

新中友好協會

NZ China Friendship Soc.
Hibiscus Coast Branch
Friends News

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Following our AGM,

a Talk by

Prof. Bill Willmott,

**a leading NZ expert on China,
of Canterbury University**



Recent experiences on the Silk Road through Muslim China"

The Silk Roads – 1st Century AD



Whangaparaoa Library – Pohutukawa Room
Pre-meeting snacks, 6.30pm, AGM, 7pm,
Monday November 26

Bill has already (June 25th) regaled us with a fascinating review of problems facing modern China.
Please bring as many friends and contacts as possible.

The following is based on a communication from Prof. Bill Willmott that he sent to Marie Greetham:

They've (we've) started the count-down to the opening of the Beijing Olympics, which will take place at 8 seconds 8 minutes past 8pm on 8 August 2008, which can be summarised as 08/08/08/08/08/08. Can't get more auspicious than that! The Chinese for 8 is ba (first tone), which brings to a Chinese mind the eight treasures of Buddhism, cooking, etc., as well as the word fa (first tone) with which it is a homophone in some Chinese languages and probably was in classical (Han Dynasty) Chinese. Fa has all sorts of good meanings, like generating (profits, electricity), emitting (sun's rays, good qi, etc.), developing, flourishing. So the opening will be a bā bā bā bā bā bā. How good can it get?! Let us hope they manage to clear up the pollution by then!

Note: 'ba': sounds like the Chinese word 'fa': (both first tone), which means 'develop, expand, grow, flourish'.

In the common New Years' greeting <Gongxi Facai>, facai means 'expand wealth' i.e., get rich, so there's a connotation in 'ba' regarding wealth as well.

Gong(first) Xi(third) Fa(first) Cai(second). Gongxi translate as "congratulations", Facai as "get rich"

八 bā, 公 gōng, 喜 xǐ 发 fā, 财 cái

Recent Events

October 15th On the occasion of our China National Day celebratory Dinner, we had the pleasure of the company of the entire staff of the PRC Consulate in Auckland, led by Mr Ma Chongren, the Consul-General and his wife, Mr Wang Yanjung, Deputy Consul, and his wife, Mrs Jia Xiuling, the Cultural Consul.

We were also pleased to welcome Mr John Law, the outgoing Mayor of Rodney, and his wife. Overall, we were 52, who enjoyed a copious special dinner by Simon at his Star Restaurant, Whangaparaoa Plaza. We were thoroughly entertained by Mr *Yua'an Liu*, who played the 'Er hu', traditional Chinese Fiddle, *Miss Zheng Tingting* who sang several pieces, including 'My Chili Girl', Mr *Chang Wu Xiu* enthralled us with his *Taiji Sword and fan dances*. Last, but not least, Ms *Jin Shi* gave us song from the 'Red lantern' *Beijing Opera*, accompanied by Mr *Yua'an Liu*.

We were very touched by **Mr. Ma's support and gifts**, and **Mr. Gao's gift** of a Chinese poem in beautiful calligraphy. We also wish to thank **Prof. Chan (of the Confucius Institute)** for his fine 'big' **Chinese characters** (a welcome for Mid-August Festival and Chinese National Day).



.....and a great time was had by all!

Membership News

Membership stands at 28 incl. 'additional' family members and 3 Corporate members. However, following our China National Day dinner, we are hopeful that our membership will be enlarged.

Annual Subscription:

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

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Programme

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

November 26 (Monday), Our AGM, to be followed by a talk by Prof. Bill Willmott (one of NZ's leading experts on China) entitled **"Recent experiences on the Silk Road through Muslim China."**

Meeting starts at 6.30pm with pre-meeting snacks (bring a plate), AGM at 7pm, followed by talk. At the Pohutukawa Room, Whangaparaoa Library.

Forthcoming Events 最新動態

2007 (5th) Chinese Film Festival

Auckland 2 – 8 Nov Rialto Cinemas, Newmarket



慶祝中新建交35周年 - 2007年 (第5届) 新西兰中国电影节展映时间表

Auckland Screen Schedule (2- 8 Nov) 奧克蘭展映时间表 (11月2 - 8日)

影院地址: Rialto Cinema, Newmarket, 网上购票: www.rialto.co.nz,

中文咨询热线: 09-630-2595, Ticketing (订票电话): 09-369-2417 (英文)

Ticket Price (票价) Adult (成人): \$15.50, Student (学生): \$13.50, Senior/Child

(老人/孩子): \$12.00. Premiere Night Ticket (首影式票价): \$25.00.

The Forest Ranger <天狗> Premiere Night (首影式)	2 Nov.	8:00pm
	3 Nov.	4:00pm
	4 Nov.	8:30pm
	8 Nov.	6:15pm
The Knot <云水谣>	6 Nov.	6:15pm
	7 Nov.	8:30pm
	8 Nov.	4:00pm
Seven Swords <七剑>	3 Nov.	8:30pm
	4 Nov.	1:00pm
	8 Nov.	8:30pm
Crazy Stones <疯狂的石头>	4 Nov.	4:00pm
	6 Nov.	8:30pm
	7 Nov.	4:00pm
	7 Nov.	6:15pm
Courthouse of Horse Back <马背上的法庭>	3 Nov.	6:15pm
	6 Nov.	4:00pm