

NEW ZEALAND CHINESE LANGUAGE WEEK CHARITABLE TRUST

Trustees

Sarah Thomson Young Ambassador

Sarah Thomson is currently working towards a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts in Chinese language at Waikato University in Hamilton as well as working as a Legal Research Assistant.

In 2010 Sarah travelled to Beijing for an English teaching exchange programme and fell in love with the Chinese people, culture and language. On returning to New Zealand she decided to take up Chinese at university and is now a fluent speaker of Mandarin. In 2011 she was awarded a scholarship to study at Beijing Culture and Language University and in 2012 she competed in the International Chinese Bridge Competition, placing first in Auckland and in the top 30 internationally.

Sarah is the founder and president of the Waikato Mandarin Corner group which encourages youth to study Chinese, and promote friendship and greater understanding between cultures. She is a member of the Asia NZ Foundation Young Leader's Network and on the Hamilton City Youth Council.



Raymond Huo
Co-chairperson

Raymond has been a Member of Parliament since 2008 and is Labour's first Chinese-born MP. His current spokesperson portfolios include Statistics, Export Education, and associate Justice, Ethnic Affairs and Building & Construction.

Since arriving in New Zealand in 1994 from Beijing, Raymond has traversed careers in both journalism (New Zealand Herald) and law (Brookfields etc.). He is a Trustee on the board of the Asia New Zealand Foundation and honorary advisor to the New Zealand China Council.

In April 2013 he was appointed as Honorary Professor of Law at his alma mater, China University of Political Science and Law. This appointment was matched by Victoria University of Wellington's Faculty of Law, where he is now an Honorary Senior Associate.

In April 2012, Raymond was presented with the Green Angel Clean Tech Award in Beijing by China's Shougang Group and the Auckland-based LanzaTech, recognising his contribution in promoting NZ and LanzaTech's renewable technologies in China.

Raymond has published seven books including two Chinese-English dictionaries as joint editor/translator. His latest book 'The New Zealand Quartet' covers, among other things, New Zealand's common law legal system, journalism and Chinese literature.



Johanna Coughlan
Co-chairperson

Jo has a long and successful career in government and public relations and strategic communications. For the last five years she has been a Director of Silvereye Communications and has worked with an extensive range of public and private sector clients and industry organisations both in New Zealand and globally.

Jo Coughlan is in her third term as a Wellington City Councillor, having been originally elected in October 2007. She is Chair of the Economic Growth and Arts Committee and served for six years on the board of Positively Wellington Tourism. Jo chairs the Wellington City Life Education Trust and is Deputy Chairperson of Life Education Trust New Zealand.



Professor Neil Quigley

Neil Quigley is Professor of Economics and Deputy Vice-Chancellor at Victoria University of Wellington. In this role he is responsible for the Contemporary China Research Centre and the Confucius Institute hosted at Victoria University.

He is a Director of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand, Magritek Limited, and the New Zealand Qualifications Authority, as well as being Chair of the Board of Victoria Link Limited and iPredict Limited. Neil is an International Fellow of the C D Howe Institute in Toronto and his research is in applied finance, applied microeconomics, and economic analysis of law.



Patrick English

Patrick English has been involved with China since 1989, and is currently the Executive Director for the New Zealand China Council. The New Zealand China Council was established in 2012 to support a key goal of the NZ Inc China Strategy; to retain and build a strong and resilient relationship with China.

Patrick worked for New Zealand Trade and Enterprise for more than 17 years and over this time spent more than 12 years living and working in China. Patrick is an experienced Trade Commissioner and diplomat having served in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou, as well as Malaysia. For 3 years prior to his posting to Guangzhou as Consul General and Trade Commissioner, he was part of the New Zealand China FTA negotiations team and led the market implementation programme for the New Zealand China FTA agreement.



Dave Bromwich

Dave is the National President of the New Zealand China Friendship Society. He is also a member of the New Zealand China Council Advisory Board and Vice-chair (international) of the Beijing-based NGO International Committee for the Promotion of Chinese Industrial Cooperatives (ICCIC - Gung Ho).

Dave has been visiting China since 1991 and since 2001 his main area of activity has been as a rural development consultant. Since 2008 he has also developed and lead a number of tours to 'backblocks' China, often based around project rural communities. He has a moderate level of fluency in Chinese, which has been an essential factor in his ease of working and traveling in China.



Other office holders

Ewe Leong Lim Counsel

Ewe Leong is a partner in Anthony Harper's Corporate Advisory team who practices in the corporate and commercial areas. In particular, he has expertise in acquisitions and divestments, joint ventures, cross border trade and investment, capital raising together with infrastructure projects. Ewe Leong is a founding member of the New Zealand Malaysia Business Council, Hong Kong New Zealand Business Association and ASEAN New Zealand Combined Business Councils. He is a Branch Council member of CPA Australia, member of the Institute of Directors and member of the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Secretaries Inc.

