

Guidelines for Applications to the Rewi Alley Friendship and Exchange Fund (RAFE Fund) for Project Funding

Background

The RAFE Fund began in 2012 to mark the 60th Anniversary of the founding the New Zealand China Friendship Society Inc, and to reflect the spirit of Rewi Alley in promoting friendly exchange between China and New Zealand.

According to the Memorandum of Understanding for the RAFE fund, a sum of 200,000 RMB (approximately \$NZ38,000) will be provided annually to our society by the China Friendship Foundation for Peace and Development and the China Friendship Foundation for Peace and Development.

All funds will be used for consolidating and deepening friendship between the peoples of China and New Zealand, and pushing forward bilateral friendly exchanges and cooperation, along with supporting the following types of projects:

- i. Projects commemorating the legacy of Rewi Alley
- ii. Other projects in terms of cultural and art exchange, educational exchange and youth exchange which aim to promote China-New Zealand friendship
- iii. Friendly exchange projects agreed by all parties

Process

The process is that the RAFE sub-committee calls for basic concept plans to be submitted from branches for a project. Submitters whose concept plans the committee consider are worthy of further development are asked to submit a full application. The committee considers the full applications and makes recommendations to National Executive. NZCFS then sends the recommended project information to Youxie who have the final decision on which to fund.

The timing for the 2015 applications process is as follows:

- Concept Plan to be submitted by 31 May 2015
- Response to Concept Plan by the RAFE committee by 15 June
- Applicants invited to submit a full Application by 20 July
- Report to Youxie: 31 July
- Nat Exec Meeting: August 14
- Notification to applicants: August 21
- Implementation: September/October 2015 to July 31 2016 (flexible)

Please note that projects must be completed 18 months after being approved.

Please send all RAFE Fund Concept Notes (by 31 May) and, if requested by the RAFE committee, Project Application Forms (by 20 July) to:

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