



The
**International
Trade Association**
of Greater Chicago

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE ASSOCIATION OF GREATER CHICAGO

with the

Illinois SBDC International Trade Center at College of DuPage, Business Development Center

invite you to an Executive Briefing and Networking Reception

SHIFTING COMMERCIAL PRIORITIES IN THE INDO-PACIFIC

Blair Lucas
Co-Founder & Director
Acclime Australia

Russell Brown, OBE, CPA,
Co-Founder and Partner
LehmanBrown CPA's China

Kimberly Kirkendall CPA
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Blair Lucas is a highly experienced founder, director and leader with an inspiring entrepreneurial background spanning many countries and concentrated in Asia Pacific. Now Partner and Group Commercial Director of Acclime. Blair co-founded the original Australian arm of the business, building it from start-up phase through to its current footprint. During this growth journey, he created and fostered global sales teams and led the global expansion into new markets. Acclime has grown to have offices in almost every country in Asia under Blair's leadership. He has also been director of more than 100 companies from over 40 countries and across 20 industries, supporting them to successfully expand into Australia and the USA. His speaking credits include: Biotech Showcase/JP Morgan, San Francisco, Bio Korea, Seoul, EnergyLab, Sydney, Agrifood week, Tel Aviv, Israel, and SxSW, Austin, TX.

Russell Brown is one of the founding partners of LehmanBrown International Accountants, a China wide accounting, tax and business advisory firm, employing around 200 professionals through six offices in China. He has over 30 years of Asia Pacific and China experience in assisting MNC's and SME's in areas of accounting, taxation, business and corporate advisory. He also advises Chinese companies in their preparation for overseas listings or financing or venturing abroad. LehmanBrown recently joined Acclime to expand their footprint in China. Russell frequently speaks for accounting and legal including TAG Alliance in Vancouver spring 2022, and for Audi Trust in Dusseldorf this June 2022.

Kimberly Kirkendall began her career on the ground in China over 35 years ago. Having lived in China and Europe and multiple U.S. cities she combines her technical experience (manufacturing, operations, sales, as a CPA) with her deep knowledge of how business operates internationally. She is a Beachhead Advisor for New Zealand Trade & Enterprise, professor of Supply Chain at BW University, and frequently works with regional SBDC & Commercial Services offices. In 2022 she has been quoted extensively for an article in the Journal of Accountancy on Supply Chain & CFO's, was a featured speaker on Cyber Security & China for NEOCC, and spoke in Orlando, Florida for CFITO (Central Florida International Trade) along with the director of Florida Makes.

Monday, June 27, 2022

CARLUCCI ROSEMONT

6111 North River Road, Rosemont, IL

3:30 p.m. – Registration & Cash Bar

4:00 p.m. – Program

5:00 p.m. – Networking Reception

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