

Rewi Alley Friendship and Exchange (RAFE) Fund

Chair: Dave Adamson

Background

In 2012, China Oceania Friendship Association (hereinafter referred to as COFA) and New Zealand China Friendship Society agreed to jointly enter into a partnership, whereby COFA would provide 1 million RMB as the initial capital, while the Fund will also look for donations from all sectors of society for the long run. The initial capital will be transferred to NZCFS designated account in 5 consecutive years (200,000 RMB per year) before the 1st of October of each year commencing in 2012 and ceasing in 2016.

NZCFS is responsible for the daily operation and usage of the Fund. By September 1st each year during the 5-year payment period, NZCFS will submit a Project Proposal for the coming year and a Project Report for the past year to COFA. COFA will issue the payment for next year by 1st October right after examining these two documents. With the approval of COFA any unused funds may be carried over for disbursement by NZCFS in the subsequent 12 months.

The Fund will mainly support the following types of projects:

1. Projects commemorating the legacy of Rewi Alley;
2. Friendly exchange projects agreed by both parties;
3. Other projects in terms of cultural and art exchange, educational exchange and youth exchange which aim to promote China-New Zealand friendship.

Process

The process has been that the RAFE committee annually calls for applications from branches for the funding of projects which fit the above criteria. The committee then considered the applications, and allocated funding as it felt appropriate.

2016 was the final year of funding being provided by COFA. At this stage therefore the fund is in a wind down period. Some projects are not yet completed, and at the end of the completion of all projects, there will probably be some surplus funding, the allocation of which will need to be decided on by the committee. All processes are handled by email; no site meetings required.

Rewi Alley Committee (NZ)

Chair: Dave Adamson

Background

The Rewi Alley 120th Commemoration committee was formed in Christchurch in 2016, with the aim of carrying out a number of activities to commemorate the 120th anniversary of his birth on 2 December 1897.

Briefly, the activities were a secondary schools Rewi Alley units of learning and competition, Rewi Alley biography translation and reprint, creation of a Rewi Alley website, the unveiling of a Rewi Alley plaque, a Photographic Exhibition, an exhibition of items of the Rewi Alley collection at Canterbury Museum, a Rewi Alley Symposium, a visit to the Rewi Alley Chinese School at Wharenui (NZ's largest Chinese language school), the opening of the Reflection Garden at Amberley (which our society helped fund), a commemoration ceremony at the Rewi Alley Memorial & Park at Springfield (hosted by the Selwyn Sister City committee), and an anniversary banquet (hosted by the Christchurch City Council).

With the completion of these activities, and therefore the cessation and need for the committee, it invited the NZCFS to take over the task of undertaking the continuation of the projects commenced for the 120th Anniversary Commemorations and the protection of Rewi Alley's name and legacy. The NZCFS national executive agreed to this at its 27 May 2018 meeting.

Goals and Objectives

The role of the Rewi Alley Committee (NZ) will be to handle matters relating to the protection and continuation of Rewi Alley's legacy in New Zealand. This could include the facilitation and support of our New Zealand connections in China, as well as a number of activities with which the name of Rewi Alley is connected.

This role, and the goals and aims of the committee, will develop once a committee has been established.

Finance Committee

Chair: Luke Qin

Goals:

- To provide oversight of NZCFS' financial activities and expenditures.
- To allocate and approve funding to support projects and activities that promote friendship, understanding and goodwill between the peoples of New Zealand and China.
- To uphold integrity, transparency and impartiality in decision-making.

Rewi Alley Legacy in China Sub-committee

Chair, Dave Bromwich

I have been the sole player in this area of activity, but work closely with some partners in China, and in particular, honorary NZCFS member, Liu Guozhong. I would be pleased to welcome other interested NZCFS representatives to participate in this area.

This covers several key activities, including

Shandan

- Liaison with Shandan Bailie School-sourcing teachers, assisting with NZ connections
- Facilitating new initiatives through the school, assisting with development of new Bailie International Vocational College

Gong He (ICCIC)

- NZ representation on the board
- Field work promoting cooperatives (we have focused on NW China)

Project work

- Participation in ongoing rural development projects

Other activity has included facilitation work with the He Mingqing committee, and servicing relationships with other partners in China, eg the Shaanxi Provincial Women's Federation

Tours Committee

Chair, Dave Bromwich

New interest has come from Heiko Lade to assist in all the areas below, and in admin when I am away. New committee members keenly sought.

Interested members to assist in any of the following areas of activity. Currently there is a weakness in that there is an over-reliance on the chair, especially in promotion.

- Research and design tours
- Promote tours
- Deliver tours

Youth Committee

Chair: Amy Tanabe

Background: With the increasing number of youth within NZCFS it only makes sense to encourage this side of the membership's growth and involvement.

Goals:

- To increase youth membership across NZCFS
- To increase involvement of youth within NZCFS
- To encourage events and activities for youth, focusing on, but not limited to, Chinese culture.

Deng Fund Committee

Chair: George Andrews

We are looking for a wider range of applicants, especially from branches who haven't previously applied. We have committed to distributing a call for applications well ahead of September 1.

Note that projects which will be considered for funding by the Simon Deng Li Fund should be for 'consolidating and deepening friendship between the peoples of China and New Zealand, especially through youth, arts and culture exchanges'.

Each of the successful projects will include the one or more of the following types of activity and expenditure:

1. Educational and Youth exchanges which aim to promote China-New Zealand friendship;
2. Exhibitions, performances, publications of all kinds including but not limited to books, films, and new media that advance friendship and understanding between the peoples of China and New Zealand;
3. Fees and expenses of contractors to devise, promote, and deliver youth, arts, and cultural projects and activities as decided by the NZCFS.

Exchanges

Chair: John Hodgson

Primary objectives for the NZCFS Exchanges Committee 2018

fall within the Society goals as adopted by the National Executive in November 2011 viz

- Education of New Zealanders about China Increase New Zealanders knowledge & awareness of China through promotions, branch activities and support for sister city relations.
- Educational Tours to promote current quality and volume of educational tours China Actively promote current quality and volume of educational tours to China giving preference to visiting partners and remote areas.

The role of the Exchanges Committee will be to support two-way exchanges, we feel people-to-people exchanges, are really one of the best steps toward fulfilling the NZCFS aims. There are varying degrees of experience in such matters around the branches. Summaries of experience gained has been sent to all branches, advise on such is available and where required workshops will be available to branches and their communities, covering both "best practice" and potential pitfalls.

In the recent past all branches have been canvassed for their ideas, wants and needs as regards exchanges with China and this should continue.

Kathleen Hall Scholarship Committee

Chair: Miao Fan

NZCFS offer a scholarship for a young woman to attend a university course in nursing of three to four years. The scholarship is for 8000 RMB per year, which covers tuition fees and some contribution to daily expenses.

The scholarship commemorates a NZ nurse, Kathleen Hall, who worked in Hebei Province during the time of the Japanese War, and later spent four years in a poor village clinic. She worked with Dr Norman Bethune, a Canadian doctor.

The scholarship could be for a student who just graduated from a secondary school and wants to do further study, or who shows interest in changing her course of study, or could be for a student who has completed part of her course of nursing but is unable to continue because of family hardship.

Criteria for He Mingqing scholar

1. Must have ability to complete her selected tertiary course of nursing study.
2. Must come from a poor home who could not support her studies
3. Must come from a poor rural area, and be committed to returning to her hometown to work when graduated.

NZCFS requirements

On selection, we would like a brief background about the student, and how she meets the criteria. Where will she study, and for how long

Reports on her progress at least twice a year.

Woman's Affairs Committee

Chair: Miao Fan

Women's committee aims to work with Chinese Women's Association from different levels; to assist with exchanges, visits and etc; to promote projects from both China and New Zealand.