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**AUSTCHAMKOREA**  
Australian Chamber of Commerce in Korea

### PUTTING MONEY WHERE OUR HEART IS

AUSTCHAM GETS SERIOUS  
ABOUT CSR BUT WE NEED  
YOUR HELP...

AustCham's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Committee has been very active in 2013 focusing on those in need here in Korea.

AustCham also partnered with ANZA, the Kiwi Chamber and other Commonwealth Chambers on several CSR events and raised over 60 million won in 2013.

This is a significant contribution by these organisations and their members to the community in which we live.

Each year AustCham makes a significant contribution to charities and special needs organisations, ensuring that the Australia-Korea business community contributes to those less fortunate.

In April, four scholarships totalling 1.3 million won were presented to students in the **Kapyong Valley** in honour of the bravery and sacrifice of the Australian soldiers who fought and died during the Battle of Kapyong in April 1951.



UPCOMING EVENTS: AUSTRALIA DAY EVENT ~ CHECK WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

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PUTTING MONEY WHERE OUR HEART IS...



This centre provides education, shelter and therapy programs for teenage boys who have been assaulted or abandoned by their parents.

AustCham is a long-time sponsor of the **Jeon Jin Sang Centre** in Shi-Heung, Seoul, which provides multi-disciplinary services for isolated children, the elderly, disabled and terminally ill.

In December we presented the Jeon Jin Sang Centre with 3.5 million won from donations and raffle proceeds from three 2013 AustCham events which will go towards urgent building maintenance.

The Commonwealth Chambers' Networking Event raffle in September also raised 3.5 million won for Jeon Jin Sang.

**AustCham needs your help in 2014!**

The CSR team has already started planning our 2014 CSR activities and we are looking for **YOUR** support.

Members are invited to support AustCham's CSR efforts in one of three ways:

1. AustCham is looking to partner with your firm on a matched-funding donation program to maximise the impact of both companies' CSR efforts.

Please contact Jiseon Kim if you wish to develop a joint CSR plan with AustCham. ([exec@ustchamkorea.org](mailto:exec@ustchamkorea.org))

2. We'd also appreciate referrals of other deserving organizations in Korea which AustCham could assist.

3. Finally, and most importantly, we invite members to join the CSR team to help us contribute to our community. Please contact Jiseon for details.

In early 2014 we are planning a practical **joint CSR event with POSCO** and will be asking members to donate time instead of money. Stay tuned for more on this upcoming event!

**Diana Underwood**  
AustCham Vice-Chair & CSR Committee



AustCham has been contributing scholarships to students in the Kapyong Valley for several years and we are very proud of this tradition.

At the ANZAC Day Dawn Service, AustCham also laid a wreath to commemorate Australia's longstanding commitment to peace and prosperity on the Korean Peninsula.

In partnership with ANZA, AustCham continued its sponsorship of Cochlear **aural implants for young disadvantaged Koreans** with a donation of 1.8 million won.

The Cochlear implant is a proudly Australian invention and our four-year commitment covered the cost of surgery and speech therapy.

AustCham partnered with ANZA and the Kiwi Chamber in August to host the Bledisloe Cup rugby event which raised 1.4 million won for **Rapha House** in Seoul.

# FROM THE TALLY ROOM...

**Results for the 2014 Board of Directors Election**

Thank you to all members who made the effort to actively participate in the Board of Directors election held in November.

A total of 12 members were nominated for the seven positions available for the 2014 Board Elections. This is the highest number of candidates in recent years and shows the growing interest of members to make a contribution to the Chamber.

We had a very good voter turnout with an increase of over 40 percent in the number of valid votes for the election. Invalid votes represented about 10 percent of the total votes received.

Congratulations to returning directors: Peter Feltis, Matthew Holmes, Jean Ough, Diana Underwood and Scott Walker.

Welcome to our newly elected directors: George Garrop and Lewis McDonald.

**Paul Gibbons, Balloting Sub-Committee**

**Ed: ...and a very big thanks to Paul and the Balloting team for running the election.**

**Thanks also to all candidates and Yongin Cho and Jeff Bang for your many contributions to the Board and AustCham.**

**SME Intern Program Launched**

In December, AustCham started placing interns arranged under the Asian Century Business Engagement program with SMEs in Korea.

A total of six eager interns started work for a period of 3 months. Be sure to look for them at upcoming AustCham events and say "Hello!".

ACBE Program is conducted through Austrade and AustCham Korea.



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