

ASIA AFRICA INFORMATION

Africa

A mission to Africa (Nigeria, Ghana and Tanzania) between 21 April – 1 May, has been jointly organized by The China-Africa Business Council and Paper Communication Exhibition Services. The itinerary includes visits to free-trade zones and property development zones, business matching meetings and a day at the China-Africa Economic & Trade Forum. For details, please visit the following website: www.paper-com.hk/hktma/hktma_itinerary.pdf. To register, please visit this link: www.paper-com.com.hk/hktma/enroll.html.

India

2007 was a memorable year for the Indian real estate market and all talks of the realty bubble being pricked came to nothing as record highs painted the realty canvas. In recent years, India's explosive economic progress has captured the world's attention and its property market has indeed emerged as one of the most appealing investment destinations for both domestic and foreign investors.

For more on the real estate market in India, join **Real Estate Investment World India 2008** between 28-30 April at JW Marriott Mumbai, India. The conference will combine a speaker faculty of over 100 trusted industry voices and business elites. For more information, please visit the following website: www.terrapinn.com/2008/reiwin.

Iran

The 13th International Oil, Gas and Petrochemicals Show will be held from 16-20 April 2008 at the Tehran International Exhibition Center. This will be one of the biggest international events in the world oil and gas. Over 500 domestic and overseas corporations are expected to participate. For more information, please visit the following website: www.iranoilshow.org.

Malaysia

Malaysia International Halal Showcase (MIHAS 2008) will be held from 7-11 May 2008 at the MATRADE Exhibition & Convention Centre (MEEC) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. MIHAS is an important trade fair for Halal consumer foods and beverages in the country. In conjunction with MIHAS 2008, MATRADE would like to invite HKGCC members to meet with the Malaysian suppliers in a 2-day one-to-one business meetings at the MATRADE Exhibition & Convention Centre (MECC), from 7 – 8 May 2008.

Foreign buyers attending the Business Meetings are entitled to free accommodation (up to a maximum of 5 days 4 nights stay from 6 – 10 May 2008 as well as airport transfers. Buyers are advised to arrive in Kuala Lumpur by 6 May 2008. For details, please contact MATRADE Hong Kong at tel: 2527 8109 or email: hongkong@matrade.gov.my.

Pakistan

Karachi International Trade Show – KITS, which was originally scheduled to be held from 3–6 May 2008, has been rescheduled to **27-30 October at the Karachi Expo Centre**. Trade exhibition being the core activity of the event will spread over 5 halls of the Karachi expo centre, displaying a comprehensive range of products and services from both local and overseas exhibitors.

The show promises to take its exhibitors and visitors on a four day global tour providing them the opportunity to meet people of different nationalities, and experience local cuisine, music, fashion and products. For more information on the trade show and to download a copy of the brochure, please visit the following website: www.kitspakistan.com.

Philippines

Manila F.A.M.E. International, which will be held in Manila at the SMX Convention Center between 15-18 April 2008, is the region's second longest running international tradeshow for houseware, home furnishings, home accents, gifts, holiday décor and fashion accessories. For more information on the fair, please visit the following website: www.manilafame.com.

Thailand

Bangkok International Gift Fair 2008 & Bangkok International Houseware Fair 2008 will be held between 17-22 April at the Challenger, Bangkok. With 2,200 booths at the 46,000 sqm venue, the fair is expected to attract over 120,000 visitors from around the world. For more information, please visit the following website: www.thaitradefair.com/fairin/big08.