

NPNZ Board member and Comvita's Chief Supply Officer awarded Prime Minister's Business Scholarship

Comvita's Chief Supply Chain Officer Dr Nevin Amos, has been awarded a Prime Minister's Business Scholarship to study at the world-class French learning institution Insead, in Singapore.

The scholarship will enable Dr Amos to undertake the month-long Advanced Management Programme course of study in March 2012. The Singapore campus was chosen as Asia is a key focus for Comvita.

The scholarships are designed to foster development of leadership skills and to help build business capability, particularly in management and international business leadership says Dr Amos.

He says he is honoured to have been chosen and is looking forward to participating in the course, which he expects will provide insights into current international thinking around strategic business planning and high level leadership.

"The programme will provide me with a broader Asian networking base through which ongoing learning and idea sharing will contribute to Comvita's growth in the Asian region.

"This knowledge will be invaluable for building robust distribution, manufacturing and sourcing strategies as Comvita grows its international business."

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Comvita enjoys a reputation as a premium global natural health brand and is committed to the development of innovative natural health and wellbeing products backed by credible scientific research. With a proud 37 year heritage in therapeutic bee-based products, Comvita is the world's largest manufacturer and marketer of Manuka (*Leptospermum*) honey; however the Company has also developed its range of ingredient platforms, unique IP and products that meet global consumer preferences in natural health.

Comvita offers products in the categories of Woundcare, Healthcare, Skincare and Functional Foods. The Company sells its products in over 14 countries with offices in New Zealand, Hong Kong, Australia, Japan, Taiwan, Korea and the UK.

About the Prime Minister's Business Scholarships

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The scholarships give New Zealand's senior managers, business owners and executives an opportunity to attend world-class learning institutions. They are designed to build business capability and enhance New Zealand's opportunity for growth by developing skills, particularly in management and international business leadership.

If an applicant meets the criteria of the scholarship, the government will reimburse 50 percent of course costs and other costs directly related to their study. The rest of the costs must be paid for by the firm or by the recipient. Applicants must be New Zealand citizens or permanent residents, work in a firm that has a focus on internationalisation, return to their firm after the course, and apply to internationally-recognised institutions for a relevant course.