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Part One: The *Freedom Dinner*: AIMS celebrates 15 years

Set aside the evening of **Monday, 05 October 2009** to join AIMS at the Halifax Marriot Harbourfront for a dinner with the Honourable Anson Chan, former Chief Secretary for Administration in Hong Kong. Ms. Chan will speak on her role in the pro-democracy movement in Hong Kong and has tentatively titled her remarks *Hong Kong – Home of free Markets & free Minds*.

As always, AIMS promises an exceptional evening of good fun and good ideas
To learn more, [click here](#).

Part Two: Anson Chan: Her rise to one of the most powerful positions in Hong Kong

As Chief Secretary for Administration, Anson Chan was the first woman and the first ethnic Chinese to hold the second-highest governmental position in Hong Kong. The highest governmental position, the Governor, was always held by Britons before Hong Kong's handover to the People's Republic of China.

Chan was often described in the lead up to the handover as an "Iron Lady", with "an iron fist in a velvet glove". Chan was lauded as the most powerful woman in Asia for her role as the deputy of British Governor Chris Patten, and later Tung Chee-hwa. Within Hong Kong she had wide public support to be the first Chief Executive in the new administration but announced in October 1996 that she would not seek the role.

Chan has since 2005 been an active participant in protest marches for democracy and universal suffrage. In 2006, she started a "Core Group" to push for the debate on

Hong Kong's constitutional reforms. In recognition of her service to Hong Kong before the handover, she was appointed by Queen Elizabeth II an honorary Dame Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George.

To read more, [click here](#).

Part Three: All that glitters can be gold: Your opportunity to be involved in the *Freedom Dinner* as a sponsor

Just five years ago, AIMS celebrated its 10th anniversary with two galas – one in Halifax and one in Saint John. Both were considered hugely successful evenings attracting business and community leaders from around the region and across the country.

The 15th anniversary *Freedom Dinner* is an exceptional opportunity to get your company's name in front of an influential and powerful audience in Atlantic Canada. Sponsorship opportunities start at \$500. Your sponsorship also helps AIMS to further its research of key public policy issues that are of importance regionally, nationally and internationally.

To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, [click here](#).

Part Four: Gather round the table: Tickets available now for *Freedom Dinner* on Monday, 05 October 2009.

The *Freedom Dinner* with special guest Anson Chan is an exceptional opportunity to hear what is happening within the world's fastest growing market, from someone on the inside.

A corporate table of eight costs \$2,000. Individual tickets can be purchased for \$250.00.

To learn more about the event, [click here](#).

To order tickets, [click here](#).

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