

# ABSC Inc. launches EKONOMOS at Annual Gala Dinner

The Australian Business Summit Council Inc. hosted an exclusive Annual Gala Dinner to launch the fourth issue of its official business affairs magazine, **EKONOMOS**, at Le Montage, Lilyfield on 4 May 2023

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Two hundred VIPs and guests attended the lavish three-course banquet event in the Deanah's room of this magnificent five-star reception venue, neatly situated in the vivid, picturesque setting of the innerwest of Sydney, New South Wales, for the official celebration of the Council's notable achievements. ABSC Inc. president Dr. Frank Alfafaci welcomed the list of star-studded attendees to the Council's signature event, featuring H.E. Mr. Massimo Gowland, Ambassador of Argentina; H.E. Dr. Ali Kraishan, Ambassador of Jordan; H.E. Ms. Wassane Zallouh, Ambassador of Morocco; H.E. Ms. Davaasuren Dandansuren, Ambassador of Mongolia; H.E. Mr. Ronald Reinos, Ambassador of Guatemala; H.E. Mr. Mangreel Vohra, High Commissioner of India; H.E. Mr. Zahid Hafeez Chaudhri, High Commissioner of Pakistan; H.E. Mr. David Kottagane, High Commissioner of Fiji; H.E. Mr. John Molo Kall, High Commissioner of Papua New Guinea; H.E. Ms. Dorcas Kobela Makgalalo, High Commissioner of Botswana; Ms. Diana Carvajal Toscano, Charge'

d'Affaires of the Embassy of Colombia; Mr. Munkhtsavjav Erdenejvjav, Second Secretary, Embassy of Mongolia; H.E. Ms. Rebecca Guinea, Consul General of Spain; H.E. Mr. Arvidne Francisco Simcox, Consul General of Canada; H.E. Mr. Mohamed Khalil Morsi, Consul General of Egypt; H.E. Mr. Veei Kumua Buana, Consul General of Indonesia; H.E. Mr. Muhammad Ahsan, Consul General of Pakistan; H.E. Mr. Carlos Martin, Consul General of Chile; H.E. Mrs. Silvinia Laura Aguirre, Consul General of Argentina; H.E. Mr. Steve Vazquez Rivis, Consul General of El Salvador; H.E. Mr. Antonio Gelonesi, Consul General of Namibia; H.E. Mr. Amir Sahitovic, Consul General of Bosnia and Herzegovina; Ms. Fiona Fan, Director General, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office; Mr. Harjo Sedewo, Director, Indonesian Investment Promotion Centre; Ms. Epi Zali Ruwita, Deputy Director, Indonesian Investment Promotion Centre; Ms. Chrysa Prokopaki, Trade Commissioner, Consulate General of Greece; Ms. Maria Vergara, Trade Commissioner, Consulate General of Peru; Senator Ms. Hollie Hughes, Shadow Federal Assistant Minister for Climate Change and Energy; Hon. Ms. Stephania Di Pasqua MP, NSW Member for Drummond; **CTURN TD #5D**



Official group photo with VIPs



Deanah's View Room



The audience



Dr. Frank Alfafaci (President, ABSC)



H.E. Ms. Wassane Zallouh (Ambassador of Morocco)



H.E. Mr. Zahid Hafeez Chaudhri (High Commissioner of Pakistan)



Senator Hollie Hughes (Federal Shadow Assistant Minister for Climate Change and Energy)



Official poster and venue stage



«CONTINUED FROM #5D» Dr. Joseph Risk AM, CEO / Managing Director, Arab Bank Australia Ltd; Mr. Wally Mehanna, CEO / Board Member, Canterbury Bankstown Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Muhammad Asif, President, Australia Pakistan Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Michael Risa ODM, Head of Trade Relations, Australian Lebanese Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Haqam Gencuruk, President, MUSAAD Sydney / CEO, Revive Technologies International; Dr. Rateb Jneid, President, Australian Federation of Islamic Councils; Mr. Amir Saleem OAM, President, Australian Egyptian Forum Council; Mr. William Chan, Councillor, City of Sydney Council; and Mr. Michael Migna, Councillor, City of Canada Bay Council.

As the president of the Australian Business Summit Council Inc. since its emergence as a not-for-profit association in late 2018, Dr. Alfafaci commended the Council's tireless, steadfast efforts through its high profile, energetic and visionary directors as an intellectual vehicle for informed debates and discussions on promoting effective business policies and practices that stimulate a vibrant, sustainable, and competitive economic environment where Australian businesses are able to expand, seek out new and unprecedented opportunities, and improve their stature, recognition and long-term profitability.

Amidst the diplomatic, officials, business and political leaders, and community representatives who had gathered for the occasion, H.E. Ms. Wassane Zallouh, the Ambassador of Morocco as the so-called gateway to Africa, pointing out the immense business, trade and investment opportunities for Australian businesses, especially in the agri-food, energy, water management, irrigation and mining sectors. H.E. Mr. Zahid Hafeez Chaudhri, the High Commissioner of Pakistan, gave an eloquent address on Pakistan as an emerging economy that offers ample opportunities for Australian investors in several areas, including renewable energy, agriculture, infrastructure, fisheries, gems and stones, dairy livestock, solid waste management, public health, and tourism. Finally, our own Senator Ms. Hollie Hughes, the Federal Shadow Assistant Minister for Climate Change and Energy, elaborated on what a future Liberal National Party federal coalition government would do to enhance Australian business, trade and investment.

Between the formalities and light-hearted moments, the Annual Gala Dinner featured two brilliant entertainers, Mr. Alfio Bonanno, an Italian-Australian two-time Emmy Award-nominated recording tenor, artist, singer, pianist, and composer dubbed the "Voice from Oz" because of his powerful voice, and the young, precociously talented violinist Mr. Yue Zhang, originally from the People's Republic of China, who enlivened the occasion with their flawless, well-received performances.

Officially launching **EKONOMOS**, Issue 4, 2023, ABSC Inc. president, Dr. Frank Alfafaci acknowledged the business magazine's Gold sponsor, Alliance Project Group; Silver sponsor, Swan Wine Group; and two Bronze sponsors: the Arab Bank Australia Ltd and DR5 ABCD First Aid Training, as well as complimenting the high profile article contributors who, including the ABSC Inc. president, comprise H.E. Mr. Paolo Cruselle, Ambassador of Italy; H.E. Ms. Alicia Moral Revilla, Ambassador of Spain; H.E. Mauricio Carvalho Lyrio, Ambassador of Brazil; H.E. Mr. Massimo Gowland, Ambassador of Argentina; H.E. Ms. Isabel Palmo de Villaverde, Ambassador of Panama; H.E. Dr. Ali Kraishan, Ambassador of Jordan; H.E. Ms. Wassane Zallouh, Ambassador of Morocco; H.E. Ms. Zahid Hafeez Chaudhri, High Commissioner of Pakistan; Ms. Agita Urinoka, Charge' d'Affaires ad interim, Embassy of Poland; Ms. Diana Carvajal Toscano, Charge' d'Affaires ad interim, Embassy of Colombia; Mr. Piers Morgan, Executive Director, Weringa Group Pty Ltd; Mr. Hassan Gencuruk, President, MUSAAD Sydney / CEO, Revive Technologies International; Dr. Rateb Jneid, President, Australian Federation of Islamic Councils; Dr. Anthony De Francesco, Managing Director, Real Investment Analytics Pty Ltd; Dr. Zhenzhen Shm, Visiting Professor, School of Business and Entrepreneurship, University of Nottingham Ningbo China; Several article contributors present at the Annual Gala Dinner, or their representatives were expressly invited to join the ABSC Inc. president on the assembled stage for the meritorious ceremonial conferral of crystal plaques in their contribution to the one hundred and eighty-page fourth issue of the business affairs magazine published by the Australian Business Summit Council Inc.

ABSC Inc. president, Dr. Frank Alfafaci formally concluded this exclusive Annual Gala Dinner with his acknowledgement of the support and assistance provided by the Board of Directors of the Australian Business Summit Council Inc., especially Mrs. Sylvia Alfafaci, the Council's secretary, for her incredible efforts in organising this event, sending out most of the invitations, preparing the immaculate table arrangements and decorations, and communicating with Ms. Andrea Hajje and Ms. Agustina Muchaga from Le Montage's events management team to whom the Council owes a special debt of gratitude and appreciation for their kindness, patience and professionalism.