



**Aaron White**

Aaron White has been the Deputy Chairman and CEO of Opportunity International (China) since July 2007. He was called to serve OI China while he was the Principal of O'Connor & White Pty Ltd, an Australia based financial investment and management company, specializing in private equity funds management and investment.

Before 2006, Aaron worked for Carter Holt Harvey, a subsidiary of the world forestry giant the International Paper, as the CEO of its operation in China – Plantation Timber Products (PTP). With the head office based in Shanghai, PTP has manufacturing plants and forest plantations in Sichuan and Hubei. It manufactures wood panels and flooring materials and has 900 distribution outlets throughout China. Prior to 2001, Aaron was the President of AMP Greater China. AMP (Australian Mutual Provident Society) is one of the largest financial institutions, covering life and general insurance, superannuation, funds management and banking, in Australia and New Zealand. Through its Hong Kong based Asia Infrastructure Fund, the company invested \$600 million in China, covering thermal and hydro power plants, tollways, telecommunications and several port facilities. Before AMP, Aaron worked for CSR Limited, the conglomerate of building materials, sugar and aluminium in Australia, as the general manager for investment and development in Asia.

He had served on the boards of various business entities, including the Australia and China Business Council, Australia and China Chamber of Industry and Commerce and the Australian and Asian Young Leaders Program – a youth leadership development organisation.

Between 1984 and 1990, Aaron served on the Board of Deacons and Elders of the Melbourne Chinese Christian Church. Later, due to the interruption of business travel and international assignments he could only serve on a shorter term and part-time basis in the ministries. He and his wife, May, served as co-chairpersons on the finance committee of Taipei International Church between 1997 and 1998. Since 2004, Aaron has been supporting the United Bible Society, Amity Foundation, Bible Society NSW Australia, and various other related groups in connection with printing and distribution bibles in China.

Aaron, born in Taiwan, completed his bachelor and post-graduate studies in business management and computer respectively in Australia. He is a Fellow of CPA, Fellow of Australian Institute of Taxation and a Member of the Australian Computer Society. He lives in Sydney, Australia with his wife and two children. Presently, he commutes to and manages OI operations in China.