail address for each visa office where applicable, and client counter and telephone hours.
- An outline of any special procedures or features relating to visa processing at each mission.

NB: If you plan to print the World Index, please be advised it prints out to more than 93 A4-size pages.

ETA: <http://www.immi.gov.au/eta/>

The Electronic Travel Authority site provides comprehensive information on:

- What an ETA is
- How the ETA works
- The types of ETAs available and
- The benefits of using an ETA.

NB: Information on the ETA is also provided at the World Index site described above.

An Australian Government Guide to Visiting Australia:

- This site contains comprehensive information about Customs clearance and Quarantine and health issues, as well as visas. The information is regularly updated.
- It also provides general information about issues impacting on all visitors to Australia.
- The text is available in French, German, Indonesian and Spanish, as well as English.
- This site also contains links to other useful internet sites owned by e.g. the Department of Health and Ageing (for more information on health insurance for visitors to Australia), and by the Customs (ACS) and Quarantine (AQIS) services.
- The information at this site has been jointly provided by DIMA, DFAT, the Australian Customs Service and the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service.

DIMA highly recommends that all intending visitors to Australia access its www.immi.gov.au/visitors internet site.