

## **Guidelines for Applications to the Rewi Alley Friendship and Exchange Fund (RAFE Fund) for 2016 Project Funding**

### **Background**

The RAFE Fund began in 2012 to mark the 60th Anniversary of the founding the New Zealand China Friendship Society Inc, and to reflect the spirit of Rewi Alley in promoting friendly exchange between China and New Zealand.

According to the Memorandum of Understanding for the RAFE fund, a sum of 200,000 RMB (approximately \$NZ40,000) will be provided annually to our society by the China Friendship Foundation for Peace and Development and the China Friendship Foundation for Peace and Development.

All funds will be used for consolidating and deepening friendship between the peoples of China and New Zealand, and pushing forward bilateral friendly exchanges and cooperation, along with supporting the following types of projects:

- i. Projects commemorating the legacy of Rewi Alley
- ii. Other projects in terms of cultural and art exchange, educational exchange and youth exchange which aim to promote China-New Zealand friendship
- iii. Friendly exchange projects agreed by all parties

### **Process**

The process is that the RAFE sub-committee calls for basic concept plans to be submitted from branches for a project. Submitters whose concept plans the committee consider are worthy of further development are asked to submit a full application. The committee considers the full applications and makes recommendations to National Executive. NZCFS then sends the recommended project information to Youxie who have the final decision on which to fund.

### **The timing for the 2016 applications process is as follows:**

- Concept Plan to be submitted by 22 May 2016
- Response to Concept Plan by the RAFE committee by 6 June 2016
- Applicants invited to submit a full Application by 20 June 2016
- Report to Youxie: 31 July
- Nat Exec Meeting: August
- Notification to applicants: one week after August meeting
- Implementation: September/October 2016 to July 31 2017 (flexible)

Please note that projects must be completed 18 months after being approved.

Please send all RAFE Fund Concept Notes (by 22 May) and, if requested by the RAFE committee, Project Application Forms (by 20 June) to:

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