



新中友好協會

New Zealand China Friendship Society Inc

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About Us

The New Zealand China Friendship Society is a membership group dating back decades; which promotes goodwill, understanding, and friendship between our countries.

The society welcomes anyone into our organisation who is interested in building relations across our borders

New Year Message from the President

Welcome all to 2018, and very soon to the year of the Dog.

While last year saw a strong focus on Rewi Alley, there were also a lot of activity occurring behind the scenes to transition the NZCFS into the modern era. 2018 is already shaping up to be a rejuvenation of the society.

The focus on Rewi Alley and the rejuvenation are not without synergy. In my work with the legacy of Rewi Alley in China, I have learnt to respect that Rewi Alley was dynamic and strong, but ready to move with changing times. This is where we in NZCFS are now positioned, to regain our strength in changing times. The focus on youth is bearing measurable results, and we older hands are grappling with social media as our tool of communication!

The year of the Dog should bring strength and reliability. Lets all work together to get our messages out there. It is every branch's responsibility to promote the activities and information that we can already see is coming forth, and to contribute as able.

不断改变，发扬壮大

Dave Bromwich

National President

Feature News

[NZCFS' Explore China: the Centre October 2018.](#) follow the link to the promotion: If not already done so, please forward to members asap. Also it is on NZCFS' Facebook, please distribute through this channel if able.

Updating your details

At the AGM last year, it was agreed upon that all branches would provide their membership database to the National organisation. It is concerning that a number of the branches have still not completed this. If you

are one of the Branch executives please spare a few moments to ensure your branch is compliant.



[Why join the New Zealand China Friendship Society?](#)

By getting involved you will learn a lot and gain experience, which will be transferable to your working life. Moreover, you will make friends and have fun.

Society News

Switching over the branch email addresses

With a new look website, integrated cloud based calendars and membership directories as well as a WeChat connected membership the NZCFS has been dragged kicking and screaming into the online world.

At the end of 2017 all branches were provided with a dedicated NZCFS email address and while uptake has been a little slow most branches have now embraced it. Using a dedicated email address looks professional and allows branches to separate NZCFS activities from personal emails, this also helps with transition planning. Each branch can make the most of the suite of services included with the email account including a newsletter publishing service and survey tools.

For those managing the branch email account they can receive emails on their phone by downloading the Zoho Mail app from the Android or Apple store, input their email address and password and you are ready to go. Emails can also be set up to download onto your computer by using an email client such as Outlook, Mozilla or AppleMail. There are a range of helpful guides on how to do this online.

For the time being emails are being sent to the official branch accounts and the associated people's private accounts, however the goal is to transition all branches onto the official email account over the next few months. By April 2018 the National body will only send emails intended for branches and national executive members to their official email address. It is important if you are not familiar with the email system that make a little effort to learn to love it.

Between now and April if you are having trouble with the service please contact me and I will try to assist. Also, it has been brought to my attention that some of the email accounts have had issues, please keep a record of any issues you may experience and report it back to me so I can sort out any problems as soon as possible.

[Response to reporting about China](#)

In the closing weeks of 2017 a view of China was widely promoted in the media that challenges New Zealand's autonomy from China. Professor Anne-Marie Brady has been suggesting that New Zealand's (and Australia's) democratic process is under attack from Chinese influences.

We must thank Professor Brady for stimulating this debate. This is a response to that paper.

Masterton's Chinese Pavilion

Work has begun on our Chinese Pavilion at Kuripuni one of the suburbs in Masterton. The design and yet to be added roof tiles have all been supplied by Masterton's Sister City Changchun. While following a traditional design the materials used are not. This is to make the structure as vandal proof as possible.

Once painted it will be difficult to differentiate steel from wood. The Wairarapa Branch of NZCFS has been

the umbrella for funding applications to help with the build, with the rest coming from donations and funding from Masterton District Council.

Hawkes Bay Membership on the rise.

In the first two weeks of 2018 the Hawkes Bay Branch has enjoyed a spike in new members, 10 to be precise. The group of young members are an eclectic mix of tertiary students, young professionals and young business owners. The group has already started planning some social activities, including board game events, dinners, and a group trip to China in September 2018.

Looking for more contributors

The website is now up and running, however it is only as good as the content which is posted on it. We are looking for new enthusiastic authors who can produce articles in either English or Chinese. For more information about being an author please contact the national secretary – secretary@nzcfs.org.nz



Teacher Wanted

For Shandan Bailie School, start late August/early September 2018. Follow link for more information

Upcoming Events

Handcrafts Tour

Very regrettably has been cancelled due to insufficient people signing up. Many thanks to Dave A's tremendous efforts to attract support for this.

2018 NZCFS Conference/AGM

The NZCFS National Conference will be held on Saturday the 26th of May this year at Waikato University in Hamilton. The theme of the conference is 'Working Together'. More information will be updated on the website, or contact the organizer, Annette Wright at hamilton@nzcfs.com

The AGM will be held on the morning of Sunday 27th, with the first National Executive meeting being held that afternoon. Other activities will be run over the weekend, commencing on Friday afternoon

Upcoming Executive Meeting, inviting authors

The next Executive meeting is to be held on the 10th of February in Wellington. While all executive members, and branch presidents are automatically invited, on this occasion we would like to invite each branch to select a member who would like to get more involved with the society, has an interest in contributing to the website, and perhaps manage the branch's digital admin. A workshop on various digital changes, and how to write posts for the website will be included in this meeting. The invited member's travel and accommodation costs will be covered (within reason).

China Language Week

Dates have been penciled in for this annual event as September 23-29, to be confirmed. This fits in with a mid-autumn festival date of Monday September 24.

Interesting Extras

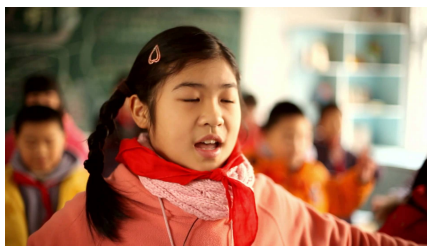


[Foreign Workers in China to see Pay Rise](#)

Global consulting firm ECA international said that China will dish out the world's top salary increases this year despite the country's slower economic growth

[Lele Tao: China's 'online goddess' on \\$450k a year](#)

The conversation comes as China struggles to contain the fast-evolving, billion-dollar internet video industry. Millions are broadcasting their lives on livestreams, and nearly half of China's 710 million internet users are watching them.



[Xizi She Knows](#)

Music video from Imogen Heap featuring beautiful Chinese culture. 90% of all the sounds in "Xizi She Knows" were recorded during the video shoot around the city of Hangzhou, China. The counting in the classroom by Helena dictated the tempo. The lady on the hill shouting at the city in "Xizi She Knows", getting ready for the day was unplanned! She was there doing her morning ritual and so we recorded her. Imogen loved it so much she built the whole middle section around her! Unfortunately we don't know her name!

[Chinese Man Living at Beijing Airport](#)

A Chinese man has been living at Beijing airport for nearly a decade because his wife won't let him drink at home



[The Year of the Dog](#)

Every new year is celebrated under the next consecutive sign and every 12 years is considered a complete cycle. The Year of the Dog is the second to last in the current cycle. This year the Year of the Dog takes over from the Year of the Rooster.

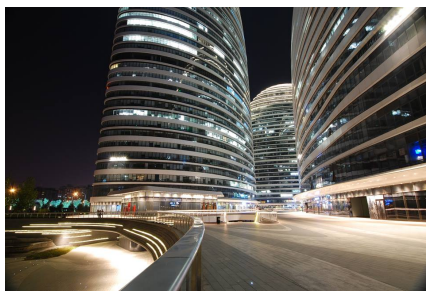
[The Chinese New Year 2018](#)

Chinese New Year has enjoyed a history of about 3,500 years. Its exact beginning is not recorded. Some people believe that Chinese New Year originated in the Shang Dynasty (1600–1046 BC)



[Exciting changes planned for JingJinJi](#)

President Xi has decided to make Beijing a true global capital and centre of Chinese culture and the surrounding province,



HeBei and Port City of Tianjin (known nickname JingJinJi) a mega-region with a population of over 130 million.