

----- Forwarded message ----- Dear Dr Henry,

Thank you for your acknowledgement of my response on behalf of ACCCI to your Asian Century Inquiry. It was written quickly at the last moment, for which I apologise, due to strong urging by supportive groups of Chamber.

Chamber since at least 2006 and certainly officially since January 2009 has been undergoing a transformation that is now completed and we are building a new Think Tank regarding Australia China Relations. Obviously as a voluntary, non-profit, social enterprise there are serious limits in our capacities, but that has always been the case since our foundation in 1976.

For the purpose of your Inquiry Report I draw to your attention firstly, my recent comment in the China section of Indauspac-Watch on the ACCCI Website and secondly, the latest internal email to the ACCCI Webmaster and Board members. Both deal with our increasing focus/framework on questions of Governance. All ACCCI Special Projects in the future will be managed from this perspective. I reprint the internal email memo for your information.

Internal email memo to ACCCI Board members for discussion:

John,

It is hard to formulate the right title but this is as close as I can get presently:

" Governance in a Global Society and the return of China" which concentrates on

- 1) Four areas - Democracy, Human Rights, Global Economic Relations and Property Relations and
- 2) Five levels - City/Local, State/Provincial, Central/Federal, Spheres/Regional, International/Global

From Australia's perspective and history/economics it has to be focused on the Oceans re Indian, Southern and Pacific - the trade routes.

So how do we re-orientate the ACCCI Website over the next few years given the responsibilities previously outlined re

- A) Diplomacy/representational by the Executive Committee
- B) Policy/management by the Board/Life Governors
- c) Direction/financing of Special Projects in or relevant to Australia-China-USA

Everything currently on the ACCCI Website is relevant, directly or indirectly. For example the G20 is necessary but insufficient as a new New World Order institution, similarly the International Criminal Court (ICC) and WTO, IMF and other six designated etc

Specifically where would we feature the following series on the "Crisis of the Old Order"

http://nationalinterest.org/%3Ca%20href%3D%22http%3A/%252Fwww.amazon.com/gp/product/0618340858/ref%3Das_li_ss_tl%3Fie%3DUTF8%2526tag%3Dthenatiinte-20%2526linkCode%3Das2%2526camp%3D1789%2526creative%3D

and particularly how would we weight in importance the following articles re Indauspac:

Brent Scowcroft | A Time of Transformation Robert W. Merry  | The Assault on U.S. Elites Christopher Layne  | America's Waning Influence Christopher Whalen  | The Fate of the Dollar Gideon Rachman  | The European Maelstrom Jonathan Broder  | Unfinished Mideast Revolts Alan Dupont | An Asian Security Standoff Parag Khanna | Surge of the 'Second World'

or evaluate the flux/dynamic of:

"the profound changes under way in the American political structure, the global power structure and the global financial structure".

Your Monitors are on the money re China - perhaps some tweaking in the future?

Indauspac with future Introductions is OK re Government strategies and Societal trends.

We need better focus on ACCCI corporate governance which can be done in association with the Chamber's engagement with the WCEC.

Its the ACCCI Policy Committees on relevant specific subject areas and the ACCCI Special Projects that are intellectually challenging me - in both a theoretical formulation and practical implementation sense. Control re Management and Finance are just two elements of it.

Do we have a new heading on the ACCCI Website Homepage or a new Monitor section entitled Global Governance?

Best of thinking

Michael