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Photo: Taken on the last ACFS tour, Li River Fisherman Robert (Bob) Williamson, Frankston Photographic Club

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Clive Hamilton, Utas.

I recently attended the Clive Hamilton event at Utas. As I sat in the audience waiting for the lecture to start I was utterly amazed at the anti-China feeling from people sitting in my area. My countenance does not portray my Chinese heritage and that is probably why the woman sitting next to me proceeded to tell me how we have been sold out to the Chinese government and that we should take action now or our way of life will be taken away from us and our children. I had expected to hear some similar reactions to this but not to the degree that I did from nearly all those attending within earshot both before and during his talk.

I disagree with Professor Hamilton's and our federal governments views. The only question I would have asked him, if I had been given the chance, was apart from the Destyari incident and the innuendoes of our lives being infiltrated by the Chinese government, what hard evidence does he have? It is not enough to say "this is how the Communist Party works". If such evidence does exist why haven't we seen action taken by the appropriate government agencies? We constantly see quick intervention taken on any terrorist threat which is continually reported in the daily papers and on the news.

While I agree that we should be vigilant (to all other countries that may or may not cause our country harm), Clive Hamilton's message is poisonous. He denies that he is hostile towards the Chinese in Australia but he is stirring up Sinophobia in the community and hostility to China as a whole, which simmers below the surface at the best of times. Some of the Chinese communities in Australia have a history in this country of six generations, when their forbearers first set foot on this soil. Some have come to escape the communist rule in the late 1940s, others are new arrivals who have moved here to embrace our freedom and to build a better life for their families. Many students who study here do so because their family in China has struggled to provide an education for their children that will allow them to prosper so that they will not suffer the hardships they themselves have endured. Now some of these people have found themselves up against anti-Chinese sentiment in a country they thought was a better place to live.

Clive said in his address that the "Chinese associations here in Tasmania are being infiltrated and controlled by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP)". That our "politicians'

should not be involved in any cultural events or accept invitations to dinners as this leaves them vulnerable to being manipulated by the CCP". The Chinese Associations here in Tasmania (and many in mainland states) volunteer countless hours of their free time in order to hold cultural events. Their main reason is to sustain their heritage for their families and to share with the wider community a rich diverse culture thousands of years in the making.

Does Professor Hamilton advocate that our politicians should abstain from these cultural events and celebrations with the German, Dutch, Italian and Greek communities? If not, then is he fixated only on the Chinese?

We are experiencing a shift in world power with the decline of the United States and an Asian super-power on the rise and with it a sphere of influence that is different from that of the west. This influence is seen as a threat to some people's way of life and anxiety and fear creeps in. Westerners find Chinese people's ways difficult to understand; From the way they do business, to the way they think and act, this perception brings with it problems that can only be overcome by nurturing friendships and tolerance of others' cultural backgrounds.

But most important is to remember to separate China's Communist Party and the people of China; they are not all one and the same.

The Australia China Friendship Society was founded in 1951. Its main aim over the last 67 years has been to promote friendship between the Chinese people and the peoples of Australia, their culture and the huge diversity in that country. In my involvement with the society over the last 40 years, I have not been coerced or influenced, at any time, in any way, by the Chinese Communist Party. To suggest otherwise is ludicrous. I know that China has many problems to solve in their people's everyday life. The ACFS Tasmania newsletters focus positively on reporting the attempts of China at trying to solve the country's problems.

Views in this article do not necessary reflect those of all ACFS members.

Jan Everett, Vice-president ACFS National, President ACFS Tas.

An article in the Mercury Newspaper on 10/10/18 by Emily Baker reported that Chinese investment Tas. was just 0.7 % of all Chinese investment in Aust. during 2014-2017. This data appears to contradict that Tasmania is the "soft underbelly of Australia" theory.

Upcoming Events for December



The Chinese Art Society, Australia and Australia China
Friendship Society Tasmania Inc.



Cordially invite you to the official book launch of

To be launched by
Sir Guy Green

WEDNESDAY

**12th December 2018,
5:30 to 7:00 pm.**

**At Hobart Town Hall,
50 Macquarie Street,
Hobart.**

RSVP by 5 Dec. 2018

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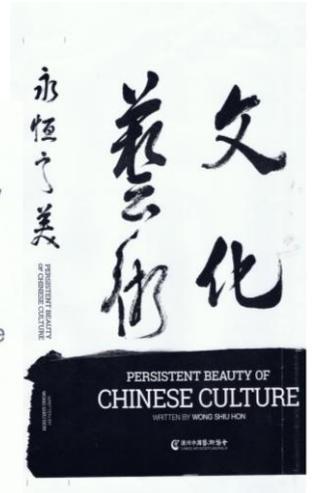
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PERSISTENT BEAUTY OF CHINESE CULTURE: TALKS ON CHINESE ART AND CULTURE BY PROFESSOR WONG SHIU HON

A book which manages to cover fields as disparate as finger painting, the secrets of collecting Chinese antiquities, the essence of Chinese art, calligraphy as an art form, the metaphysics of Chinese martial arts and many other facets of Chinese culture is, to say the least, remarkable but that is what Professor Wong Shiu Hon has achieved in this fascinating work...

The treatment of these and the other topics with which the author deals are testament to the author's deep and comprehensive understanding of Chinese culture. Taught by the greatest Chinese scholar/artists of the 20th century, Professor Wong Shiu Hon is not only the beneficiary of a great 3,000 year old cultural heritage but has himself done much to enrich it. Through this book Professor Wong is now passing on that heritage to us. It is indeed a beautiful gift.

THE HONOURABLE SIR GUY GREEN, AC KBE CVO
Former Governor of Tasmania (1995-2003).



"China's Ethnic Minority Areas: Impressions from Travels in 2018"

By Emirate Professor Colin Mackerras OA

Professor Colin Mackerras is an Australian sinologist. He has written many books and articles



about China, especially its ethnic minorities and theatre, as well as

Western images of China and Australia-China relations. He has visited China about 70 times, and worked there on many occasions, the first being from 1964 to 1966 at the Beijing Foreign Studies University.

In 2014, Australian Studies Centre, Renmin University, Beijing, held a function to commemorate the 10-year association of Professor Colin Mackerras with RUC and the 50-year anniversary of Professor Mackerras teaching career in China.



In 2018 Professor Mackerras travelled to China's ethnic areas ranging from Korean in the northeast (Jilin Province), Zhuang, Dong and Miao in the southeast (Guangxi and Guizhou), to Uighur and Kazak in the northwest (Xinjiang). Although a tourist, he gained new stronger impressions on these minority groups. Professor Mackerras has previously researched China's ethnic minorities and written extensively about them. The main impressions on these latest trips concerned the state of the economy and the degree of modernization; the extent of survival of traditional cultures; attitudes of people, and the position of religion; and ethnic relations. Professor Mackerras will share his insight on these topics based mainly on a traveller's impression.

When: Thursday, 13 December 2018

Time: 5:30-7:00 pm

**Venue: Harvard Lecture Room 12, Centenary Building
University of Tasmania, Sandy Bay Campus**

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ACFS DINNER

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The ACFS committee will be holding a dinner with guest Emeritus Professor Colin Mackerras to thank him for his lecture and for taking the time to share with us his impressions of China's Minority peoples. Colin is a member of the ACFS Qld branch. Members and friends are most welcome to join us and the details are below. Numbers are limited so please book early.

When: Thursday 13th December 2018

Venue: Kwan Ho Restaurant Wrest Point Casino, Sandy Bay.

Time: 7:30 pm

Cost: \$45:00 pp RSVP 6 December 2018

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"China Love"

**A new film about contemporary China.
The real life Crazy Rich Asians captured in a new
Australian film.**



You are invited to be one of the first Australians to see the film "China Love", the documentary that goes behind the lens of the real life Crazy Rich Asians. Come see a side of China you have never seen before!

"China Love" takes us on a billion-dollar ride of fantasy exploring contemporary China through the window of the flamboyant pre-wedding photography industry. This documentary follows Chinese and Australians as they navigate love, weddings and family in the lead up to the most important ritual of Chinese society – getting married "China Love" was made with the support of Screen Australia, ABC Arts and Create NSW and is a beautiful exploration of China through the colourful pre-wedding photography business in China (worth over \$80 Billion!) but it is about a lot more than that and explores where China has come from to be what it is today.

Madeleine Hetherton-Miau is the producer of "China Love".

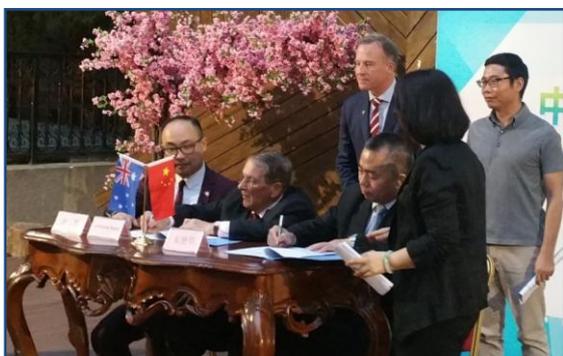
Here is a link to a recent article in [The Guardian](#) and here is a link to the [trailer - www.chinalovefilm.com](http://www.chinalovefilm.com)

Screening in Tasmania at the State Theatre, North Hobart Thurs Nov 8th, 6:30 pm.

Here is a link to the ticketing page: <https://tickets.demand.film/event/5937>

To be printed in China

Jason Xu and Tony Hope as authors of the book *Showcasing Tasmania and the Connection to Fujian China* signed a MOU in China on September 10th. The State owned Yanshi Press intend doing a version of the book for China over the next few months which is a coup for Tasmania. The photo shows the authors and the senior executive of YanShi press. Premier Hodgman witnessed the agreement. **Tony Hope**



From our tour organizer Roz:

1. In a report from Amelia Higgins a participant in the Shanghai Youth Friendship Camp said that it “was a once in a life time experience in China and home stay was the highlight of her Shanghai experience”.
2. The photography tour was a great success and Susan Moss has asked to lead another to Fujian Province in 2019. Details will follow after the Itinerary becomes available.

Info from Colin

I attended a conference in Yanji (Korean area) in June, and Xinjiang (mainly Uighur area) in August. Regarding Xinjiang the terrorist threat, which I think is real, the situation in Xinjiang is much, much tenser than elsewhere, but I definitely think the government is overreacting in terms of its attitude to Islam. The surveillance in Xinjiang seemed excessive to me. While the police (mostly Uighurs themselves by the way) were all very polite to me and nobody did anything threatening to me, I was constantly stopped and being asked to produce my passport. It gave the impression of tenseness and anxiety in society. The situation is very controversial and sensitive and feelings are strong.

Colin Mackerras

Blast from the past

I have been advised by Ian Brodie of an upcoming visit to Hobart. Ian travelled from Scotland to participant in one of our tours. He hosted a few gatherings in Kingston before returning to Scotland. Ian and Lynne Brodie will be in Tasmania from the 3rd January 2019 for a short stay. Ian and Lynne are planning to meet up with their ACFS friends while they are here. I will keep you informed of updates.

“I hope to catch up with ACFS friends on the visit. Ian Brodie/ from Bonnie Scotland. Xx

Chinese Australian History

A new book on the Chinese in Australia is soon to be released. The Comprehensive Chinese Australian History book is a project by the Chinese in Sydney. King Fong OAM is the Chairman of the Organising Committee, David H Lung OAM, is the project and Publication Manager and The Hon. Henry Tsang, OAM is the Project Advisor.

ACFS National has provided a donation and given permission for the publishers of the book to use images from the *Harvest of Endurance Scroll*, to which the Society has copyright. The scroll was commissioned by ACFS as a bi-centenary project in 1988. The history of the Chinese people that is depicted on the 50 metre scroll was researched by Mo Yimei and painted by her brother Mo



Xiangyi with the assistance of Wang Jingwen in the gongbi style. The scroll traces Chinese Australians and their engagement in mining, construction, commerce, and agriculture. It also covers the Chinese Australians influence in political,

social and religious activities. The scroll has 18 panels and took 384 days to complete. The Chinese history images will be used to produce panels which will be gifted to the Overseas Chinese Museum in Beijing in mid November. This project and the scrolls donation will commemorate the 200th Anniversary of Chinese migrants to Australia. Various Chinese organizations have sponsored the panels reproduction.



The final printing of the book began in October in China. The books should arrive in Australia in late November. There will be a launched in Beijing and the Australian scheduled launches will be: Melbourne in November and Sydney in December.



2019 Lunar New Year Festival

The Chinese Community Association of Tasmania (CCAT) has commenced planning for the 2019 Lunar New Year Festival. This will be the seventh edition of the festival. The event continues to grow with the strong support and participation of the local Asian communities. Over 9500 persons attend the last festival. The 2019 festival will continue to be a free event with an interesting mix of family friendly activities.

This event continues to improve and expand as more attractions and activities are added and the CCAT strives to make the festival the largest Asian celebration and the centrepiece of the Tasmanian Lunar New Year.

Details of the festival are as follows:

Date: Sunday 3 February 2019

Location: Lawns of Parliament House, Hobart

Time: 10.00am to 4.00pm

There will continue to be the four zones of activities, namely a

Food zone, Children's zone, Cultural zone and Entertainment zone.

Mr James Lee who has steered the festival so successfully in the previous four years will again be Chairman of the 2019 Lunar New Year Festival.

James contact details are:

Ph: 0401559009 or Email: ccathobart@gmail.com

You can also visit the website or facebook for information and about the previous festivals.

<https://www.facebook.com/TasmanianChineseNewYearFestival/>

<http://www.ccat.asn.au>



Crowd enjoying a lion dance 2018 NYF



Seniors Week Outing

The Migrant Resource Centre (MRC) co-ordinates a Chinese Day Centre which is held at the Chinese Community Association of Tasmania Clubrooms (CCAT) every Thursday from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. The day centre provides a varied program with music, outings and information sessions tailored to suite the older generation who attend. Morning tea is provided and lunch is available at a cost of \$10:00 if you wish to stay. To celebrated seniors week on the

18th October the day centre group went on a bus trip to Willie Smiths Cider House, at Hounville where they had lunch. If you are interested in participating in the day centre activities and you are in need of transport to attend the co-coordinator can advise you of your options. Please phone the Migrant Resource Centre Tasmania on 62 210999 for more information.





Seniors Multi-cultural Lunch

A multi-cultural lunch was held at the Migrant Resource Centre at Glenorchy on Tuesday from 12:00 pm-2:00 pm to celebrate Seniors Week. A huge crowd attended many dressed in their traditional costumes. An abundance of multi-cultural cuisine and entertainment made it a most enjoyable day. Thanks must go to Kym, Nicole and Hannah for their hard work arranging the day.



Visiting Scholar

ACFS committee hosted Zhou Min, who is a visiting scholar at Utas, to a light luncheon at Har Wee Yee Restaurant. Min Zhou is an English teacher in China from Jiliang University in Hangzhou, in southeast China. Zhou Min has been in Tasmania since last year. She is extending her studies in Tasmania on a special scholarship. Although Min is enjoying her stay in Tasmania she misses her husband and daughter.

Photo: M. Ling

Fujian Delegation

A delegation from Fujian Province Tasmania's sister province visited Hobart on the 22nd -23rd October for meetings with the Department State Growth and the Dept. Education and Training International. The delegation from the Fujian Foreign Affairs Office was led by Director General, Mr Wang Tianming. Erin Buttermore, Assistant General Manager of Business and Trade at State Growth hosted a lunch at Asia Gourmet on the Pier attended by the Launceston City

Council, Mark Bowles, General Manager Business and Trade Tasmania, Warwick Clark, International Partnership Manager, Dept. State Growth, Danni Peterson, Homestay, Administrations and Study Tour Officer, Jason Xu, Australian Fujian Association (Tas.) and Jan Everett, Australia China Friendship Society. Jason Xu presented Mr Wang with a copy of book written by himself and Tony Hope on Tasmanian and Fujian sister state/province co-operation over many decades.

The state Government has just recently returned from a trade mission to China and other Asian countries.

Jason Xu presenting the book *Showcasing Tasmania and the Connection to Fujian China*.

Erin Buttermore, Mr Wang and Mark Bowles enjoy lunch.



ACFS Meeting with Fujian Delegation

A meeting on Tuesday the 23rd October, at Hadley's Orient Hotel gave some members of ACFS a chance to catch up with their old friend of many years Director General Wang Tanming, from the Foreign Affairs Office



Fujian Province and Director Huang Shaorong, Division of International Exchanges, Fujian FAO.



Shaorong first official visit to Tasmania was over 20 years ago. Mr Wang thanked ACFS for their friendship over the many decades and extended an invitation for a delegation of ACFS Tasmania members to visit Fujian in 2019 to celebrate the seventieth anniversary of the founding of the Peoples Republic of China. Questioned about the Maritime Silk Road initiative, Mr Wang said that in the five years since this project started

there has been significant development in Fujian with tourism receiving a major boost. The jump in tourism can be linked to Xiamen Airlines establishment of direct flights from overseas countries to Fujian which now number over 40.

Mr Wang with old friends Rosemary and David Andrews. David first visited China in 1975. ACFS Committee members Photos: M Ling

ACFS Photography tour

During the last two weeks of September 2018, I was privileged to host the first Australia China Friendship Society Photographic Tour to the Guilin region.

Seven participants came from Perth and two from the Mornington Peninsula in Victoria. There were two camera club members Frank from the Workshop Camera Club and Bob the Frankston Photographic Club, one professional photographer Nigel from Fremantle and three enthusiasts Hilary, brothers Gabor and Daniel came through the U3A website. Not to forget Frank's wife Christine and Bob's wife Shirley.

A party of 9 plus me, we started our tour in Guangzhou where we were met by Rick Yang Deputy General Manager of Easy Tour China Travel Co Ltd who stayed with us and guided us so capably during our entire trip. Mr He a Guilin photographer joined us at Long Sheng. We all enjoyed seeing his style of photography at a seminar arranged by Rick on one night.



Rick and I had spent quite some time refining the



itinerary to get the best opportunities for our photographers. We were not disappointed in the reality. There were many early starts to capture the sunrise, hundreds of stairs to climb, up and down the sides of mountains, but oh the view when we got there was just stunning. We gladly set up our tripods and set about capturing the best images we could. Bob would say to me 'I am in my seventh heaven Susan' with a great big smile on his face. The group got on famously and enjoyed each other's company, networking and sharing their knowledge. Nigel shared his many years of experience willingly and it was gratefully received by us all.

The weather was quite warm and humid and we were always so pleased to have a cold beer with our meals that were included in our itinerary. Rick would take us to a restaurant and then order the banquet style meal. The food was delicious and always new things to try each day. It was a good thing we were getting plenty of exercise! Check out their great photos on the link.

Photos: Tour group and China leaders Mr He and Rick.

<http://www.susanmossartandphotography.com/the-tour-.html>

Chin Tan, the new Race Discrimination Commissioner

A Victorian multicultural community leader has been named the nation's new race discrimination commissioner, after debate within Government ranks about whether the position is even needed. The former commissioner defended the position, arguing "those who don't experience racism find it easy to say there is no need to combat it".

Attorney-General Christian Porter announced Chin Leong Tan would replace Tim Soutphommasane, who ended his five-year term in August.

Mr Tan was born in Malaysia to Chinese parents, and migrated to Melbourne in the 1980s to attend University, before embarking on a 20-year legal career. After leaving commercial law in 2011, he headed the Victorian Multicultural Commission, and since 2015 he

has been director of multicultural engagement at Swinburne University of Technology.

Speaking in 2013, Chin

Tan said that while racism could never be eliminated, it could be minimised. "We can put in place in the society a sense of who we are, a sense of goodwill and a commitment to become a better society where we understand each other".

He argues he will not shy away from the job in the face of recent political pressures. "I am not in the business of criticising people, but we have to tackle the issues," he said.

SBS



Medical Ships in Pacific

Whether it is an instrument of *soft power* aiming to make inroads of influence in Pacific nations or an humanitarian mission, medical ships are a welcome sight to all those who may benefit from their services. China's 10,000-ton medical ship Daishan Dao, the Peace Ark, has recently visited the Pacific, stopping at Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Fiji and Tonga. The Peace Ark spokesman said it has so far provided free medical treatment to more than 4,000 people in PNG's capital Port Moresby, 4,500 people in Vanuatu, 6,000 in Fiji and more than 5,500 patients in Tonga.

According to Chinese state media, the ship has 300 beds, eight operating theatres, and can conduct 60 surgeries in a day. It is the second visit by Peace Ark since 2014.

In smaller nations with strained health care systems, that is a significant figure and any help is welcome if it alleviates the pressure on their limited health system.

Both the tempo and scale of these humanitarian missions are increasing as strategic competition heats up in the Pacific. China is not the only nation using its navy as a public diplomacy tool. Last week the Indian frigate INS Sahyadri stopped off in Fiji's capital Suva, offering free medical screenings to hundreds of people in a public park. A U.S. Medical ship also visited the Pacific this year.

Radionz/ pacificnews

Tomb Raiders

A gang of Chinese tomb raiders dug underground tunnels to steal priceless objects from a 3,000-year-old Yin Xu royal site.

Local police said they had recovered around 700 artefacts that had been stolen from the royal tombs at the ruins of Yin Xu, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Henan province.

Yin Xu, some 500 kilometres (310 miles) south of Beijing, was the last capital city of the Shang dynasty, which ruled between approximately 1600BC and 1050BC.

It is the first Chinese dynasty for which archaeological evidence exists, including bronze objects that are celebrated for their quality and craftsmanship.

The 30 sq km archaeological site includes a number of palaces and burial grounds where elaborate burial offerings such as chariots and bronze ceramics have been unearthed as well as oracle scripts carved on bones, the earliest form of Chinese writing.

Many of the artefacts stolen were bronze drinking vessels and engravings, police said.

A total of 140 people, have been detained on suspicion of stealing, damaging and reselling cultural relics, police said.

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Golden Week

On October 1, 1949, Mao Zedong declared the formation of the People's Republic of China. Since then the first day of October has been celebrated as Chinese National Day. It signals a week long holiday in Hong Kong, Macau, and mainland China. National Day is also called 'Golden Week'. For many Chinese workers, Golden Week and Chinese New Year are the only two times that it's possible to take extended holidays and an opportunity to reconnect with their families. To some "left behind children" this may be only the second time this year that they will have a visit from their parents. From October 1st half of the nation's 1.38 billion citizens were on the move, as a result, domestic travel skyrockets, more than 710 million in the first week alone. There are frequent reports of crowded trains and congestion with 350 million travelling on the roads where on the weekend a two-hour trip could take up to 10 hours. The only benefit is that there are no tolls for road users in the holiday period. According to the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, people made 502 million trips within China in the first four days of the holiday and



spent 416.9 billion yuan (US\$60.5 billion), an increase of about 8 per cent from the same period last year.



Australia also reaped the benefit with the total Australian transaction volumes over in Alipay alone during the annual Golden Week national holiday surged 105% from 2017, as Chinese tourists took the opportunity to travel to Australia.

Australia ranked ninth globally for Alipay transactions during that week. Australian airports had a particularly strong showing, ranking third in their category worldwide. Alipay, the online and mobile payment platform part owned by Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba Group, has more than 700 million active users in China. In Australia, more than 10,000 merchants accept payments over the platform.

Alipay's ANZ Country Manager, George Lawson, said the growth in Alipay activity in Australia reflects the nation's ongoing attractiveness as a tourist destination, and a concerted push by merchants to cater to Chinese consumers.

Source on Alipay /Technology Decisions



Monument to the Peoples Heroes.

Martyrs Day

Senior leaders of the Communist Party of China and the state paid tribute and lay flowers at the Monument to the People's Heroes in Tian'anmen Square on 28th September to commemorate those national heroes who lost their lives for national independence. It is one of three celebrations for those sacrificed their lives. The other two are for the "National Memorial Day", Nanjing Massacre and "Victory Day" for the end of the Chinese People's War of Resistance with Japan.

Manufacturing Slows in China

China's manufacturing sector activities have cooled more sharply than expected in September to its slowest pace in more than a year with export orders shrinking for a fourth month, dealing a heavier blow to the world's second-largest economy. The gloomy findings reinforce views of a further cooling in China's economy in coming months, as the United States ramps up tariffs on Chinese goods. That is likely to prompt more spending and other growth boosting steps from Beijing. The official Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), released by the National Bureau of Statistics fell to a seven-month low of 50.8 in September from 51.3 in August, but remained above the 50-point mark that separates growth from contraction for the 26th straight month.

Source/Economic



ACFS Tour Information

Unique Yellow Sea Spring Birdwatching Tour

05-14 May 2019

Led by Brian Boyd

Brian Boyd - Tour Leader

Brian Boyd's passion is bird-watching, which started nearly sixty years ago.

Today as an active Member of Birdlife Australia, Brian continues his lifelong love of all things ornithological. He has criss-crossed Australia many times, including visits through its far northern rainforests, thirteen deserts and a number of key offshore pelagic waters, in search of many elusive bird species.

Brian says bird watching is now in his DNA and he loves encouraging others to enjoy its unique pleasures.



Some of the highlights of the tour will be:

- **Rudong, Jiangsu.** Saunders Gull, Black-faced spoonbill, the endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper
- **Hangzhou, Zhejiang.** Crested Ibis may be spotted.
- **Wuyuan, Jiangxi.** Blue-crowned Laughing thrush, endemic Masked Laughing thrush, and Hwamei.
- **In China the tour includes the expertise of China Coastal Waterbird Census surveyors' team who have been working as volunteers for over 10 years. A percentage of the tour cost is donated to the operation of this work.**

The booking deadline for this tour is 31 January 2019.

For a full itinerary contact China Best Tours

CBT Holidays Toll free 1300 886 678

Or

Australia China Friendship Society Ltd Email: hanley@iinet.net.au

Upcoming Tour: International Horticultural Expo in Beijing

Discussions have commenced to plan a 2019 September tour to include next year's Beijing Expo. The expo is an accredited A1 international horticultural exhibition that will cover an area of 503 ha. 'Live Green, Live Better' is the theme with 'Integrating Horticulture into Nature and Touching Souls with Nature' as the philosophy, of the expo park in Yanqing district, Beijing. The expo will demonstrate the application of most advanced technologies as well as featured horticultural achievements from all over the world. If you have green thumbs keep this tour in mind.

ACFS has been arranging tours to China since 1963.

Australia China Friendship Society

(Tas.) Inc.

ACFS Tasmania is an independent, voluntary organization that was founded in 1964 with the aim of promoting friendship and understanding between the peoples of Australia and the People's Republic of China. There was also the aim to secure the diplomatic recognition of the Chinese government by the Australian government. This objective was achieved in 1972.

The Society consists of people with interests in the diverse aspects of life in China and furthering strong relations between our two countries.

We aim to stimulate and help satisfy Tasmanian's interest in China, past and present. We aim to know what is happening between Tasmania and China in any sphere (education, trade, adoption, tourism, food, language, medicine, music, art, crafts and sister state relations).

We aim to have an attractive program that helps our members keep in touch with as many of the Tasmania – China – Tasmania links as possible.

We offer hospitality to visiting and newly arrived Chinese.

ACFS Tasmania is a supporter of the teaching of mandarin in schools, colleges and universities. ACFS has supported its inclusion in Tasmanian education system since 1995. We maintain close ties with the Chinese Community Associations in Tasmania.

We are connected to ACFS associate members in Australian states and territories.

ACFS receive invitations to join official delegations to China.

There are special interest tours to China that are available at discounted prices to members.

Membership of a branch is open to any person or corporation who agrees with the objectives of the Society and makes payment of the membership fee.

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Membership Form (Circle choice)

I seek to **renew / apply for** membership of the ACFS (TAS).

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(Name)

Title First name & Initial Surname

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Student/Pension/Concession \$10

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