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Candidates Objectives

If successfully elected my vision on the role of AustCham board directors director is as follows:

- (1) To ensure that the interests of the Chamber's fee paying members are the most important consideration with respect to all decision-making and operations of AustCham South China.
- (2) To assist in the business development (corporate an individual member recruitment and 'driving traffic') activities of AustCham by using the scope and reputation of MAH.
- (3) To contribute my education, entrepreneurial and management experience to ensure that proper governance is adhered to by the board and other officers of the Chamber – especially the disclosure of board decisions, policies, and planning initiatives.
- (4) To assess the operations and performance of the Chamber and to propose new and creative proposals designed to improve the growth and significance of the Chamber in proportion to the China-Australia business community as a whole.
- (5) To ensure that the communication between the board and members of the Chamber are made a priority – by both formal and informal means.
- (6) To volunteer assistance with the administration tasks of the board and the executive team where appropriate, and to attend AustCham events and initiatives (where possible).
- (7) To focus on initiatives in the following areas:
 - (a) **Member recruitment.** To use my position as MAH Founding Principal to help raise the profile of AusCham and take steps to accelerate the growth of the Chamber membership by analysing the current membership recruitment/loss, and member concerns and needs, and working with the board and executive team to implement initiatives to fulfil the Chamber's potential for growth in the region.

- (b) **Increasing the relevance of Chamber for its service provider members.**
Devising new initiatives and programs to ensure that the Chamber is more relevant to its service provide members in terms of functioning as a key platform that serves to consistently deliver beneficial and relevant business activities to its members.

- (8) Devise and adopt initiatives to ensure that the Chamber remains financially viable.

Candidates Biography

Alexander Paltos is Founding International Principal at Meisha Academy by Haileybury, Guangzhou. MAH are a brand new 9-12 Australian (VCE) Curriculum International Boarding School in the South of China and are affiliated with Australia's Number 1 private school, Haileybury College.

Alex has been in Education for almost two decades and has international experience spanning across three continents and all major curriculums (IB, Australian, British) with a recent heavy focus on his native VCE. His other leadership roles have included a Head of Year post at Repton International School (Dubai) and he was Head of Middle School Humanities & Housemaster at Haileybury College (Castlefield Campus).

Alexander's Masters of Educational Management and Leadership focused on leadership and processes within International Schools. He has vast expertise in outdoor education and the operation of international schools and his MBA acquired at The University of Sydney was Asia (specifically China) facing and helped cultivate a passion for digital innovation and application of technology in Education.

Alex is also currently undertaking a PhD at Monash University focused on the challenges of establishing joint venture schools in China and South East Asia. In his spare time he enjoys keeping fit, running marathons, walking his two amazing dogs, eating steak and watching his beloved AFL Hawks.