



BRIT CHAM

British Chamber of Commerce in Costa Rica

Newsletter

September 2013

Chamber News

During the month of September the focus was to work on several initiatives in order to promote BritCham and attract new members. Among them was the creation of the website and the coordination to participate in Trade Week during the month of October, an event organized by the Costa Rican Chamber of Commerce.

We also want to welcome our new members:

Intercultura

A leading Exchange Program provider founded in 2001 which offers Central Americans the possibility to travel abroad on work or language programs. Since 2012, they opened an English Abroad program to promote English language programs in the United Kingdom.



Jose Manuel Gutierrez from Gutiérrez, Hernández & Pauly

A law firm which focuses its services in legal practices required by companies who want to develop their businesses in Costa Rica. They specialize in general legal advice, corporate law, real estate law, labour law, labour litigation, arbitration and tax law.



Milenio Tres

Representing Symphony Environmental Ltd, a British company leader in the oxo-biodegradable technologies with the line of additives d2w and now introducing d2p to protect the contents of packaging from fungi and bacteria.



VISION

To promote commercial trade, improve and expand business opportunities between Costa Rica and the UK by encouraging and diffusing best business practices, social responsibility and justice benefitting both markets and their societies.

MISSION

To become trade leaders in creating new opportunities that promote and increase business relations between Costa Rica and the UK within a socially responsible framework.

V CONGRESS LEARNING TO EXPORT (APEX) PARTICIPATION

The event targeted Costa Rican SME exporters who seek to promote and expand the knowledge the international business markets.



FIRST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Studio Hotel, Santa Ana

On August 29, BritCham Costa Rica was pleased to celebrate its first anniversary. The event had been attended by the Her Majesty's Ambassadors Mrs. Sharon Campbell and Mr. Chris Campbell, and members of the Chamber. The Chairman of the Board, Oscar Echeverria addressed the guests with the following words:

"The Chamber is committed to representing the interests of its members in the country and strengthen the means for companies to develop their business in a competitive environment. Transparency and fiscal policy, trade and contraband are increasingly urgent issues and we aim to work hard on them. The Chamber will also focus on conducting valuable and dynamic projects to collaborate with the goals of companies in Costa Rica and promote the quality of British businesses in the country. The Chamber is made up by firms and individuals from a wide range of sectors, which gives strength and a collective voice for the organization to develop a variety of commercial opportunities between the United Kingdom and Costa Rica."



UPCOMING EVENT

The Ambassador will be hosting a breakfast (*date to be confirmed*) so that the Business community can get to know the work of Fundación Acción Joven, a Costa Rican private non-profit foundation whose current Executive Director, Jose Aguilar Berrocal, is an ex-Chevening Scholar. The Foundation works with young people with the aim to reduce school drop-out rates and to encourage a spirit of entrepreneurship. More details to follow, but please register your interest with Edith Salgado (Edith.Salgado@fco.gov.uk).

MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT

Membership payment can be made by check payable to *Asociación Británica Costarricense* or by bank transfer using the following information:

BAC San José

Asociación Británica Costarricense

Cédula jurídica: 3-002-669256

Account number: 917808602

Cuenta cliente: 10200009178086020

Please send proof of payment by e-mail to britchamcr@gmail.com.

Please find the membership costs below:

Type of Membership	Amount in USD \$	Registration Fee	Total Amount to Pay in USD \$
Gold	\$2.500	-	\$2.500
Silver (A)	\$500	\$150	\$650
Silver (B)	\$1.000	\$150	\$1.150
Silver (C)	\$2.000	\$150	\$2.150
Bronze	\$250	\$35	\$285

CHEVNING SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarships not only offer financial support to study for a Master's degree at the UK's leading universities, but the opportunity to become part of an influential and highly regarded global network.

It aims to attract talented professionals who are potential future leaders, decision-makers and opinion formers. Applications are accepted from a wide range of subject areas, however, there is particularly interest in the fields of economics, business administration, international politics, engineering/science and technology, programme and project management linked to infrastructure development.



Applications for 2014-2015 are now open and will close on November 8th 2013.. For more information visit the following [link](#).

INTERESTING FACT

Did you know that Bailey bridges are from the United Kingdom? They are considered one of the best examples of military engineering during the World War II, since this bridge was designed as a solution to the increased weight of new tanks being developed in the early stages of the war.

The Bailey bridge was created by Donald Bailey who worked in the British War Office during World War II. Its production started in 1941 and during the war, a total of 384 kilometers of bridges were manufactured. Donald Bailey was appointed Knight of the Order of the British Empire for this contribution.

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