

Christchurch Branch Newsletter

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Monthly Meetings Held

Last Thursday of the Month (except January, September, November and December)
 7:30 pm
 Rewi Alley Education and Cultural Centre
 (Wharenui School)
 32 Matipo Street, Riccarton

The conference is almost here!!

Yes, our national conference will be held right here in Christchurch, 24 - 26 May! The programme and registration form are attached. We have decided to **extend the early registration date to 18 May**. This is going to be a great conference, and it'll be years before you have the opportunity to go to it again in Christchurch! No travel and accommodation costs; couldn't be easier or cheaper!!

If you decide not to go to the conference, how about coming to the Saturday banquet? Maybe you can make up a group of friends; it's going to be a great evening! Come along and support your society!

Next Meeting - 30 May 2013

Royden Smith on North Korea - A Peek Behind the Curtain

Looking for somewhere new and interesting to visit that would be easily accessible from Beijing, Royden Smith of the society's Nelson branch visited North Korea for 16 days in September 2012, and had a peek behind its fortified curtain. (continues on next page ...)





He found a fascinating and often beautiful country, almost completely cut off from the rest of the world and hence full of myths and enigmas. The charming and friendly people, very proud of their country and what they see as its achievements and say they live in a "workers' paradise", but does that reflect reality?

Come back through a virtual time warp and see for yourself: from huge statues to high mountains, talented pre-schoolers to busy libraries, immense hotels to empty roads and singing waitresses to mass dancing.

Don't miss this chance to have a little look inside the "Hermit Kingdom" and see how life in North Korea compares to present-day China.

North Korea is very topical at the moment. When Royden spoke at his branch meeting last month, 78 people crowded in; this is a talk not to be missed!!

Feather Cloak back in Wellington

The Maori feather cloak gifted to Chairman Mao Zedong by the Maori King Koroki in 1957 is on temporary loan to Te Papa from the National Museum of China. The article on our national website <http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/13191/powhiri-for-the-chairman-mao-feather-cloak> gives details.

Those who attended will agree that the powhiri was a great event and NZCFS was well recognised for the part it played in both the cloak's initial presentation to

Chairman Mao and its loan back to New Zealand. There was a very strong media presence on the day and National President Eric Livingstone was interviewed, with Radio NZ, Newstalk ZB, TV3 and Maori TV including the event in their news on that day. Skykiwi.com, the largest Chinese news website in NZ, gave good coverage with photos and mentioned Eric's speech. <http://radio.skykiwi.com/report/2013-04-23/158653.shtml>



Hope and Wire

Some of you will have been aware of filming in the city recently of a mini-series on the earthquakes, which will screen later this year on TV3. We had an approach from the producers who were wanting three or four Chinese men in business suits to play a role. Branch member Tony Tian duly stepped forward and with some friends dressed up and became a star for the day. Hollywood awaits...

Eric & Judy Livingstone

Wish to thank you for all your support during the past few weeks on the death
of our eldest daughter Deb

Thank you for the lovely flowers from the NZCFS Christchurch Branch

Your love and thoughtfulness have been very much appreciated

Rewi Alley Friendship and Exchange (RAFE) Fund



This fund was set up last year following the announcement by Mr Liao Hui, President of the China-Oceania Friendship Association at the 2012 national conference in Auckland of the very generous granting of 1 Million RMB (about NZ\$200,000) funding to be provided by the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (Youxie) in recognition of the 60th anniversary of the founding of our society. The aims of the fund are "to consolidate and deepen friendship between the peoples of China and New Zealand, and push forward bilateral friendly exchanges and cooperation, its

main aims being:

- 1) Projects commemorating the legacy of Rewi Alley;*
- 2) Friendly exchange projects agreed by both parties;*
- 3) Other projects in terms of cultural and art exchange, educational exchange and youth exchange which aim to promote China-New Zealand friendship".*

Huo Yan, 23, has taken up the first Rewi Alley Writing Fellowship, in what is hoped will become a permanent event on the bilateral cultural calendar. She arrived in New Zealand at the end of April and will spend two months here, and is staying at the Michael King Writers Centre in Auckland, named after one of New Zealand's most eminent historians. She plans on completing her novel "The Library," a key work for the Chinese Writers Association, while in New Zealand. Yan will be speaking at our conference this month, so be sure to register and come along and hear one of China's brightest young authors! <http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/13155/huo-yan-selected-as-first-writers-fellow/>

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION (Due 30 June 2013)

I/We would like to renew/commence membership of the **Christchurch Branch of the New Zealand China Friendship Society Inc.** for 2013

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Student / Unwaged | \$ 18.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Single | \$ 22.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Family | \$ 30.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Educational Institute/Corporate | \$ 35.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Donation | \$ <input type="text"/> |

PAYMENT METHODS:

Please make cheque payable to NZ China Friendship Society

OR

Direct Credit our Chch NZCFS Kiwibank Account 38-9010-0816274-00

(NOTE: please ensure your name and the word "Sub" are in the reference)

Please fill in below so we can check all details are correct:

Name: Surname: Given names:

Spouse's/Partner's Name: Surname: Given names:

Address (including Postal Code)

Phone: **Cell Phone:**

Email Address:

PLEASE NOTE: Monthly newsletters are sent by email. If you do not have email, please advise a committee member and it will be posted to you.

Have you any suggestions for the society eg Activities, Speakers, Other:

Please send your cheque and form to:

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"Chinese Culture"

New Zealand China Friendship Society Inc.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2013



Hosted by Christchurch Branch

24 - 26 May 2013

University of Canterbury

Lecture Theatre C1

Principal Sponsor:
**Confucius Institute at
University of Canterbury**

新中友好協會

NATIONAL CONFERENCE & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 24 - 26 MAY 2013

UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY

CONFERENCE THEME:
“Chinese Culture”

PROGRAMME

Cultural interludes will be interspersed between speakers

Friday 24 May

- 12 – 1 pm Mr Peter Chin, Former Mayor of Dunedin: *The Importance of Sister Cities in China for New Zealand: Dunedin-Shanghai Sister - Cityhood as an Example*
- NOTE:** this talk will be held in Lecture Theatre E7, Engineering Block
- 1.15 – 4.45 pm National Executive meeting (Room 401, Confucius Institute, Logie Building)
- 4.00 pm onwards Registrations
- 5.30 pm Welcome by Christchurch Branch President Mr Dave Adamson
- Official Opening by Mayor of Christchurch, Bob Parker**
- National President Mr Eric Livingstone
- Keynote Speaker: Mr Garry Moore, Former Mayor of Christchurch: *The Long View Over my Shoulder*
- 6.30 pm Official Opening of The Chinese Traditional Painting and Art Exhibition; Mr Zhao Shuyue to give a painting demonstration, followed by drinks and nibbles**
- Evening Own dinner arrangements

Saturday 25 May

- 8.30 am Registrations
- 8.50 am Address by National President Mr Eric Livingstone
- 9.20 am Keynote Speaker: Consul-General Mme Tan Xiutian, Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China in Christchurch: *Building a stronger Sino-Kiwi relationship through culture*
- 9.40am Address by Mr Eric Livingstone on behalf of Honorary Patron Mr Simon Deng Li
- 9.55 am Dr Adam Lam, Confucius Institute at University of Canterbury: *Confucius Institute as a bridge for New Zealand-China Friendship*
- 10.20 am **Morning tea**
- 10.40 am Mr George Andrews: *Rewi Alley Friendship Exchange Fund and Simon Deng Li Fund*
- 11.10 am Ms Janine Morrell-Gunn, Whitebait TV: *2012 International friendship sister cities conference*
- 11.30 am Mr Jayson Zhang: *Poetry reading and launch of 'The Beauty of New Zealand'*
- 12.00 noon **Lunch**
- 1.20 pm Chinese Culture: *hands-on participation with paper cuts, calligraphy, tai chi, and chopsticks games*
- 2.20 pm Mr Dave Bromwich: *Shandan and NZCFS Today, and Future Directions*
- 3.10 pm **Afternoon Tea**
- 3.30 pm Society Plans for the Future – discussion on focus and goals for the next five years
- 5.00 pm Close of Session
- 7.00 pm Conference Banquet at Daphne's Restaurant, 398 Riccarton Road

Sunday 26 May

- 8.30 am Annual General Meeting
- 10.00 am **Morning Tea**
- 10.30 am Annual General Meeting continues
- 12.00 noon Close of Annual General Meeting and Conference
- Lunch**
- 1 – 3.30 pm Meeting of 2013-2014 National Executive
- 2.00 pm Visit to Canterbury Museum Chinese collection for other attendees



2013 Conference Registration Form

"Chinese Culture"

Name(s) *as to appear on nametag*:

OPTIONAL: (Name in Chinese characters).....

Contact Address

City (Branch)

Phone Mobile E-Mail

Registration is per person and includes:

- Drinks & Nibbles on Friday
- Morning Tea, Lunch & Afternoon Tea on Saturday
- Morning Tea & Lunch on Sunday

To assist with catering please register in advance.

| | <u>No.</u> | <u>Cost</u> | <u>Total Cost</u> |
|---|------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Registration Fee (paid by 18 th May) | | \$110 | _____ |
| Registration Fee (on or after 18 th May) | | \$140 | _____ |
| Conference Banquet Saturday 25 th May | | \$45 | _____ |
| | | TOTAL \$ | ===== |

Please indicate number attending Friday opening

Please choose one of the following payment methods:

- Enclosed is a cheque for \$.....
(Please make cheque payable to: NZ China Friendship Society)
- Payment by Direct Credit to NZ China Friendship Society Christchurch Branch
 Kiwibank Account No 38 9010 0816274 03

IMPORTANT: Please quote your name and "Conference"

Please post this **COMPLETED** form to:

Chris Goodwin
 Conference Treasurer
 P O Box 7366
 Christchurch

OR email your **completed** registration form to: goodie.chris@gmail.com

NZCFS National Conference