



NZ China Friendship Society

Dunedin Branch

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Beginner Mandarin Lessons

Interested in learning Mandarin? The spring course is nearly over. A big thank you to **Mao Laoshi** and helpers. More to come...

If you want to receive info about **future courses**, send your expression of interest "*Please send me info about the NZCFS Mandarin Course*" (for those not at school or University Mandarin course).

Send to the Course Facilitator, Dunedin NZCFS Branch member Martha Bell:
bell3patman@orcon.net.nz 021 067 1858

MANDARIN LANGUAGE IN SCHOOLS

Thirteen Dunedin schools are to receive \$343,850 to teach Mandarin, in the first round of Government funding for the Asian Language Learning in Schools, or ALLiS programme.

Asian Language Learning in Schools programme (ALLiS) aims to support schools by setting up new, or strengthening existing, Asian language learning programmes. Funding is available for schools or groups of schools, with particular emphasis on those that establish

language learning pathways from primary through to secondary. The fund will encourage greater collaboration amongst schools in partnership with external Asian language and cultural organisations. Programmes must be self-sustaining once funding ends.

Read more about Allis

<http://www.education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/specific-initiatives/asian-language-learning-in-schools-programme/>

OR watch
DUNEDINTV



<http://www.dunedintv.co.nz/news/government-funding-enhances-asian-language-programmes>

The schools in the programme:

Otago City Centre group

Otago Girls' High School (lead school)
Balmacewen Intermediate

Otakou Peninsula group

Tahuna Normal Intermediate (lead school)
Andersons Bay School
Broad Bay School
Grants Brae School
Macandrew Bay School
Musselburgh School
Portobello School
Tainui School
St Brigids School
St Clair School
Bayfield High School



Tahuna Teacher Karen Jamieson with Mandarin Language Assistant and students

<http://tahuna.school.nz/>

Dunedin Chinese Garden - a reminder of regular events:



What's happening at the Dunedin Chinese Garden?

[English Language Conversation Group: English Corner](#)

When: 10:30am - 12pm Every week on Tuesday, until 15 Dec 2015

Where: Tower Room, Dunedin Chinese Garden

[Yoga Classes at the Chinese Garden](#)

When: 12:10pm - 1:15pm Every week on Wednesday, until further notice

Where: Dunedin Chinese Garden

[Yoga Classes at the Chinese Garden](#)

When: 11am - 11:59am Every week on Saturday, until further notice

Where: Dunedin Chinese Garden

[Calligraphy Classes](#)

When: 2pm - 11:59am Every week on Sunday, until 6 Dec 2015

Where: Tower Room - Dunedin Chinese Garden

[Chinese Corner](#)

When: 3:30pm - 4:45pm Every 2 weeks on Sunday, until 13 Dec 2015

Where: Dunedin Chinese Garden - Tower Room

For further information and bookings please contact the Dunedin Chinese Garden
Ph 03-477 3248,



chinesegarden@dcc.govt.nz

All events are free with paid entry to the Garden.

MEMBERS' NEWS

From Briar Topp,
Dunedin Branch
member, studying in
Dalian

30 October 2015

Hi Colin and Vivienne,



I was just checking up on the latest newsletter, nice to hear some kiwi lingo and place names again, as well as some interesting places in Mongolia! I have some cool classmates from Mongolia, they're pretty proud of their country, naturally! How's everything been going with NZCFS and meetings at the Chinese Gardens?

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It's getting pretty freezing here. Hopefully I won't get any of this bronchitis you guys had after heading back to NZ's winter. The heating systems haven't come on in my city yet, but only have to wait it out for another week, phew. I'm trying to ward off any more cold symptoms, as the sore throat has already got me. Uni is busier than ever, with my language courses every morning, and extra elective classes, teaching two freshman business oral English classes, taking the weekly English Corner meeting, and now Taekwon-do, too. Well, I know how to keep busy, that's for sure.



I'm trying to come to terms with the fact that yet again I will be leaving China, and I will be leaving not yet fluent - again. Sigh, I can't believe how long it is taking to learn this complicated and alien language. The common phrases best reflect the Chinese way of thinking - and sometimes it can be truly bizarre! I love it. I love how it is still a mystery to me, and I can learn to understand the people, the culture, and the language correspondingly. I love my friends and classmates and teachers here, and I can't believe there's only two more months to spend with them! I'm desperately treasuring every moment. ...



Hope you're enjoying the spring flowers back home! It feels very strange to have Halloween in autumn, and to think of having Christmas in winter!

From Briar :)

Welcome to new members:

Treasurer Vivienne reports that our branch membership has grown to 57. New members have resulted from NZCFS China Tours, Martha's great work and teacher Wei at our Mandarin classes, and through other personal contacts.

Well done branch member Miao who has encouraged several colleagues at Southern Clams to join. Dunedin firm Southern Clams is a thriving seafood fishery that harvests in Otago coastal waters. It is recognised as a pioneer in environmental responsibility in the clam fishing industry



and has carved out niche markets in Europe, North America and Asia and supplies the New Zealand market.



Where is this Otago coastline?

See: <http://www.nzclams.com/index.php>

...And Southern Clams is participating now in the largest seafood Expo in the world, at Qingdao.

<http://chinaseafoodexpo.com/>



* Qingdao...see P.5.

Members only – if you have not yet received your NZCFS membership lapel badge, please email the treasurer vivholmes1@gmail.com or txt with your name 027 2808860 (excellent to have if you are travelling overseas).



Branch President...Paul Fawcett

Back from a trip overseas...including a week in Italy – though that was spent in hospital!!) but well again now.

Paul will be attending a meeting of **The Dunedin Club** in November at which the guest speaker is Chinese Consul General Mr Jin Zhijian.

Consul-General Jin met Dunedin branch committee members last year, and attended the NZCFS National Conference in Nelson earlier this year – a report here...

Consul-General Jin Zhijian Attends NZCFS Conference 2015

(From Chinese Consulate General in Christchurch)
2015/05/26

On May 22-23, the New Zealand -China Friendship Society (NZCFS) National Conference 2015 was held in Nelson. About 100 people attended the conference including NZCFS National President Dave Bromwich and heads of local branches, representatives from the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of New Zealand, the Confucius Institute at the University of Canterbury and other organizations. Consul General Jin Zhijian was invited to attend and give a speech.



Consul-General Jin, on behalf of Ambassador Wang Lutong and Chinese Consulate General in

Christchurch, expressed sincere gratitude to NZCFS for its long-term efforts and dedication to the development of China-NZ relations since its establishment in 1952.



...with NZCFS National President Dave Bromwich

For the theme of the conference *"You Banfa"* (there is a way), Consul-General Jin pointed out the great progress in China-NZ relations in these years owes to the following 'ways' or "Banfa": First, both sides have been observing and following the historical trends and keeping paces closely with the times.

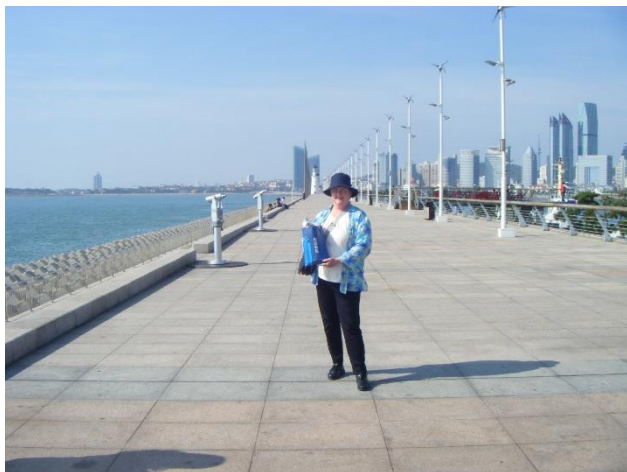
Second, the leaders of two countries have been actively playing a guiding role by bringing vision and courage into bilateral relations.

Third, the two sides have always adhered to the basis of interest interdependence, mutual complementarities, mutual benefit and win-win cooperation. Fourth, the two sides have worked out a set of effective ways to deal with difficult issues, which is to seek common ground while reserving differences.

Consul-General Jin stressed that amity between people holds the key to sound relations between states. The development of China-NZ relationship is inseparable from the foresight and sagacity of Mr. Rewi Alley and the unremitting efforts of NZCFS. He called on the NZCFS to carry forward the spirit of Alley, pool the wisdom of everybody and work out more ways to make greater contributions in promoting people to people exchanges between the two countries.

NZCFS TOURS 2016 –itineraries coming in our next newsletter

* **Qingdao.** It's not always crowded! This wonderful port city hosted the Olympic sailing events in 2008, but Dunedin branch members Colin and Vivienne on an NZCFS Tour recently found the venue remarkably peaceful ... the boardwalk is wonderful for an early morning run, and some locals enjoy this great location for an early morning wedding photo.



Qingdao: A city worth visiting.

SEND to the secretary for inclusion in next newsletter – your favourite Otago or China coastline photo!

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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