



# News



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## **DIALOGUE WITH ASIA**

Over 700 delegates from 20 Asian and Oceanian countries attended the ASOCIO conference in Thailand at the end of November. ASOCIO (Asian-Oceanian Computing Industry Organisation) is the regional Information Technology industry association.



*(From left: Neville Roach and Ian Dennis at the ASOCIO closing dinner)*

Australia's 7 representatives included Phil Kerrigan and Rob Durie, Chairman and Executive Director of the AIIA, Neville Roach, Chairman of the Information Industries Board, and Ian Dennis, Whitehorse Managing Director.

Ian attended the inaugural invitation only "Chiang Mai dialogue", a structured meeting, hosted by the Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand, between the IT Ministers of Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam, senior representatives of the IT Ministers of Japan, Australia, Cambodia, Taiwan, Korea and Myanmar, and 50 selected representatives from the trade delegates.

Another highlight of the conference was the Prime Ministers luncheon, at which Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra outlined a bold and innovative agenda to lift Thailand's share of knowledge workers to 30% of the workforce, and its share of knowledge industries to 50%, by 2010.

*In his speech he referred to Thailand as "a society and economy where science, technology and innovation are encouraged and valued ....where citizens are empowered with life-long learning opportunities .... Where global as well as local knowledge is converted into national competitiveness"*

## **WHITEHORSE INTRODUCES...**

Iroshini Weerasuriya recently joined Whitehorse Strategic Group as Accounts Administrator. She completed a Bachelor of Business at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura (Sri Lanka) and is an associate member of CPA Australia. Iroshini has previously held accounting and banking roles at Ernst & Young and Seylan Bank Ltd in Sri Lanka.



## **SEASONS GREETINGS**



The team at Whitehorse would like to wish you a safe and happy holiday. We look forward to working with you in the New Year.



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## **NOTICE TO CLIENTS**

Please be advised that Mr B. Lönnborn has resigned as a Director of Whitehorse Strategic Group Limited and its subsidiaries.