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NZCFS Wellington Branch - celebrating 60 years of promoting friendship, understanding and goodwill between the peoples of New Zealand and China

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The NZCFS Wellington Branch would like to wish you a Happy Chinese New Year, and all the best for the Year of the Dog!

Notice of AGM: Wednesday 21 March 2018 at 5:45pm

Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, off Hill Street, Thorndon, Wellington (map)
There is a car park up Guildford Terrace beside Connolly Hall.

The Agenda, as well as the President's Report and the Financial Reports will be sent out closer to the date.

Celia Wade-Brown QSO

will speak on her recent teaching experience in China

Ms Celia Wade-Brown was Mayor of Wellington, the capital city of New Zealand. from 2010 until 2016 and a City Councillor from 1994, first elected as a Green Party member and latterly as an independent.

Born in London, UK, she grew up in a Council flat. After a gap year as a laboratory assistant in Ghana, Celia achieved an Honours degree in Philosophy at Nottingham University and a Postgraduate Certificate in Education at Warwick University. She worked in the UK, New Zealand and Australia as a programmer, analyst and trainer.

Celia was a founding member of the New Zealand Internet Society (now InternetNZ). She was also the founding Chair of the 2020Trust, which promotes digital literacy in New Zealand. In 2002 Ms Wade-Brown founded Living Streets Aotearoa, a walking advocacy organisation, and was inaugural President until 2009. She led Wellington's entry into both Rockefeller Foundation's 100 Resilient Cities and the Biophilic Cities Network. Wellington City Council became the first New Zealand Council to introduce a Living Wage and to commit to a Predator-Free partnership. She has been a trustee of the New Zealand International Arts Festival Trust, the TG Macarthy Trust and the Nikau Foundation.

As Mayor she has strengthened business and cultural relationships between cities in Asia and Wellington, culminating in the 2017 China-NZ Mayoral Forum.

Welcoming residents and visitors from different countries, supporting social, cultural

and environmental volunteers, connecting walking access along Wellington's wild South Coast, upgrading quirky laneways, improving signage for pedestrian shortcuts, increasing cycling facilities, reducing speed limits in suburban centres have been integral to Ms Wade-Brown's political career.

After standing down from the Mayoralty in 2016, Celia qualified as a CELTA English teacher. In 2017 she and her husband completed Te Araroa, a 3000km walk the length of New Zealand. She spent two months teaching English to adults and children in Southern China, which is the subject of her talk to the NZCFS AGM.

WE ARE TAKING NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE POSITIONS AT OUR AGM

Members are encouraged to stand for one of the elected positions. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the meeting.

To nominate someone, please fill in the provided form and submit it to **secretarynzcfswellington@yahoo.co.nz**.

Thank you for your participation!

NOMINATION FORM

Welcome to all our new members!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new members for 2018:
Joel Howe, Trist Ranstead, Esme Ridgeway, William & Jackie Sommerville, Hon Jim Sutton, and Marie Tong.

A quick reminder that membership subscriptions are **DUE**. Please fill in the provided form to renew your membership with us for 2018, and follow the submission instructions.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

NZCFS Wellington annual Chinese New Year Banquet

The New Zealand China Friendship Society Wellington Branch wishes all members and friends a Happy & Prosperous Chinese New Year!

To celebrate the arrival of the Year of the Dog, the Branch hosted its annual Chinese New Year Banquet On 11 February, at the Grand Century Chinese Restaurant. Close to 200 guests attended the event, including Wellington Mayor Justin Lester, Minister of Finance Hon Grant Robertson, Chargé d'affaires of the PRC Embassy QU Guangzhou, NZCFS Patron Hon Philip Burdon, NZCFS National President Dave Bromwich, NZCFS National Vice President & Wellington Branch President Luke Qin JP, NZCFS Honorary Advisors Michael Powles & Christine Strickland, Director of the Office of Ethnic Communities Wen Powles, Asia NZ Foundation Executive Director Simon Draper & Deputy Executive Director Adele Mason, Victoria University of Wellington Confucius Institute Director Rebecca Needham, NZCFS Wellington Branch member Hon Jim Sutton, and Wellington Xiamen Association President Janet Andrews.

The night started with a traditional Lion Dance performed by the Anglican Chinese Mission, followed by welcoming remarks from Branch President Luke Qin, wishing all guests a Happy Chinese New Year and upholding a Chinese gong as timer for the ensuing speeches by VIP guests! In turn, Wellington Mayor Justin Lester, PRC Embassy Chargé d'affaires QU Guangzhou, NZCFS Patron Hon Philip Burdon, NZCFS National President Dave Bromwich, Minister of Finance Hon Grant Robertson and Asia New Zealand Foundation Executive Director Simon Draper addressed the guests and shared their reflections and best wishes for the NZ-China relationship.

The Branch also hosted the traditional annual quiz, which involved a diverse range of questions about New Zealand, China and the international community. Prizes for the quiz were supplied by the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China. In addition,

we also held a raffle where a number of gifts from the Embassy and Society were given out.

Once again, the Wellington Branch would like to thank everybody who attended the event, as well as the Embassy of the People's Republic of China and Grand Century Chinese Restaurant for your generous support. Our special thanks go to the Wellington Xiamen Association, Taoist Tai Chi Society Wellington Branch, Confucius Institute at Victoria University of Wellington for honouring us with your strong presence. We hope everyone had an enjoyable time and Happy Chinese New Year!

We are grateful to receive the below feedback from guests:

*It was nice meeting a variety of friendly new people. And I enjoyed the quiz.

*Good company, good food, short speeches and a winner of the raffle at the table!!!

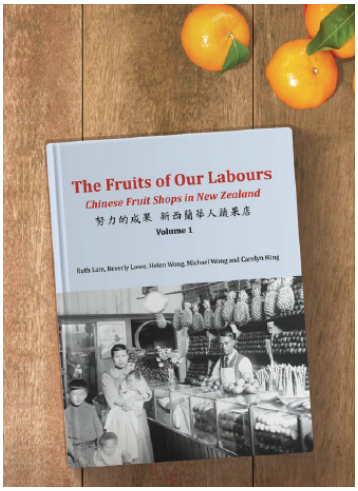
*Very delicious food, nice company, exciting speakers, delightful intellectual quiz.

CHINESE NEW YEAR AT PARLIAMENT

The Hon Jenny Salesa, Minister for Ethnic Communities, hosted this year's Parliamentary celebrations. It was wonderful to hear from the Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern, who reminded attendees that this venue is everyone's House of Representatives, and displayed her new Chinese language skills. Cultural performances, including children's dance, pipa, singing, and painting delighted those in attendance, who were of course treated to a delicious array of Chinese food.

It was a privilege to hear from representatives of the

NZ Chinese Association and the Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust, who have commissioned a work tracing the development of Chinese fruit shops from the general storecum- greengrocer of the 1880s through to the fresh fruit and vegetable retailer of today.



Authors Ruth Lam, Beverly Lowe, Helen Wong, Michael Wong, and Carolyn King were in attendance and were thanked for their significant contribution to the recording of an important part of New Zealand's history.

For information about launches of this beautiful two-volume book, and to place orders, please visit their Facebook page here.

CHINESE NEW YEAR AT THE ROYAL NZ POLICE COLLEGE

The Royal New Zealand Police College celebrated the Lunar New Year with finesse on 28 February. Members of the wider community were invited to meet police

cadets, who are increasingly representative of modern NZ, and going the extra mile in fostering trust and partnership with the community they serve in.

JOIN THE ASIA NEW ZEALAND FOUNDATION LEADERSHIP NEWORK

The Asia New Zealand Foundation is currently calling for applications for the 2018 intake to the Leadership Network. If you're a young New Zealand leader with an interest in Asia, this network is for you!

Leadership Network members in Akaroa for the 2017 Social Enterprise Hui

The Leadership Network is an established global network of talented young professionals dedicated to the future of New Zealand-Asia relations. Established by the Asia New Zealand Foundation in 2007, the aims of the network are:

- to provide professional and leadership development opportunities for members to support them in taking an active role in strengthening New Zealand's relationship with Asia; and
- to equip network members with the knowledge, skills, and connections to further relations between New Zealand and Asia.

Through various activities the network also enables members to meet a number of leading organisations, network with influential decision makers, entrepreneurs, and key industry leaders.

The Asia New Zealand Foundation provides a curated programme of activities and initiatives in New Zealand and Asia that give professional development and leadership opportunities to members.

Click here for information on how to apply. Applications are due **5pm Monday 26 March in PDF format**.

NZCFS Explore China: The Centre Tour, October 2018

A reminder that applications for this tour are still open.

The focus of this tour is to explore sites and to experience activities of interest in central China - an area largely neglected by other tours. A diverse and efficient itinerary includes the highlights of Jiangsu, Henan, Chongqing, and Hunan, taking you to some of the most attractive and cultural significant sites in China's recent history. In fact, Rewi Alley considered Fenghuang one of the most picturesque old towns in all of China.

See the Zhangjiajie scenic reserve, enjoy the Three Gorges cruise, and visit the Shaolin monastery - the three venerable old boys of the 20th Century, led by Dave Bromwich.

Discover. Learn. Enjoy!

For expression of interest and further enquiry, please contact **tours@nzcfs.org.nz**

For more information, visit http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/31827/nzcfs-explore-china-the-centre-tour/

The 19th Party Congress: A 'New Era' for China?

A New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre Symposium
In Partnership with the Wellington Branch of the Institute of International Affairs

21 March 2018
9am – 12pm
Hunter Council Chamber, Victoria University of Wellington

Speaking at the 19th Party Congress last October President Xi introduced 'Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era'. What is this 'new era' and what does the Congress mean for China's leadership and direction over the next five years?
While the Congress conveyed a more confident and international China it also introduced a new 'principal contradiction' in Chinese society and strongly affirmed the central role of the Party in resolving this contradiction. This has raised many questions for observers of China.

- What does the new leadership line-up mean for China's reform direction?
- What is meant by a 'new era' and what could this mean for Chinese development and direction?
- How significant are China's internal 'contradictions' and how are they shaping policymaking and leadership?
- How has the Congress shaped China's economic policy and priorities?

This half-day symposium explores the outcomes of the Congress following China's National People's Congress meeting in March. Four international and local experts will analyse the new leadership, the policies they introduced, the new focus on social issues and the new economic priority to become a 'great modern socialist country' in the 'new era'.

Speakers (in order of appearance):

WANG Zhengxu, Professor, School of International Relations & Public Affairs, Fudan University

Peter Harris, Senior Fellow, New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre

Stephen Noakes, Senior Lecturer of Chinese Politics, Politics and International Relations and Asian Studies, The University of Auckland

Mary Boyd, Director, Economist Corporate Network Shanghai, The Economist Group

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