

Newsletter November/December 2010

**NEW ZEALAND CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY
Hamilton Branch**

General Meeting Wednesday November 24th

**Waikato Migrant Centre Boundary Rd
7.30pm**

Guest Speakers Jenevere Foreman and Stan Boyle

Topic China and Beyond

Both Jenevere and Stan spent two months in China. Stan from mid August to early October and Jenevere from mid September to early November. While both spent time in Changsha, Jenevere traveled widely to other cities in China and what she herself describes as a delightful visit to Seoul and its environs in South Korea. Members and friends can share Jenevere's account of her comings and goings. Stan is there to share one or two anecdotes, and serve as a kind of backdrop to the main speaker, Jenevere.

Editor's Comments.

The October meeting was indeed a fascinating one. A large turnout of members and friends heard Lisa Pemberton, our representative on this year's NZCFS Important Persons' Tour give an entertaining and memorable account of her journey to China. Enhanced by an extensive coverage of her photos, important events and striking places were highlighted. While her visit to the Shanghai Expo was an obvious mind blowing experience, her account of the places visited in Jiangsu Province, brought back memories to those who had been there and awakened a desire to visit China in those who haven't yet done so.

The tour itinerary covered Shanghai, Nanching, Jiujiang, Lushan, and Jingdezhen. In addition Lisa managed to visit Wuxi our Sister City for a day spent with a Wuxi Municipal Government friend with whom she has been involved in ongoing mutual Sister Cities matters of negotiation. Lisa our heartfelt thanks for your talk and infectious enthusiasm so much enjoyed by everyone there

Northern Regional Meeting

To be held Sunday 14th October at the Parent Place, 87 Boundary Road. Everyone welcome but please bring a plate to help with catering. Full coverage will be given to all that takes place, along with relevant decisions from the impending November National Executive meeting, in our January Notebook.



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Annual General Meeting.

To bring the Hamilton Branch into line with all other NZCFS Branches.our financial year will now end on 31st December and our Annual General Meeting will take place in February.

Newsletter 2011 From February next year our newsletter is undergoing a change in format and content. We will include contributions of content and photos from members, related to the Society' objectives and Branch activities Such items will need to be e mailed to the editor by the last day of each month The current email address is stanliboyle@gmail.com

This notice will be repeated in our January Notebook.

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EXPO ASSETS BEING AUCTIONED

Shanghai Corporate Pavilion authorized Shanghai Auction Co Ltd to put its assets, including some exhibits and office and audiovisual equipment, up for auction in mid-December, said a company official who declined to be identified.

The company will evaluate the assets today to decide on list prices, he said. However, Shanghai Corporate Pavilion's press officer said they had yet to make a final decision on the auction. According to the auction company, they were negotiating with many other pavilions to auction off assets, including the Romania, Nepal and Czech pavilions.

Urban Best Practices Area pavilions from Hong Kong and Beijing were also considering auctioning assets. "These pavilions seem in a hurry to auction assets because they have to dismantle the structures according to a schedule made by the Expo organizer," the auction company official said.

Dismantling work was scheduled to be completed by April 30, 2011. Most of the assets were office and audiovisual equipment that the official said was most suitable for businesses. But individuals can also take part in the auction, he added.

The Hunan Pavilion and its assets were auctioned for a total of 43.32 million yuan (US\$6.51 million) on October 30, the first Expo pavilion to go under the hammer.