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OUR CEO'S MESSAGE

Hope ...

"There is hope in dreams, imagination, and in the courage of those who wish to make those dreams a reality." Jonas Salk quotes (American Microbiologist, 1914-1995)

It is with much sadness that we begin this month's eNewsletter given that many parts of Australia have been impacted in recent days by extremely harsh weather conditions with the bushfires in the south of our continent and the floods in the north. This has been a very solemn month across Victoria and Australia at large, as a result of the Victorian Bushfires. The significance and the extent of the bushfires which overtook Victoria in the early part of the month of February have now been very widely documented both here and abroad. Wherever you turn, to whomever one chooses to speak to, we find we have all either directly or indirectly been affected by this tragic devastation and crippling loss. On behalf of Stelios and the staff of AISI, I extend sincere sympathies to all those affected.

Whilst the sadness is apparent and felt so much and so far, it is important to try and remain positive in times of such tragedy and it is the people around us that create this positive energy. We still marvel at the way in which so many have united to provide assistance, care and tangible support to so many in need at this time.

What has moved me quite extensively is the number of calls that I have received from so many of our colleagues overseas who rang to "check if you (we) are alright" and to know that we have their thoughts and support at this time. It is moments like these, where one knows that our relationships with people reach well beyond our business partnerships, and the power and energy that comes out of the connection is heartfelt. Both Stelios and I take this opportunity to say thank you to all those who have expressed their support and concern for us and our fellow Victorians.

On a lighter note, but nevertheless, very significant one, we proudly announce the new membership of the Australian Industrial Systems Institute with the Society of Automotive Engineers.



SAE-Australasia is the representative body for Automotive Engineers in Australasia



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Sanjeev



Hi, my name is Sanjeev but my full name is Sanjeev RAKWAL. My friends all call me Sanj. Today I'm going to share my experience as a student in Australia.

I landed in Australia in June 2006 and was studying IT. At that time I worked as a bread packer in a bakery. After completing my diploma, I began to think about my career and how to move forward. After looking around I found AISI and decided to make my future in the automotive industry. I am now part of the furniture at AISI and have completed my trade certificate (CIII in Automotive Mechanical Technology) and close to completing my CIV in Automotive Technology.

Being away from my family has been very difficult but AISI has welcomed me with open arms and made me feel like part of their family, especially Roula (CEO) who acts like our surrogate mother, always trying to help us whenever she can. AISI staff is the best I've ever experienced.

At this time, I work for a transport company which requires interstate journeys.

I am enjoying my studies, my work and my life ... what more can a guy ask for?

If you would like to be part of the same experience, I suggest becoming part of AISI.

whose purpose is advancing the skills and knowledge of mobility technology practitioners within Australasia and to develop, collect and disseminate, the knowledge of automotive technologies in order to advance these fields and their practitioners.

The Society of Automotive Engineers is a member-driven organisation of more than 2000 professionals and para-professionals in Australasia. We are proud to also have two of our trainers, Hugh Smith and Martin Marran as members of SAE. Through such connections we ensure that our students always have at their disposal the most professional people training them and assisting them in their career pathways by being informed and remaining current.

February also marks the commencement of weekend course offerings for AISI. We commenced with two very full classes for the weekend and students are still on a waiting list for up-and-coming month of March intakes. I wish to extend my gratitude to all staff for the all the extra effort that was exerted at this time to have this program commence so successfully. I also extend my thanks and on behalf of our Vice Principal, Stelios and our Marketing Manager, Guangxi (Jeff) to all our representative agents who supported us during this time to have created three very full intakes for the month of February alone! We can all look forward to very rewarding times ahead, especially with the success of our students as graduations approach nearer and nearer!

All at AISI wish our Chinese colleagues, students and friends a very happy New Year and “Gong Xi Fa Cai” (Good Fortune and Prosperity) in this the Year of the Ox, signifying steady strength and perseverance!



The month of February is also noted for our successful marketing trip to China. Many agent representative meetings and general and exclusive seminars proved very fruitful with many students and their parents showing interest in all our course areas.



Despite the harsh economic times world-wide, at AISI we are fortunate to report a very healthy increase in enrolments and in particular from the Chinese market. “In November the Chinese government announced a 4 trillion (A\$865 billion) stimulus package to counter the effects of rising unemployment. The package will be split into many programs to finance reconstruction projects in disaster stricken areas of the country.” * Many parents and students expressed their need to come to Australia and train to be able to return to China and partake in such employment prospects which lie ahead further to qualifying. It was emphasised throughout many discussions during our visit that Construction in particular.



Our visit highlighted a strong program of networking and business information extensions and collaborations.



I extend my sincere thanks to Guangxi Liu for all his hard work to make this trip one of our most successful ever. We look forward to our next visit scheduled in April/May 2009.

Throughout difficult times, there is no doubt that opportunities are lingering, and as talents that were never noticed before suddenly surface, so too windows open where one least expected them to. The driving force is always hope and a willingness to "Move Forward" as our motto indicates. I look forward to a wonderful future ahead that is shared with all those associated with AISI, as we ask "Where to next?" in this our journey in education together.

Roula Tsiolas – AISI CEO

*Ref.: Australia China Connections, Feb/Mar 2009, p2



TRAINER BLOG

Bruno LUCIANI



I started my apprenticeship late in life, at the tender age of 28. When the opportunity presented itself, the thought that I will not be

AKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Some testimonials and impressions we wish to share with you all.

From: Pacific Consultants

Dear Roula Tsiolas,

I really surprised , Wow what a quick action , Really you are the same , I never sen such an energetic person like you in Melbourne , Such a quick and positive response , well if you everytime give us such a quick response we promise we never send any student to Automotive courses to other institutes Such a speed response.

a qualified at 32, made me even more determined.

From July 1989 to June 2000, I ran my own workshop, performing all mechanical repairs, pre-purchase inspections, Road Worthy licence testing, LPG conversions, LPG tuning and maintenance.

From July 2000 to Nov. 2003, I worked as an RACV roadside patrolman carrying out breakdown work.

One evening I had my back turned to the vehicle I was repairing, looking for a 13mm ring opener end spanner in the back of the patrol van. The owner of the vehicle started the engine while outside the car, whilst still in gear. The engine started and the vehicle leapt forward picking me up by the buttocks and sandwiching me lower body between the grill and the tailgate of the patrol van. Jammed tight, unable to move I had to wait for the owner to drive the vehicle off me.

This incident was the deciding factor prompting me to return to school and complete the CIV and Diploma of VET, with the prospect of becoming a teacher. However halfway through my studies I resigned from RACV, thinking I must finish my studies even though I was not completely sure what I could do with the qualification.

From Nov. 2003 to Jan. 2009 I worked as a field service technician for a major forklift company. Duties involved performing site servicing and breakdown work. Working on a variety of equipment ranging from 16ton diesel to 1.5ton LPG powered gas forklift trucks, walk behind battery electric, guide aisle stockpickers.

I enjoyed this position because it involved working at different locations, allowed me to develop a new range of skills and the complexity of some of the technology kept my mind ticking.

Started at AISI on 2 Feb. 2009, I have made no secret I am new to teaching and have thus far found all staff and students to be friendly and helpful. After my second day, I told my family that I felt confident within myself and had what it took to pave a career in teaching.

I am looking forward to working hard as part of the AISI team and building on my professional development.

Thanks a lot for your support .

Thanks and Regards from,
Er.Gurwinder Singh
M.D
Pacific Consultants
India

From: Bertrand RABOUDE

Hi Stelios that's alright ,thank you for having introduced me to this workshop it's a very nice place to work and i learned lots of things there .Thank you, Bertrand Raboude

From: FIRST EDUCATION CONSULTANTS

Busy is always good 😊

It has been an excellent experience so far in dealing with AISI especially with Cariad as she is exceptionally pleasant. Looking forward to a healthy and long lasting business relationship.

Thanks and Regards

Gagan Chadha
Chief Operating Officer

NEW for 2009

Certificate III in Business, Certificate IV in Business and Diploma of Business Management

We are proud to announce the addition of even more new courses at the Australian Industrial Systems Institute. As of the 1st November, 2008, AISI is offering Courses in **Certificate III in Business, Certificate IV in Business** and **Diploma of Business Management**. You can view all courses that are on the AISI Scope of offerings on the NTIS website. (www.ntis.gov.au)



Certificate III, IV and Diploma courses in Building and Construction and Certificate III qualifications in Carpentry.

Building - The Certificate III course is for students who wish to work in the Low Rise Structural Framing trade, the Certificate IV is designed to meet the needs of builders and managers of small-medium building businesses and the Diploma has been designed to meet the needs of builders where a builder is the person who coordinates the construction of a building taking responsibility for the overall completion of the job, including selecting contractors, overseeing the work and its quality, and liaising with the client.

Carpentry -The Certificate III is part of the General Construction Training Package, and provides training for employment as a Carpenter.

RACING WITH RICHARD

Coming soon



THIS MONTH'S EVENTS IN MELBOURNE

Summer Fun in the City

2 January - 28 February 2009

Gather a group of friends or your family, pack a picnic and enjoy Melbourne's sunny days and balmy nights at Summer Fun in the City!

With events, entertainment and activities to enjoy in Melbourne's famous parks, gardens, city spaces and along the waterfront, Summer Fun in the City will excite and delight people of all ages.

Best of all, all events are free!

Proudly presented by the
City of Melbourne.



Feel the Beat

Description

Feel the powerful pulse and passion of drumming at this hands-on drumming and dance workshop.

Drumming is a natural form of expression that is simple, fun and interactive. Learn from masters of African rhythm and then be inspired by a dynamic, high-energy performance. At the end of this workshop and performance you will definitely be feeling the beat!

Summer Fun in the City - proudly presented by the City of Melbourne.



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Date & times

28/02/2009

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Workshop from 5.30pm to 6.30pm | Performance from 6.30pm to 7.30pm

ACADEMIC TERM BREAKS

2009

Mid Year: 22 June and classes re-commence 13 July 2009

End of Year: 21 December and classes will re-commence 18 January 2010