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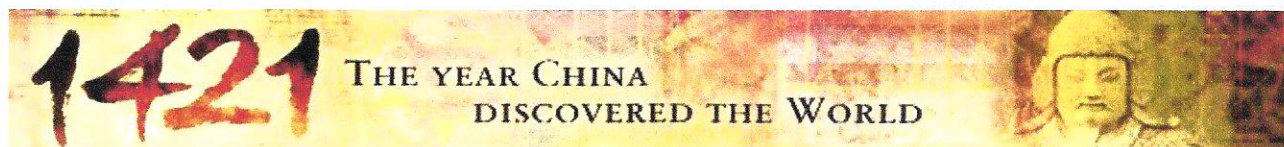
朋友們消息

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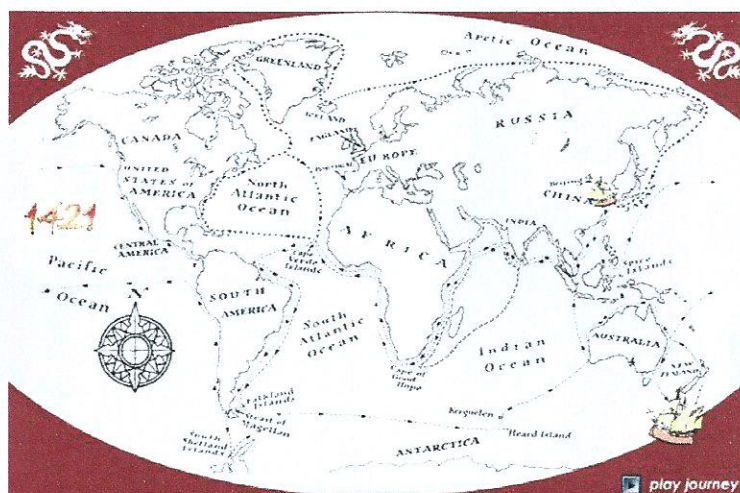
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"...On the 8th of March, 1421, the largest fleet the world had ever seen sailed from its base in China. The ships, huge junks nearly five hundred feet long and built from the finest teak, were under the command of Emperor Zhu Di's loyal eunuch admirals. Their mission was 'to proceed all the way to the end of the earth to collect tribute from the barbarians beyond the seas' and unite the whole world in Confucian harmony. The journey would last over two years and circle the globe.



On the way back, two further junks were lost in New Zealand, and a further four off the Australian coast on the way up to Brisbane. At Gympie they landed in order to mine antimony and gold. On setting northwards again, the fleet divided into two, passing on either side of the Great Barrier Reef, charting it with great accuracy, some 250 years before the arrival of Captain Cook. They then landed at Arnhem Land, where they took their horses ashore to mine lead and uranium.

Abstract of Gavin Menzies' book (published by Bantam Press, London).

Gavin Menzies suggests there were five fleets. That led by Admiral Zhou Man discovered Antarctica, and New Zealand, as well as Australia, 250 years before Captain Cook....

Rewi Kemp will enlarge on '1421' at our next meeting, April 26th.

See over page for details

Bring a friend!

Recent Events

March 22, 2pm. AGM, followed by a talk on *Sister Cities* by Derek Dittmer, followed by DVD(s).

April 10. Trip to the opening of *Chinese Art Exhibition*, Aotea Centre.

Lu Bo and Deng Bangzhen Artwork Exhibition

10 – 27 April 2007,
9:00am – 5:00pm

Opening Function: 5:00-7:00pm

Tuesday, 10 April.

Art Gallery, level 4,
Aotea Centre, Auckland

Admission: Free

Membership News

Membership stands at 28 (incl. 'additional' family members and 3 Corporate members).

Programme

(meetings are usually on 4th Thurs of each month):

April 26, Talk by Rewi Kemp on '1421', followed by a DVD on the same topic. At 2pm, Pohutokawa Room, Whangaparaoa Library.

May 20, Trip to North Sea Restaurant, Albany, for Yum Cha. Leaving New World car-park, Orewa, at 11.30am – car-pooling.

June 21 (Monday), Talk by Prof. Bill Willmott (NZ's leading expert on China) on the current situation in China, problems and progress (*time and venue to be decided*)

July 20, Talk by Joan Campbell, M.B., Ch.B., Clin. Acup. (Nanjing), on *Aspects of Acupuncture*. (*time and venue to be decided*)

August 16th,

September 30th, Sunday, Banquet for China National Day (Mon Oct 1st).

Forthcoming Events 最新动态

John Yang's Solo Exhibition

15 – 31 July 2007, 9:00am – 5:00pm

Opening Function: 5:00-7:00pm on 15 July.

Art Gallery, level 4, Aotea Centre, Auckland City

Admission: Free

*http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Yang

(6th) New Zealand Chinese Arts Exhibition

5 – 25 August 2007, 9:00am – 5:00pm

Opening Function: 5:00-7:00pm
on 5 August.

Art Gallery, level 4,
Aotea Centre, Auckland

Admission: Free

(5th) Chinese film Festival in New Zealand

September-October 2007

Exact dates: To be determined

Skycity, Auckland

Admission: Tickets for Sale

2008 First Night Auckland Celebration

31 December 2007

6:00pm – 2:00am 1 January 2008

Aotea Centre, Auckland

Learn-Chinese Corner

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Hello [when greeting someone]	你好!
Hello [on the phone]	wèi
	喂!
Good morning [when meeting]	Zǎoshang hǎo
	早山好
Good afternoon [when meeting]	xìawǔ hǎo
	下午好
Good evening [when meeting]	wǎnshang hǎo
	晚山好
Goodnight (also an exclamation)	wǎn an
	晚安
Goodbye (also an exclamation)	zàijiàn
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