



# NZ China Friendship Society

Dunedin Branch

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## Branch President Paul Fawcett...

August has been a busy time for Paul, representing the branch:



Wednesday 13 August: Attended a meeting of the **Dunedin Shanghai Association and the Otago Chamber of Commerce** hosted by Malcolm Wong at which **Anna Campbell**, Director of AbacusBio gave a talk in the "Trading with China" series on "Food, China and the New Zealand Opportunity". Anna described her experience in China including working with Chinese companies to lift the value of New Zealand food, determining what drives food purchases for Chinese consumers and the start of AbacusBio's journey to work with Chinese companies to improve China's self-sufficiency in agri-food production.



*Anna Campbell*

Thursday 21 August: Gave a talk to Mandarin language students and others at **Columba College** as part of their International Week entitled "On China, Chinglish and Changchun: A Waiguoren in Dong Bei".



Prior to my talk, I was invited to view a fashion parade put on by Ding Laoshi's senior students of Chinese ethnic minority costumes.



## LANGUAGE OPPORTUNITIES:

### 1. CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE FOR BUSINESS PEOPLE.

A course, targeted to business people, which includes business etiquette, greetings, introductions and concentrated practice at this - Would this be ideal for you?

Dunedin NZCFS, in association with Otago University's Confucius Institute satellite office, is offering an intensive introduction to Chinese language and culture.

Robyn Broughton, International Coordinator, University of Otago writes:

*China is New Zealand's "number 2" market after Australia – we all manage to greet our Australian visitors appropriately, but our Chinese visitors often not so well. Learning Mandarin opens doors to nearly 1/5<sup>th</sup> of the worlds' population who spent over \$672million in New Zealand last year.*

*I am writing to advise that the University of Otago Branch of the Confucius Institute in Auckland, in partnership with the Otago Branch of the New Zealand China Friendship Society, is delighted to be able to offer Mandarin and Chinese Business Culture classes to people in Dunedin. The classes will take the form of an Introduction to Mandarin and Chinese Business culture.*

*We will provide all resources that the attendees will need. This initial course will cover an introduction to Mandarin (Pinyin); Chinese business culture; how to introduce yourself in Mandarin etc and a lot of practice getting pronunciation correct. It will all be hands on and practical.*

**When:** Monday 6, Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 October 2014 from 5.30 to 7.30pm (total 6 hours)

**Where:** Burns 5 Lecture Theatre, Ground Floor, Arts Building (entrance from Albany Street between the Arts Building and the Central Library).

**Tutor: Wei Mao.** *"I'm originally from China. I've lived here for about six years. I recently just finished my MA in Applied Linguistics at Victoria University. My study is focused on teaching Chinese as a foreign language. Before that I completed a graduate diploma in second language teaching at Otago University. I also graduated with a BA in English Education from a teacher training university back in China, and am a qualified secondary teacher who taught for three years there. At the moment I'm teaching Chinese Mandarin at two primary schools and a Chinese language school. I also privately tutor some students."*

There will be a nominal charge of \$20.00 (for the three nights, not per night) per person to offset some costs.

If you would like to attend, know anyone who would like to attend or if you have any questions, please let me know.

Regards,  
Robyn

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**Flyer attached – please forward**

## **LANGUAGE OPPORTUNITIES:**

### **2. BEGINNER MANDARIN CLASS**

The current Beginner Mandarin Class is divided into two groups: a Beginner Course and an Advanced Beginner course in order to meet the needs of different learners. The classes are taught by Wei Mao, Li Min and Vera Weiwei. For the last session of the 8 week course the venue is changing to the Tower Room at Dunedin Chinese Garden. This wonderful facility has the atmosphere to enhance language with culture. You are welcome to come and watch the class, or join in. See if you would like to try a similar course.

Try out some language to help you with your travel, your business, your hosting, your friendships.

**Thursday 18 September 6.00pm -7.00pm**  
**Celebrate NZ Chinese Language Week at the Garden.**



## ACCENT ON YOUTH:

### 1. NZCFS YOUTH WELCOMES YOU <http://www.nzcfseyouth.org/page/1/>

#### Wellington based but accessible anywhere – see what they have to say:

NZCFS Youth is part of the New Zealand China Friendship Society, Inc (NZCFS). Established in 1952, for over 60 years the NZCFS has been dedicated to fostering friendship between Chinese people and New Zealanders through cultural, educational, political and business activities. The NZCFS aims to link together everyone who shares common interests in Chinese and New Zealand culture. Wellington is the capital city of New Zealand; it is also the centre of New Zealand's culture, education and politics. We believe we are a hub where many people with various backgrounds can come together and share their stories. And through this hub the friendship between the two countries and their people grows.

#### And for OTHER COOL STUFF check out:

<http://www.nzcfseyouth.org/category/other-cool-stuff/>

## ACCENT ON YOUTH:

### 2. DUNEDIN YOUTH CHOIR

#### CONGRATULATIONS to BAROCK – the combined choir of Otago Boys' High and Otago Girls' High Schools.

The choir was selected from over 200 secondary school choirs throughout New Zealand to take part in the NZ Choral Federation 'BIG SING FINALE' in Auckland. The choir was awarded the Auahi Kore Performance Award for the choir judged as having given the best total performance of a work using Maori text. They also received a Bronze award. A wonderful performance.



Following an initiative from Dunedin NZCFS the choir is applying to take part in the Shanghai Spring International Music Festival Choral Arts Week in May 2015. As part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dunedin Shanghai Sister City relationship this is a wonderful opportunity not only to showcase the choir but to develop the relationship into the future. Both schools have sister schools in Shanghai.

Dunedin branch NZCFS has successfully applied for a grant from the NZCFS Rewi Alley Friendship and Exchange Fund to help support this enterprise. Other activities and funding support are sought. Watch this space.... And **listen** to the choir singing *Maranga Ma*



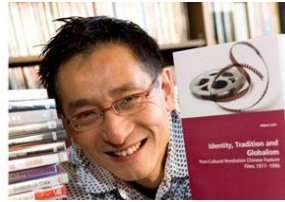
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Vz4Obxx8og>

## ACCENT ON YOUTH:

### 3. MANDARIN LANGUAGE IN SCHOOLS

Currently Confucius Institute is running successful Mandarin Language Assistant programmes in 8 Dunedin schools and 6 Clutha Schools.

Branch secretary Colin Child recently introduced Confucius Institute Director **Adam Lam** to the principals of Tokomairiro High School



*Adam Lam*

and Tokoiti School (both in Milton) so this will extend the opportunity further for local young people to grow their awareness of Chinese culture and language.

Glenis Sim, Principal Tokomairiro H.S. and Shannon McDougall, Principal Tokoiti Primary, as well as key language and social studies teachers, were enthusiastic about the possibilities and are setting up trial programmes.



*Glenis Sim*

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The same day the government announced a \$10million investment in Asian language development.

[https://www.national.org.nz/news/news/media-releases/detail/2014/08/26/\\$10m-to-increase-asian-languages-in-schools](https://www.national.org.nz/news/news/media-releases/detail/2014/08/26/$10m-to-increase-asian-languages-in-schools)

*The Government will invest \$10 million over five years to increase the provision of Asian languages in schools, Education Minister Hekia Parata announced today.*

*The money will be used to create a contestable fund where schools can apply for funding to establish new Mandarin, Japanese or Korean language programmes, or expand or enhance existing Asian language programmes.*



## ACCENT ON YOUTH: 4. Columba Students in Wuhan

*From Columba College recent news, July 2014*  
**Confucius Institute Cultural Immersion Camp 2014**

by Semolina Schillberg and Ellena Khoo, Y10

We were lucky to be selected to go on a two-week camp to China in the April holidays, with a group of students from around the South Island. We spent a week on the Huazhong University of Science and Technology campus in Wuhan, a week in Beijing, and a day in Shanghai. We visited tourist locations and schools; were immersed in Chinese culture; had language classes with practical exercises in local markets and restaurants; and made several new friends. Places we visited included: The Great Wall, the Olympic park, the Summer Palace, the Shanghai waterfront, the Yellow Crane Tower, and the Forbidden City.



*Semolina and Ellena*

We both particularly enjoyed the Wuhan section of the trip. Because we were staying on campus, we were given a reasonable amount of independence during our free time. We really enjoyed this because many of the best insights we gained into Chinese culture came from the simple moments we had while exploring on our own. Everything from watching another three people cram into our tiny bus (which already held about 12 people and looked like it should only hold eight), to watching the streets flood with people whenever a class ended, to choosing

a wide variety of unusual (but delicious) foods in the canteens, to having strangers ask to take pictures with us on the street. It was a very empowering way to start the trip and gave us plenty of opportunities to bond with our new friends and practise speaking Mandarin.

Another reason we particularly enjoyed Wuhan was that most of the activities and visits we did there were unusual, rather than to famous tourist destinations. Our favourite visit of the entire trip was to Xianning High School, two hours away from Wuhan. The school had never had foreigners visit, so they treated us like celebrities, asking to take thousands of photos with us. In pairs (we were together) we presented to individual classes (of seventy students!) about New Zealand. It was incredibly fun because they were so excited to have us there; and they were very engaged in our presentation. We learned heaps about China from them, too. When we told them our school day was from 8.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m., they replied along the lines of, “That’s nothing! So do you have a lot of homework instead?” When we told them we usually had about two hours of homework the whole class’s jaws dropped as they exclaimed, “Wow, you’re lucky!”

By the end of the trip we felt inspired, empowered, and thoroughly delighted with the experience. We had also come to realize that fundamentally Chinese people are not at all different from New Zealanders. Ultimately, we had a new perception of not only China –but the whole world. Unfortunately, this trip is only available to the students who take Chinese but we highly recommend applying for it if you get the chance. **Languages take you places!**

## SHORT STORY COMPETITION ...from...



Asia New Zealand  
Foundation

Building New Zealanders' knowledge and understanding of Asia



“We're celebrating our 20th anniversary this year and to mark the occasion, we're joining up with Air New Zealand to invite you to test your writing skills in our short story competition.”

You'll be in to win return flights and accommodation for two to an Air New Zealand destination of your choice in Asia – Shanghai, Hong Kong, Tokyo or Bali.

All you have to do is write a short story of up to 800 words that focuses on a connection between New Zealand and Asia. The nature of that connection is up to you. It could be personal, business, imaginary, cultural, historical – the sky is the limit.

Entry deadline: 1 October

**Details:** <http://asianz.org.nz/about-us/20th-anniversary/short-story-competition>



**AT THE DUNEDIN CHINESE  
GARDEN THIS MONTH –**

## **Moon Festival**

**6 – 7  
September  
2014**



Join us for a weekend of cultural activities.  
Daily 10am - 5pm.

Win prizes with the Moon Cake hunt and other traditional Chinese games. Enjoy puzzles and crafts in the Tower Room. Meet our Pandas Yong Qi and Xuan Ze! Visit our [Moon Festival webpage](http://www.dunedinchinese.com/moon-festival) for full details of Festival Dinner, Tea Ceremony, Rabbit Lantern Workshop and other events planned over the weekend.

<http://www.dunedinchinese.com/events/moon-festival>

NZCFS members entry –gold coin donation

### **ALSO: Moon Festival Poetry Competition**

As part of our 2014 Moon Festival celebrations we invite you to submit a poem based on the theme *Celestial Moon*. Details:

<http://www.dunedinchinese.com/events/chinese-garden/moon-festival-poetry-competition>

### **FOR YOUR DIARY**

**\* Dunedin NZCFS Members:  
Dinner and Action Plan meeting  
Friday 26 Sept. 6.00pm**

**Forward planning on NZCFS national  
goals and local branch activities.**

## **Celebration of Mid-Autumn Festival & China National Day**

**WHEN:** Sunday Afternoon (1-3 pm) 7th  
September 2014

**WHERE:** Chinese Garden, Cnr Rattray &  
Cumberland Sts, Dunedin

**Entry:** All welcome (Gold coin donation  
please).

**Events:** 1. Performances  
2. Mooncakes  
3. Chinese Riddles with prizes

### **Organized by:**

**DCSSA** (*Dunedin Chinese Scholars &  
Students Association*)

**OCPBA** (*Otago Chinese Professional and  
Business Association*)

### **In association with:**

NZ China Friendship Asso. (新中友协)

Dunedin-Shanghai Asso. (达尼丁上海协会)

Dunedin Senior Chinese Asso.

(达尼丁老年协会)

Southern Chinese Asso. (华联会)

Columba College (Chinese class)

女子学校孔子班

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in Christchurch

### **NEW ZEALAND CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY**



*"Building New Friendships on Solid Foundations"*

Learn more about the aims of  
NZCFS, its history, its current projects

<http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/>

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