



新中友好協會

# New Zealand China Friendship Society Inc

## About Us

The New Zealand China Friendship Society is a membership group dating back decades; which promotes goodwill, understanding, and friendship between our countries.

The society welcomes anyone into our organisation who is interested in building relations across our borders

## Feature News



### NZCFS Explore China: The Centre Tour



### NZCFS Explore China: The Northwest

## Society News

### **Holiday message to the executive, branches, and members from your president.**

It has been quite a year for commemorating Rewi Alley, and many of us have worked extra hard to make this a success. NZCFS has had a high profile throughout all of this activity. A big thank you to all involved.

This year has also seen the development of a new website and other digital services that have prepared us for the future. Thanks to Secretary Simon for his untiring work. We are now in a strong position to make this all work for us.

### **Lunar Calendar**

As the Lunar calendar still features strongly in Chinese holiday planning it can sometimes be confusing to laowai (foreigners) when planning their travel in China. Below are the dates of the Chinese public holidays for 2018:

New Year:

OFF: December 30th - January 1st (Sat-Mon)

Spring Festival:

OFF: February 15th - 21st (Thurs-Wed)

ON: February 11th (Sun) & February 24th (Sat)

Please promote the tours for 2018, otherwise sit back and have a great summer holiday, and comeback refreshed for another year in friendship and peace.

我祝大家有一个非常放松和愉快的假期

Dave B

## Two New Memorial Halls Opened



### Rewi Alley Memorial Hall

Opening of Rewi Alley Memorial Hall, Lanzhou City University, October 30

Planned for the presence of NZCFS NW Tour in Lanzhou, the opening ceremony was witnessed by 17 members of NZCFS. Speeches were given included LCU party Secretary Yan, NZ Embassy representative Thomas McHardle, and NZCFS President Dave Bromwich. Dave had the honour of unveiling the plaque with Mr Yan.

### Kathleen Hall Memorial Hall

Baoding November 22.

No NZCFS members present, but I sent the attached letter of congrats to them. Details are in the letter.



Chen Yuan

## He Mingqing Scholar

Shaanxi Provincial Women's Federation have selected a young woman as our next HMQ scholar. She is Chen Yuan, starting four years of study at Xi'an medical college.

A 20 year old female from Zhen'an county, Shangluo city in south east Shaanxi Province, at the eastern end of the Qinling mountain range. From the countryside, her family is registered by the government as a poverty household. Her father has an injury, her mother suffers from heart disease, and their only source of income is from chestnuts. She also has a sister who has graduated from university, but been unable to find a job yet.

To complete her middle school studies, Chen Yuan was given a student grant, and some financial help from other people. She applied to Women's Federation for support, and is willing to return to her community on graduation. The NZCFS HMQ scholarship is 10,000 yuan per year for four years, and will be administered by Women's Federation.

Tomb Sweeping Festival:

OFF: April 5nd - 7th (Thurs-Sat)

ON: April 8th (Sun)

May Day:

OFF: April 29th - May 1st (Sun-Tues)

ON: April 28th (Sat)

Dragon Boat Festival:

OFF: June 16th - 18th (Sat-Mon)

Mid-Autumn Festival:

OFF: September 22nd - 24th (Sat-Mon)

National Day:

OFF: October 1st - 7th (Mon-Sun)

ON: September 29th - 30th (Sat-Sun)

## Teaching Positions

### Shandan Bailie School

A vacancy exists for a new teacher for Shandan Bailie School starting late August 2018. Please contact Dave Bromwich for more details.

### Gansu Province

An early indication that Gansu Foreign Experts Bureau will accept NZ teachers up to 70 years old, as long as health is good. The demand is throughout Gansu Province. This may provide opportunity for a whole new group of people.

Details are being developed, just something to think about over the holidays.

# Upcoming Events

## Tauranga - Meeting at Cafe - Sunday 17 December

Hi China Friendship Soc Membership

A reminder for dinner at the Chinese Cafe on 88 Devonport Road on Sunday 17th December at 6.00pm. Gloria Moutt, Anne & Len Pritchard, Andrew Hart, Margaret Cooper and Roger Graham have confirmed their attendance.

Can you email Margaret Cooper at [ateatcoop@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:ateatcoop@slingshot.co.nz) or myself if you are interested in attending or cancelling. We need to know before the 15th December.

Regards Andrew Hart President China Friendship Soc

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