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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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Notice of Branch Meeting:

Wednesday 16 May 2018 at 5:30pm

Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, off Hill Street, Thorndon, Wellington ([map](#))

There is a car park up Guildford Terrace beside Connolly Hall.

If you would like to attend our branch meeting, please RSVP here with [Eventbrite](#). The link also includes details regarding payment for our optional buffet dinner after the meeting.



Monthly Guest Speaker

**Councillor
David Lee**

on

"Today's Trailblazers"

As a city councillor David has forged relationships with impressive, up and coming young leaders. Drawing on his experiences, David's talk will focus on the characteristics of today's trailblazers, how they differ to those from earlier generations, and the need to develop and mentor the next wave of super-diverse leaders.

David is the first Chinese Councillor at Wellington City. An experienced strategic planner, he has worked in central government (NZ Defence Force, NZTA) and local government (Greater Wellington Regional Council, former North Shore City Council) for 25 years.

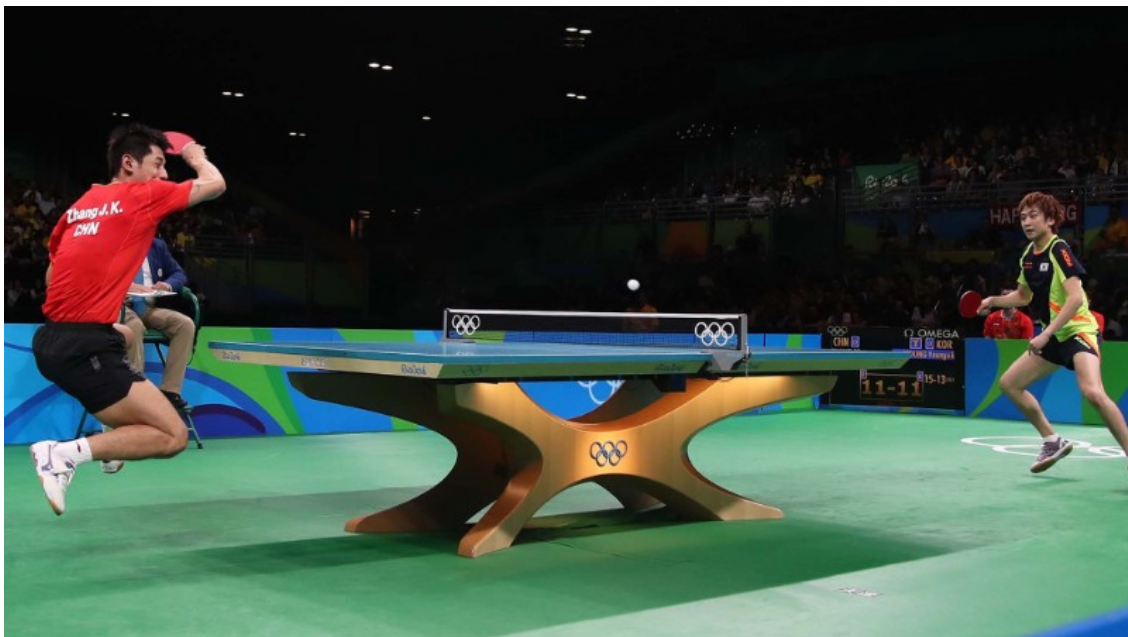
He has developed a deep understanding of the processes and mechanisms for getting action and results. David is a natural connector, and the relationships he has forged across business, social and community interests are a powerful complement to his government sector know-how.

He is a certified RMA Commissioner and is the Climate Change Portfolio Leader at Wellington City Council. Under his leadership the Council won the Renewables Innovation prize at the 2014 NZI Sustainable Business Network awards in Auckland.

Born and raised in Christchurch, David lived in Auckland before making Wellington his home. He enjoys mountain biking, sailing, golf , and DIY.

NZCFS Wellington & Future Dragonz Wellington Table Tennis Competition

Dust off your old bats and come along for an afternoon of table tennis and friendly competition!



All levels of ability are welcome. There will be a social competition, as well as a competitive grade.

Date: Sunday, 20 May 2018

Time: 2pm - 5pm (three hours)

Venue: Table Tennis Club (Newtown)

Cost: \$7 per person

Equipment: Bring your own bat (if not, we can provide)

Places are limited, so please email the names of the people attending to ***TableTennisComp@gmail.com***.

Come and join us for some table tennis, fun, and food!

Report on Sam Gao's talk

“A Chinese working at Weta Workshop”

At the April Wellington Branch meeting, Sam Gao 高峡, Art Director and Chinese Business Development Manager with Weta Workshop, gave a wonderful talk about both his own life as it led him to migrate to New Zealand in order to work with Weta, and what he has been up to since he arrived.



Above all, he stated, his work (as both sculptor and Art Director) requires patience, precision, and passion, and as Sam spoke he seemed to embody this last virtue particularly; his enthusiasm for his craft and his industry proved both infectious and entrancing.

A graduate of the famous Beijing Film Academy, Sam had met Sir Richard Taylor, founder and presently Creative Director of Weta Workshop, on the occasion of a trip to Beijing and the Academy. Sam was still a student at the time, but nonetheless Taylor had lavished praise on a number of his creations. Sam was to remember this when, upon graduation, and with the use of Google Translate, he had written to Taylor inquiring about the possibility of coming to New Zealand to work with Weta. The rest, as they say, is history, and an underlying theme to Sam's talk was the open and generous welcome that he received once he had arrived at Weta, speaking very little English but impressing his new colleagues with his consummate skills.

Apart from speaking to a variety of illustrations of his work (both here in New Zealand, and as part of a Weta Workshop exhibition that Sam created for display in Wuzhen in the People's Republic), including some of those remarkable figures of WWI ANZACS that are part of Te Papa's commemoration of the centenary of the landing at Gallipoli, Sam also addressed such issues as the vast difference of scale between the Chinese and the New Zealand film industries, and the advantage of smallness, and the cultural differences that need to be addressed in any business dealings between China and New Zealand and which are often not given enough consideration.



The Branch was left with the very strong conviction that if Weta had gained an immensely skilled and committed artist and Art Director, New Zealand too had benefited greatly from the courage that it had taken Sam and his wife to decide to seek their futures here in New Zealand.

Words by Duncan Campbell

Warming Up China's Geothermal Sector



The New Zealand Consulate General in Chengdu have produced a report outlining China's Geothermal Sector. The full report can be found at the end of this summary.

China's potential geothermal resource accounts for almost 8% of global resource. Until now it has not been highly prioritised across China as a source of renewable energy, but interest is heating up.

Almost half of Lhasa's municipal electricity grid demand is met by geothermal energy. Under its newest Five Year Plan on Geothermal Resources (2016-2020) China aims to add 500MW of new geothermal capacity by 2020 – an almost 17-fold increase. Most of this new capacity will be in Tibet and elsewhere in SW China. But industry experts believe government subsidies will also be needed if geothermal energy is to take off. And it is unclear if China can implement its very ambitious expansion plan with under three years remaining.

Geothermal heating is increasingly popular as a clean heating solution in northern China.

Read the full report [here](#).

Source: [NZCTA](#)



Photo Exhibition

Japanese Immigrants' Experiences in New Zealand



2 May - 20 May 2018, Wellington City Library, Mezzanine Level

Organizer: Japan Society of Wellington

MON – FRI: 9:30am – 8:30pm

SAT: 9:30am – 5:00pm

SUN: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

**Everyone Welcome
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Japanese Immigrants' Experiences in NZ: Photo Exhibition

This photo exhibition looks to introduce the experiences and life stories of the first and second generation Japanese immigrants to NZ.

Find out more about how Japanese immigrants adapted to a Kiwi lifestyle, while maintaining their culture, and how they contribute to NZ society by introducing Japanese culture to New Zealanders.

This photo exhibition is running from **2 May-20 May** on the Mezzanine Level of the Wellington City Library.

Interested in studying in Hong Kong?

Online applications close on 31 May.



Hong Kong Baptist University, Kowloon Tong Campus

New Zealand Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong has joined with Hong Kong Baptist University to promote access to the University's undergraduate programmes for students holding New Zealand passports having attained NCEA Level 3, or equivalent.

A limited number of vacancies will be available each year and the facilities include (subject to successful application) a range of subjects, scholarship options, accommodation and more. This arrangement provides an unique opportunity for Kiwi students seeking an undergraduate qualification within an international learning environment.

Click [here](#) for information and for application forms!



Confucius Institute in Auckland - NZ-China Scholarship 2019

*Applications close on **Friday 27 July***

The Confucius Institute in Auckland in cooperation with China's Scholarship Council (Ministry of Education) facilitates the selection process for up to 10 New Zealand scholarships for advanced Chinese language study in China each year.

The Scholarship covers a full year's tuition fee, accommodation, medical insurance and a monthly stipend. It is eligible to New Zealand citizens who are currently studying at a NZ tertiary institution or have completed a degree within the past five years at a New Zealand tertiary institution are eligible to apply.

It is a wonderful opportunity to experience China and learn the language and culture. Please pass the message to anyone who might be interested in the opportunity.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

You can also contact the Confucius Institute at **info@ci.ac.nz**.

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