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NEW ZEALAND CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY WELLINGTON BRANCH NEWSLETTER
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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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CHINESE NEW YEAR BANQUET

The Wellington Branch of the NZ China Friendship Society invites you to join us welcoming in the Year of the Pig at our Chinese New Year Banquet.

The programme will feature our traditional Quiz Contest and Raffles.

The Ambassador of the People's Republic of China, Patron Hon Philip Burdon, Wellington Deputy Mayor Jill Day, and National President Dave Bromwich have been invited.

Date: Sunday, 3 February 2019, 6.30pm

Location: Grand Century Chinese Restaurant, 84 Tory Street, Wellington

Cost: \$35 per person (cost includes wine and juice)

To book, please download and fill out the RSVP form at: <http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/?p=33839>

Send your completed form to the Society at wgtncfs@gmail.com by 28 January 2019.

(Note: There is also the option to commence/renew your membership with us for the 2019 year.)

We hope to see you all there!

NZCFS WELLINGTON BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Following earthquake strengthening of Connolly Hall in Thorndon, the NZCFS Wellington Branch will resume holding our monthly meetings here. The NZCFS Wellington Branch Annual General Meeting will be the first meeting of 2019, and will be held on Wednesday 20 March 2019. The Agenda will be emailed to members closer to the time, and nominations are welcomed. Members are encouraged to stand for one of the elected positions. Nominations should be made on the nomination forms and sent to the Secretary. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the meeting.

NZCFS NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE

The Wellington Branch will hold the National NZCFS Annual General Meeting and Conference in May 2019. More details on the programme and dates will be available soon, along with information on how to register for the event.

WELLINGTON'S 2019 CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVAL: SATURDAY 9 & SUNDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2019

欢乐春节
**chinese
new year
festival
2019**



sat 9 february
east meets west show
7-9pm
TSB Bank Arena

GOLD COIN ENTRY



sat 9 february
festival fireworks
9:30pm
Wellington Waterfront

GOLD COIN ENTRY

sun 10 february
**asian
market**
11am - 4pm
TSB Bank Arena &
Shed 6
FREE

sun 10 february
**street
parade**
2pm - 3pm
Courtenay Place to
Frank Kitts
FREE

sun 10 february
**cultural
entertainment**
11am - 5pm
TSB Bank Arena
FREE

THE QIN: THE FIRST CHINESE EMPIRE AND THE FIRST EMPEROR - VICTORIA UNIVERSITY COURSE

The Qin Dynasty (221-206 BCE), China's first unified empire, established the parameters of a civilisation that was to become the world's longest continuous one. At the conclusion of this short course, you will have developed an appreciation of the historical and cultural dimensions of this dynasty, and an understanding of its lasting legacy.

Victoria University of Wellington is offering a two week course on the Qin: The first Chinese Empire and the first Emperor from 5 February 2019. To register, please visit:

<https://ce.victoria.ac.nz/courses/632-the-qin-the-first-chinese-empire-and-the-first-emperor>

Between December 2018 and April 2019, Te Papa Tongarewa: Museum of New Zealand is hosting an exhibition of objects (including a number of terracotta soldiers from the tomb complex of the First Emperor of the Qin) largely sourced from the Shaanxi History Museum, People's Republic of China, entitled "Terracotta Warriors: Guardians of Immortality". This course is a great companion piece to the exhibition and will appeal to anyone with an interest in Chinese history and archaeology.

By the end of this course, you will have gained a greater understanding of:

- aspects of the history of the Qin dynasty, the first of China's unified dynasties.
- the measures that both enabled this unification and those that worked to bring the dynasty to its rapid collapse.
- the lingering legacy of this dynasty in terms of ideal of a single unified Chinese empire that it served to establish.
- the nature of the power and authority required to maintain unity down through time in the face of vast diversity of geography, ethnicity, and culture.



TERRACOTTA WARRIORS FAMILY DAY AT TE PAPA

Kids, drop in with friends and whānau for a fun day packed with free activities, inspired by the Terracotta Warriors exhibition – make, play, and share!

- Help decorate a larger-than-life dragon. Then roar through the museum in a dragon parade!
- Imagine what the terracotta warriors looked like when they were freshly painted, 2,000 years ago. Colour in your own warrior and help assemble an army.

- Put yourself in the shoes of a Chinese migrant making the difficult journey to New Zealand 150 years ago with Golden Threads, a choose-your-own-adventure game.
- Would your guardian animal be real or mythical? Learn about the animals that can be found in the exhibition, and come up with your own characters.
- Unearth the stories of ordinary and extraordinary objects. What do they tell us about how people lived long ago? Share your discoveries by sending a postcard to someone you care about.

When: Wed 23 Jan 2019, 11.00am–4.00pm

Where: Level 4, Te Papa

Cost: Free event

More information: <https://www.tepapa.govt.nz/visit/whats-on/events/terracotta-warriors-family-day>

MULTICULTURAL SHOW AND LANTERN WORKSHOPS AT TE PAPA

Striking costumes, thumping drum beats, and elaborate dancing from around the world. Plus the chance to make your own Chinese lantern.

When: Sat 26 Jan 2019, 10.30am–12.30pm

Where: Wellington Foyer and Te Marae, Te Papa

Cost: Free event

Performances

Experience multicultural performances from Wellington’s diverse and vibrant dance communities as they celebrate Terracotta Warriors: Guardians of Immortality.

10.30am Chinese Opera and Lion Dance in Wellington Foyer

10.40am–12.30pm Multicultural Performances at Te Marae

Lantern making workshops

Join a free Chinese lantern making workshop in time for the Chinese New Year. Book a session starting at either 11am or 12.30pm. These workshops are aimed at primary school children but adults are welcome to take part. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

To book and for more information, please visit: <https://www.tepapa.govt.nz/visit/whats-on/events/multicultural-show-and-lantern-workshops>

SISTER CITIES NEW ZEALAND TRIP TO CHINA

By Marcus Boshier, SCNZ Director

The China International Friendship Cities Conference was initiated in 2008. It is held every two years. The Conference is a partnership between the Chinese People’s Association for Friendships with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC) and the host city. It is one of the most influential platforms for China’s local governments to carry out international exchanges.



Marcus Boshier & Hiromi Morris (SCNZ) Lesley Soper, Invercargill City Councillor and Bernard Duncan, Chair Christchurch China SC Committee, with their respective awards presented at the CIFC to recognise their cities commitment to its relationship with China.

This year the Conference was held in Wuhan, Sister City to Christchurch. There were more than 700 delegates, 300 foreign representatives from 60 countries, and Chinese representatives from 115 cities and districts. The theme for the Conference was Sharing Development Opportunities and Deepening Win-win Cooperation.

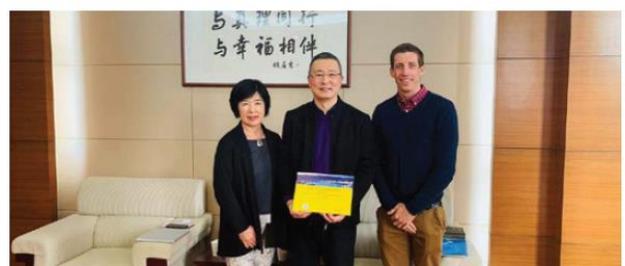
Hiromi Morris, President, SCNZ, spoke on internationalisation— enhancing urban international competitiveness. Hiromi spoke, on the Auckland, LA, Guangzhou Tripartite Economic Alliance. Tim Quigley, President of Sister Cities Foundation, USA also spoke about the Tripartite Agreement. This is a huge accolade for Auckland and New Zealand. Hiromi also spoke about the up-coming China New Zealand year of tourism. This was very warmly received, as was information kindly provided by Tourism NZ made available to delegates at the New Zealand promotional table. We look forward to seeing what opportunities are born out of this initiative.

A message that resonated from the Conference was importance of maintaining and growing our local and people to people relationship now more than ever. That while there may be tensions at a State level, sister cities can still and should still seek to develop and flourish. It was amazing to hear the stories of the speakers and of the wide and varied nature of sister city relationships around the world. From relationships founded on the fact two cities were the respective birthplaces of pre-eminent writers, to a shared interest in technology to natural resources. The opportunities are vast and sister cities provides an incredible stepping stone to engage with other cities meaningfully and to develop these interests.

The host for the next China International Friendship Cities Conference was announced. I will be held in Kunming, Yunnan Province—Sister City of New Plymouth—in 2020. In addition to the Conference the New Zealand delegates spent valuable time with representatives from various sister cities and Chinese organisations—continuing to build relationships and look for opportunities to collaborate.

For more information, please visit:

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/cddfff6f74e2a175668f66570/files/e678109e-c0ee-4bb4-98a1-be2c067819dd/SCNZ_Newsletter_Dec18.pdf



Clockwise from top left: Hiromi Morris presents on Internationalisation — enhancing urban international competitiveness at the CIFIC Conference; Hiromi and Marcus with Mr Jin Xiaodong, Principal of Hangzhou Jiangnan Experimental School; Ms Dong Dandan of Zhejiang Provincial Affairs Department (far left) and Mr Xu Xiangang, English teacher of Hangzhou Xuejun Middle School (far right); Tourism NZ and SCNZ promotional table set up at the CIFIC to raise awareness for China NZ year of tourism

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