

## 12<sup>th</sup> November 2011 - Marriott NorthEast Hotel, Beijing

The annual Australia-China Alumni Award event was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> November at the Marriott Beijing NorthEast Hotel. This event is held by the Australia China Alumni Association (ACAA), an organisation designed to promote Australian education via the success of Australian University alumni across China.

The top award – the CPA Australia China Alumni of the Year Award – was awarded to Mr Simon Chung, a University of Wollongong, Faculty of Informatics graduate. Mr Simon Chung completed a Bachelor of Mathematics in 1990 and worked in Australia before returning to China to take up a role with ChinaSoft International Limited. He is now the Global Chief Operating Officer with ChinaSoft International Limited, a Hong Kong listed company with revenue of over 1.6 billion RMB.

Mr Chung credits his Australian study experience at UOW not only developing .. “from the technology side of things, but the way of thinking – the open thinking and the work ethic”. Mr Chung indicated that his UOW education taught him valuable lessons in structured thinking, resolving problems and risk management.

The Dean, Faculty of Informatics, University of Wollongong, Professor Philip Ogunbona is extremely proud of the achievements of the Faculty’s alumni and the contribution they make to China's IT industry and congratulates Mr Simon Chung for winning this coveted award.



Toasting with the Australian Ambassador to China, Her Excellency, Ms Frances Adamson

The University of Wollongong ( UOW) has forged a distinctive identity among Australian and international universities, standing apart from sector categories. An enterprising institution with a personalised style, UOW is confidently building an international reputation for quality research and education. UOW has an excellent and growing reputation for the highest quality teaching and research in the Asia Pacific region. The research environment is truly multi disciplinary and clearly focuses on outcomes for a smarter future.

The Australia China Alumni Association (ACAA) is an inclusive organisation, open to **all China-based alumni of Australian universities**. The ACAA serves as a high-profile umbrella alumni organisation with the aims of promoting Australian education via the success of alumni, and supporting alumni in China through business and social networking. With offices in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou, ACAA is a rapidly-growing and sustainable, high-profile organisation. The ACAA is funded by some twenty-three of Australia's universities as well as the Australian Government's Australian Education International. We thank our partners for their generous and ongoing support, which is helping to create Australia's biggest overseas alumni network.