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Talk by

Prof. Bill Willmott,
a leading NZ expert on China,
of Canterbury University



- **Problems China faces**
- **What Chinese leadership is planning in China today**
- **Progress that is being made**

Light refreshments, gold-coin donation

at

Orewa College Auditorium
(50m from Main gate)

7.00pm Monday June 25

Bill Willmott was born in 1932 at Chengdu, Sichuan, where his parents were United Church of Canada educational missionaries. He was educated to High-school level in China before going to Oberlin College in Ohio. He completed a BA in Sociology and then an MA in Anthropology at McGill University, Montreal, based on research on the Inuit community at Inukjak, Northern Quebec. His PhD in Social Anthropology was completed at the London School of Economics in 1964 based on research among the Chinese in Cambodia.

He taught at the University of British Columbia before moving to the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, in 1973, where, on retirement from the Chair of Sociology in 1998, he is Emeritus Professor. Until this year he was a Research Associate at the Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies, U. of Canterbury,

His academic research has focussed on Chinese overseas communities, most recently in the Pacific islands and rural communities in New Zealand.

Throughout he has kept a close eye on what has been happening in China.

He was President of the New Zealand China Friendship Society for 10 years (1989-94 and 1997-2002) and has conducted a number of study tours to China for NZCFS and also the Continuing Education Department of the University of Canterbury.

He was made a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2001 and was granted the Chinese honour of 'Friendship Ambassador in 2002.

We are sure to have a most interesting talk on June 25th.

Please bring as many friends and contacts as possible.

Annual Subscription:

Personal	\$20
Family	\$30
Corporate	\$50

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Recent Events

May - June A teaching course on **Mandarin for Tourists** by Daniel Carruthers took place at Orewa College. Those who took it are hoping that Daniel will continue his good work in August when he returns from USA.

Membership News

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

Duncan France went on the Prominent Persons and Leaders Tour in China. This was organised by the China Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries. In 10 days, it took in:

- *Peking*: Great Wall, Forbidden City, shopping, meeting at Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- *Xi'an*: Terracotta Army, the Great Mosque
- *Chengdu*: Panda Conservation, the Dujiangyan Irrigation Scheme (220 BC), Shu Dynasty Bronzes (2000BC)
- *Shanghai*: City developments, Yu Gardens, Maglev train.

Duncan will give us a talk on his trip.

Programme

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

June 25 (Monday), Talk by Prof. Bill Willmott (NZ's leading expert on China) on **The current situation in China, problems and progress**

(7pm, Orewa College Lecture theatre).

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,

Talk by Duncan on his China trip

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

Forthcoming Events 最新動態

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

