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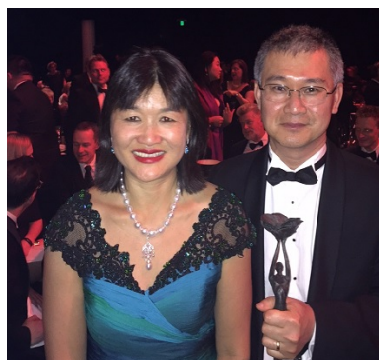
**Dear NZ Asian Leaders Established Members, Emerging & Young Leaders,  
Foundation Champions, Sponsors, Supporters and Corporate Members.**

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## Congratulations!



NZAL Established Member Dr Swee Tan one of the 2015 winners of the [KEA World Class New Zealand Award](#). Malaysian-born Kiwi Dr Swee Tan is a renowned plastic surgeon and is the Executive Director of the not-for-profit Gillies McIndoe Research Institute, making breakthroughs in the treatment of birthmarks that have excited the scientific community.

Dr Tan was nominated by NZAL, and we are proud of his achievements as a top Asian NZ World Class leader.

Peter Chrisp, Chief Executive, New Zealand Trade & Enterprise in his weekly blog (reproduced here with his permission) said:

*"The Asian influence at the World Class NZ awards was outstanding. I thought Dr Swee Tan was a star.*

*For me one of the big points of difference this year was the embracing of the diversity of the new New Zealand. Auckland is now the*

*second most diverse city in the world, and the welcoming of this diversity was a common talking point. Dr Swee Tan in particular talked about the integrity and compassion he found when he migrated to NZ, the great education and health care, the rule of law, the right to protest, the respect for people, and the dignified custodianship of the land and sea. Sounds like our NZ Story to me.”*

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## Introducing our newest top Asian NZAL Members



Debra Langley, **NZAL International Member**

NZ Chinese 2nd generation, **Founder of Inverted Edge**, an omni-channel retailer specialising in high quality contemporary fashion and lifestyle brands from around the world - based in Singapore.

Debra has deep experience building consumer platforms online and offline. Throughout her career in the USA and Asia Pacific, she has created, launched and repositioned brands for expansion into new markets and cultures – from tech startups to media properties and fashion.

Debra has previously held international business development positions in Hong Kong and New York for The Economist Group, and with Hearst Magazines International (Cosmopolitan, Harper's Bazaar, Esquire) for whom she launched multiple local editions of household name media titles.



Loretta Mamea, **NZAL Emerging Leader**

Born in Apia, migrated to NZ at the age of 11. Loretta has Chinese heritage through her maternal great-grandmother who was half Chinese/Samoan.

**Senior Policy Analyst at Ministry for Primary Industries**, Loretta is currently leading the Ministry's policy work on water policy development and implementation particularly in managing with environment limits while also achieving economic (production and profitability) and social outcomes. She is the Ministry's lead on policy work to address Maori iwi/hapu rights and interests in the context of freshwater. She is also leading the provision of advice on behalf of the Ministry and the Ministry for the Environment to the Land & Water Forum, and supporting a national collaborative primary industries group looking at ways to identify pragmatic solutions to achieve improved holistic outcomes through using farm plans.



Fern Seto, NZAL Young Member

Of Chinese-Malaysian descent, Fern is an **Associate at** INSIDE Executive Recruitment. Currently based in Wellington Fern supports the executive search team with research strategy, market mapping and executive candidate care.

Graduating with a BA/LLB from the University of Auckland in 2011, Fern also spent a semester abroad studying French and Politics at the University of Nottingham in the UK. Fluent in English and French, Fern is currently reviving her basic Mandarin and Cantonese. Fern is passionate about fostering Asian and other diverse representation in New Zealand.

Membership is by invitation only by the NZAL Advisory Board. If you are interested in becoming a NZAL member, please contact Karinia Lee, GM, NZAL

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## UPCOMING NZAL SESSION - NOTE DATE CHANGE

### ***What will the majority of NZ's leadership look like in 2040 Maori, Pasifika and Asian Business Leaders Round Table***

**Thursday 3rd September, 2015**

**5:30pm -7:30pm**

**Venue: AUT, The Sir Paul Reeves Building, 55 Wellesley Street East, Auckland**

Cost - For those who are not NZAL members, sponsors or corporate members is \$50.00 per person

Kindly hosted by:



The preliminary findings of the Superdiversity Stocktake on the impact of Superdiversity on Business and Best Practice will be presented at this diversity dividend function to be held at Auckland University of Technology on **Thursday 3rd September 2015** comprising 110 top Maori, Asian and Pasifika leaders, alongside 100 mainstream leaders. The proportion of ethnic leaders invited tracks Statistics NZ's projections of different ethnic groups in NZ in 2040.

Place this date in your schedule now - attendance is by invitation only, please contact [Karinia Lee](#)

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## Diary Note - NZAL Conference: 10 Great Asian Leaders Pitching Top Ideas for 8 Minutes Each



Thursday 24th September 2015

1:00pm - 5:30pm (followed by networking, refreshments, canapes)

Vodafone, 20 Viaduct Harbour Avenue, Auckland

Speakers include:

- Dr Swee Tan, NZAL Established Member, Executive Director of Gillies McIndoe Research Institute
- Professor Harjinder Singh, NZAL Established Member, Director at Massey institute of Food Science and Technology
- Sameer Handa, NZAL Established Member, CEO, Patton Limited and winner of the Business Excellence in Export to India 2014 Indian Business Awards
- Alan Chew, NZAL Established Member, Founder/MD, Houston Technology Group
- Dr Xiaoying Fu, former head of China Desk, ANZ Bank and ATEED China Desk Consultant
- David Tse, NZAL Established Member, Business Manager Enterprise, Energy, Health and Local Government, Spark
- Jessie Chan-Dorman, NZAL Emerging Leader, Managing Director, Dorman Partnership Ltd, top rural women leader
- Johnathan Chen, NZAL Emerging Leader, Head of Division, Asia, James & Wells
- Kester Ko, NZAL Emerging Leader, Principal Urban Designer, AECOM
- Wicki Huang, NZAL Emerging Leader, Economist, PwC

**Further detail will follow in the next Update - place this in your diary now!**

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## **Diary Note - NZAL Public Sector Forum**

### **How Best to communicate with Asian New Zealanders as Citizens?**



**CHENPALMER**  
NEW ZEALAND PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENT LAW SPECIALISTS  
Superdiversity Centre  
For Law, Policy and Business

Tuesday 6th October 2015

12:00-2:00pm (light lunch will be provided, main session will begin at 12:30pm)

NZ Customs Service, The Customhouse, 1 Hinemoa Street, Harbour Quays,  
Wellington

Hosted by NZ Customs Service, NZAL and the Superdiversity Centre for Law, Policy and Business, we invite you to hear from key Asian media communicating with NZ's Asian population and key public sector speakers about the challenges. This forum will also introduce the public sector to key Asian media. There will be an opportunity to speak with Asian Media following the session. More details will follow.

**Place in your diary now!**

**Tuesday 6th October 2015**

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## **NZAL/IMNZ Think Tank Sessions**



**NZAL Emerging Leaders and NZAL Young Members**

***WE NEED YOU***

In conjunction with NZAL corporate member IMNZ, we will be holding a number of think tank sessions where we collaboratively explore what support, learning and connection we need to provide Young Professionals so they can progress.

We would value your insights and thoughts on how we can provide the opportunities and future frameworks to support Asian current and emerging leaders. The two hour session will be facilitated by IMNZ and we will share the outcomes from these sessions with participants directly as well as the greater NZ Asian Leaders.

These outcomes will provide invaluable insights and we would welcome your time and thoughts.

**Morning session 7:30am - 9:30am**

Tuesday 4th August 2015

**Afternoon session 4:00pm - 6:00pm**

Thursday 5th August 2015

If you would like to participate, please RSVP to [Karinia Lee](#) with your preferred session.

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## **News**

## LEAN15

Oct 5-7

Michael Fowler Center  
Wellington

An immersive 3 day event, [LEAN 15](#) will unite attendees through powerful yet practical programming with world renowned speakers, collaborative workshops, interactive discussions, and a dynamic collective experience.

Conference attendees run the gamut of job titles too. You'll be surrounded by CEOs, CMOs, CIOs, CTOs, CFOs, engineers, HR, accountants, analysts, strategists, marketers, business developers, product managers, IT, managers, operations, health care providers, UX designers, innovation & R&D leads, sales managers, coaches and professors.

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### **Mai Chen**

**Chair - NZ Asian Leaders**

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