



Employee Happiness and Life Balance through Feng Shui

Unemployment in Calgary is currently running at 3% and is expected to stay around this level for the next few years.

This extremely low unemployment level is resulting in businesses chasing after the same talent pool with companies poaching employees off each other. The result increased wages for these employees and increased operating costs for the businesses

Realizing that escalating costs is an unsustainable situation, companies are turning more and more to other means of retaining employees other than just increased salaries. This is causing them to look more closely at the work life balance of their staff.

This has resulted in more companies appointing Wellness managers and investing in programs that enable employees to feel more connected with the aims of the company. The Calgary Health Region recently appointed a Manager for Spirituality. Calgary Economic Development recently hosted Apples to Zen workshop attended by over 100 companies where Feng Shui was one of the featured topics.

Greater Meaning

People in western society are starting to show a greater interest in Eastern cultures as they start to look for more meaning in their life. Although earning power is important people are looking to be able to identify with their employer, to have the same values on issues ranging from environment to social responsibility.

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Feng Shui

Feng Shui is one such tool that enables companies to differentiate their employment offerings.



Feng Shui is used by many companies – ranging from the Body Shop and Richard Branson's Virgin group to Donald Trump. When properly applied, Feng Shui can help individuals, teams and entire companies achieve their goals by balancing the energy around them.

Subjects such as Feng Shui have started to gain greater acceptance in the work place. According to Maslow's hierarchy of needs, as people go beyond the basic needs, they start to search for self-realization

and a greater meaning in their life.

One of the biggest contributors to lost work time is stress; Feng Shui provides tools to balance your life in all of its aspects from your career to your relationships, resulting in happy and more productive employees, which has to be good for business.

One of the biggest benefits is the fun the whole company can have learning and implementing Feng Shui practices both at work and in the home.

The First BTB World Feng Shui Conference – March 2008

A spiritual island setting, a gathering of some of the world's leading Feng Shui experts including HH Grandmaster Professor Lin Yun all helped to make the inaugural BTB World Feng Shui Conference a phenomenal success.



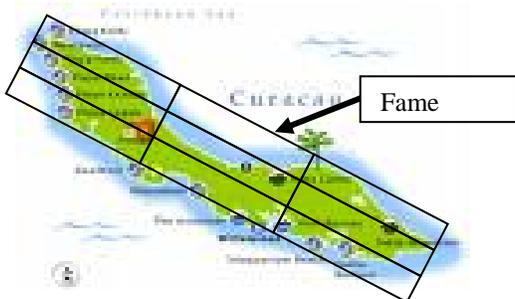
Together with 3 of my Calgary students I had the privilege to attend this conference and meet and converse directly with all the leading speakers. The conference was held on the beautiful Caribbean island of Curacao.

Curacao is one of the islands that make up the Dutch Antilles and presently is not as well known (famous) as its neighbouring island of Aruba. This is evidenced by the fact that the only travel book I could buy on Curacao featured 148 pages on Aruba and a mere 24 pages on Curacao.

This lack of awareness of the island has not been lost on the islanders and has led them to focus on Feng Shui cures to help raise the international awareness of the island. During the conference the Prime Minister of the Dutch Antilles held a private audience with the Grandmaster and also attended one of the conference events.

A key part of BTB Feng Shui is applying the Bagua map which is divided into 9 zones to one's space. The 9 zones of the Bagua map encompass all aspects of your life and when placed over your space help you assess how you treat your space is affecting your life.

The people of the island laid the Bagua on their island to see if it could help them to determine how to raise the awareness of the island.



On laying the Bagua map on the island they found the reason for the lack of international awareness of Curacao was that the fame zone was missing. They are now on path with the support of the island government to implement Feng Shui cures to fill in the fame zone.

The highlight of the conference was the two day workshop held by HH Grandmaster Professor Lin Yun. At the end of the workshop the participants are invited to take part in a spiritual ceremony called the refuge where you honour the teachings of BTB Feng Shui through a series nine mantras and mudra to transform you from a student to a disciple of the Lin Yun temple.



The ceremony ends with each participant receiving a blessing and a Chi infusion from the Grandmaster himself.

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What's New?

Setting Up Your Business

This workshop has been developed to provide an easy to follow step-by-step approach on how to set up your business from an accounting perspective, including GST and taxation requirements. Understand the benefits and implications of the various legal forms of business and learn the importance of registering your business name and trade names.

A short business planning exercise will provide you with a clear vision of what your business will look like. Students will receive handouts including resources for the 'next steps' and an 'expense template' designed to keep track of monthly expenses and calculate the appropriate amounts that can be expensed to your business.



Patti Alty, a *Certified General Accountant*, who for the past 20 years has held various leadership positions and is currently consulting to Oil and Gas companies on a project basis, presents this workshop. She has been transitioning away from the corporate culture and moving towards a more spiritually inspired life. In addition to being a *Certified Feng Shui Practitioner*, she is a *Reiki Master*, *Certified Life Mentor* and *Colour Works Practitioner*. Patti knows from experience that starting your own business can be a daunting task with many decisions that need to be made.

Tuesday, May 27, 2008 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

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