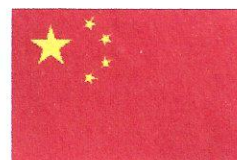


NZ China Friendship Soc. Hibiscus Coast Branch Friends News

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Successful Inauguration

完滿開幕式 - wán mǎn kāi mù shì

In what turned out to be a great success, our branch entertained over a hundred people at Orewa Beach reserve, on Saturday afternoon, Feb 24th.

John Law, the Mayor of Rodney, applauded the formation of the branch as it 'could not have been more timely in view of the pending free-trade agreement between NZ and China'. He then inaugurated the Branch by cutting the ribbon in the presence of the Chinese ambassador, His Excellency Zhang Yuanyuan and Mr Ma Chong Ren, Consulate General, and their wives. He was assisted by his wife and Marie Greetham, President of the Branch.

A number of the Consulate staff were also present, including Mr Wang Yanjun, Consul for Cultural Affairs.

The high point of the festivities was the lion dance, with the lions being nourished by His Excellency, the Ambassador, to encourage their exorcism of evil spirits!

The Society tent (which also housed the art of Deng Bangzhen and Lu Bo, and also Leonore Crosby's collection of Chinese artifacts) was well supported.

Everybody who helped is to be congratulated, and thanks go out to our sponsors (see overpage).

Visit of Mr Qing Boming

卿伯明訪問 - qīng bō míng fǎng wèn

Feb 28 - 29, our branch had the pleasure of a visit from Mr Qing Boming, who is the Director of the Department of American and Oceanian Affairs, within the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries. Mr Qing is the person who looks after any delegation from the NZCFS visiting China.



We hosted a lunch at the Thai Restaurant, Red Beach, and Mr Qing was given a tour of local sites.

Sponsors of our Inauguration

A big thank you to all our sponsors:

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Membership News

Membership stands at 24, 3 of which are Corporate members.

Call for nominations for Committee

Now that the branch is up and running, we need to separate committee meetings from the Programme meetings.

The first committee meeting is planned for March 22nd, at 1pm, followed by the first Programme meeting at 2pm in the Pohutokaua Room, Whangaparaoa Library.

At this committee meeting, the full committee will be elected. To this end, nominations for the full committee: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, and two other committee members, are called for.

Programme

(meetings are usually on 3rd Thurs of each month):

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. Leaving New World car-park, Orewa, at 4.00pm – car-pooling.

April 19, Programme and venue to be confirmed

May 17, Trip to North Sea Restaurant, Albany, for Yum Cha. Leaving New World car-park, Orewa, at 11.30am – car-pooling.

June 21, at ?? Talk by Prof. Bill Willmott (NZ's leading expert on China) on *Some aspect of Chinese Culture* (Topic to be decided).

July 20, at ?? Talk by Joan Campbell, M.B., Ch.B., Clin. Acup. (Nanjing), on *Aspects of Acupuncture*.

August 16th,

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

Forthcoming Events 最新動態

World Cinema Showcase 2007** -

Waves

The Diaries of Chinese International Students in New Zealand, 2006

Li Tao's documentary about four Chinese international students in a New Zealand high school is dedicated to teenagers who travel between cultures.

She renders their experience with great insight and tenderness, for the edification of those they've left behind in one country, and the enlightenment of those who don't quite know what to make of them in another.

Each of the four is given a chapter in which he or she is captured in a phase that represents a different aspect of the foreign student experience.

Ken is seen at his loneliest,
Rose embracing Kiwi freedoms,
Lin conflicted and uneasy,
and

the formidable Jane triumphantly
unassimilated.

Together they provide a balanced and subtle portrayal of cultural displacement.

Waves generated enormous interest after its screenings at last year's Telecom New Zealand International Film Festival.

120 minutes. In Mandarin and English, with English subtitles

Academy Cinema, Auckland

Sun 18 Mar	12:00 pm
Mon 19 Mar	1:45 pm
Wed 21 Mar	6:15 pm
Mon 26 Mar	11:15 am

** For other films: www.worldcinemashowcase.co.nz

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

Forthcoming events, continued:

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

How are you?	nǐ hǎo ma?
	你 好 吗 ?
I am well. And you?	wǒ hěn hǎo. nǐ ne?
	我 很 好, 你 呢?
I'm very well too.	yě hěn hǎo.
	也 很 好



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China Friendship Society
Aims:***

- ❖ To promote friendship, understanding and goodwill between the peoples of China and New Zealand by encouraging visits and exchanges of ideas, information, culture and trade between the two countries;
- ❖ To foster interest in and promote the study of China, its history, culture, political and social structures - past and present;
- ❖ To support specific aid projects in China;
- ❖ To promote the study of the Chinese language by New Zealanders and advanced English studies in this country by Chinese;
- ❖ To foster on-going development of all sister-city links between New Zealand and China;
- ❖ To assist both visiting students and new migrants from China requiring help to fit in to New Zealand society.

Internet Corner

Society website: www.nzchinasociety.org.nz

Chinese language: www.chineselanguage.org

'Translate' your name in Chinese characters: www.mandarintools.com

Article on Hangzhou: wikipedia.org/wiki/Hangzhou

Annual Subscription:

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Family	\$30
Corporate	\$50

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