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### Guangdong Hong Kong Business Conference - Visit by Chinese Vice Premier Li

Hunt & Hunt at the request of the Guangdong Government in Southern China assisted with the Guangdong Hong Kong Business Conference held at the Westin Hotel on Wednesday 28 October 2009 and partner Jim Harrowell AM was the Master Of Ceremonies.

This conference the first joint conference with Guangdong Province and Hong Kong celebrated the 30th Anniversary of the sister state relationship between NSW and Guangdong Province and was attended by 1200 delegates including 400 from Hong Kong and Guangdong Province whose delegation included 21 Mayors of cities in Guangdong Province.

Keynote speakers included Guangdong Governor Huang Huahua, Hong Kong Chief Secretary for Administration Henry Tang, Chinese Ambassador Zhang Junsai, NSW Premier Nathan Rees and Peter Yuile Deputy CEO of Austrade. Also present were former NSW Premiers Bob Carr and Maurice Iemma, former Prime Minister Bob Hawke and Hu Shan Chinese Consul General in NSW.

The firm is also assisting the Australia China Business Council in relation to a lunch to be held in Sydney on Friday 30 October for Chinese Vice Premier Li who many commentators believe will be the next Premier of China.

This visit, organised on very short notice, is the highest-level visit by a Chinese Government leader to Australia since the President, Hu Jin Tao, in 2007 and is one of the most significant events in relation to the bi-lateral relationship between Australia and China this year and a positive sign that tensions in recent months with our largest trading partner are easing.

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