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Photos: Mogao Cave Paintings

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ACFS Annual General Meeting

Date: Thursday 28th March

Time: 7:15 for 7:30 start

Venue: Josh Willies Meeting Room

1/16 Albert Road, Moonah

Minutes, agenda and nomination forms will be forwarded in the following week.

Members are encouraged to attend so that we have a quorum. We are also seeking members to nominate for the committee.

Membership renewal forms can be found on page 11 and payment can be made by direct debit to the CBA account of ACFS (Tas.) Inc or by check to PO Box: 186 South Hobart, Tas. 7004.

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Meeting with New Director of QVMAG

Professor Wong and Mrs Nancy Wong were invited to a lunch time meeting at Sea Port on Monday the 25th February by the new Director of the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Ms Tracy Puklowski. The discussions over lunch centred around Tracy's visions for its future. Professor Wong was asked to share his ideas and the level of involvement he would be willing to have in enhancing the Chinese element in the museum, which included incorporating more Chinese art and the Chinese heritage of the area.

Ms Puklowski took up her new role as the City of Launceston's Director of Creative Arts and Cultural Services (including QVMAG) in October 2018. Tracy was born in the United Kingdom, spent some of her younger years living in Melbourne, and most recently has served as the Director of the National Army Museum in Waiouru, New Zealand. Tracy has extensive experience in the cultural heritage areas which include a Bachelor Arts History-English, a Master of Art History (Hons), a Post-Graduate Diploma in Museum Studies and is a graduate of the Getty Museum Leadership program.

Ms Puklowski's aim is for more vibrant and welcoming spaces and displays to entice greater visitor numbers.



Tourism: A good servant, a bad master

The World Heritage site of the Mogao Grottoes, Dunhuang Gansu Province is China's preeminent ancient Buddhist site on the Silk Road, comprising nearly 500 cave temples (4th to the 14th centuries) with magnificent wall paintings and sculptures. The site was gradually abandoned between the 15th-18th centuries. The caves were stripped of a great number of their valuable artworks and library following its rediscovery by Sir Aurel Stein in 1907 which included the oldest printed copy of *Diamond Sutra*.

In 1987 the Mogao Grottoes were placed on the UNESCO World Heritage list. In 1988 the Getty Conservation Institute began working with the Dunhuang Academy to find strategies to manage and conserve the site. The fragile ancient Buddhist art in the caves are now facing a greater threat than time or the elements; mass tourism.

On the 4th March two leading specialists, Dr Neville Agnew and Dr Martha Demas spoke to a packed lecture theatre



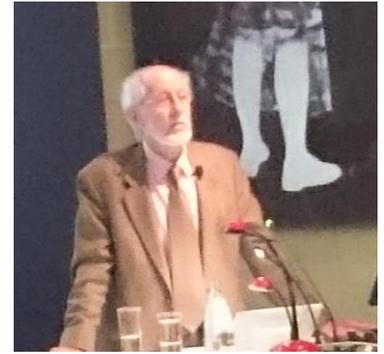
at the Law Faculty, UTAS which was held in partnership with the College of Arts, Law and Education and Port Arthur Historic Sites. Neville is a senior principal project specialist at the Getty Conservation Institute (GCI). He holds a doctorate in chemistry and has taught at universities in South Africa and Australia. He joined the GCI in 1988 and has worked in China for thirty years.

Martha is a senior project specialist at the Getty Conservation Institute who has a doctorate in archaeology and master's degree in historic preservation planning.

New Chinese Consul-General

Melbourne welcomed the new Victorian and Tasmanian Chinese Consul-General, Mr LONG Zhou and partner Ms CHU Wenrong on the 10th February 2019. Mr Long replaces Consul-General ZHOU Jian who has been transferred to a new post in Chicago, US after two years in Australia. **Photo: courtesy Anthony Leong President ACFS Vic.**

Since 1990 when she joined the GCI, she has been involved in many of the institute's international field projects in China and other significant sites around the world.



The lecture concentrated on the impact of tourism on this and other historical sites, ways to manage and protect them, while at the same time recognising tourism as a pillar industry. This situation has been the basis for a comprehensive approach to managing visitation and establishing visitor impact and capacity studies from 2000.

Tourist numbers have grown significantly from 20,000 in 1980, 550,000 in 2016 and have now reaching 1.93 million in 2018.

This is due to some extent to tourists now finding it much easier to be able to reach the area of the grottoes. There has been an upgrading of infrastructure in the areas surrounding the grottoes with a substantial airport, new bullet train from Lanzhou to Dunhuang and a new expressway. The rise of independent tourists, the lure of desert adventures and Silk Road tourism have also had an impact on visitor numbers.

Since 2001 strategies have begun to be implemented to protect this fragile site by controlling humidity, CO2 emissions, and salt contamination. In 2014 the car parks and the visitor centre were relocated off site; visitors are also limited on a cave to cave basis and a two tiered ticketing system to limit visitor numbers was implemented.

These measures are just scratching the tip of the iceberg and the underlying problems are still complex ones to be solved to protect this amazing site.



Visit by Ambassador Cheng Jingye

The Peoples Republic of China's Ambassador to Australia visited Hobart in February. It was the Ambassador CHENG Jingye's first visit to the state after an earlier scheduled one was cancelled last year. At an informal buffet lunch at Asian Gourmet on the Pier on Wednesday 20th February, held for leaders of Chinese associations in Hobart, Ambassador Cheng, spoke of the long friendship between Tasmania and China, the cooperation in trade with the state, the many students that are enjoying their time studying in Tasmania, and the growing numbers of Chinese tourists who come to explore Tasmania, many of whom are now coming independently.



Photo: TANG Yongbei

Ambassador Cheng, also visited Launceston where he met students from Scotch Oakburn College. The college has a strong connection to China. Students from Scotch Oakburn had previously met President Xi Jinping when he visited this state.

New wind farm

TasPorts have welcomed the arrival of the first of the massive wind turbine blades destined for the Goldwind Australia's 144MW Cattle Hill Wind Farm. The blades had been delayed at Bell Bay, where construction of the components is situated, until the bushfire emergency in the Central Highlands was over.

The project will consist of 48 turbines, producing up to 150 MW of clean renewable electricity. Construction of the project is underway after the successful completion of site access works by Hazell Brothers.

The wind farm is aimed to become fully operational in late 2019. The oversize turbine components will be transported by 528 semi-trailer loads from Bell Bay to the project site.

Tasmania's wind energy capacity is set to be boosted by 50 per cent, when the construction of the Goldwind Australia's Cattle Hill wind farm is completed in the central highlands. Cattle Hill Wind Farm is located on the eastern shore of Lake Echo in the southern side of the Central Plateau of Tasmania.

China-based Goldwind announced in June last year the construction of the 49-turbine project, alongside a long-term power purchase agreement with state-owned power retailer Aurora Energy.

Once completed, Cattle Hill Wind Farm is expected to provide enough clean energy to power around 63,500 Tasmanian homes a year. TasNetworks have been approved to undertake the capital works needed to connect the wind farm to the Tasmanian grid.

Construction of the \$280 million 13 turbine Goldwind Granville Harbour wind farm began in January.

John Titchen, Managing Director of Goldwind Australia has more than twenty years experience in the electricity industry in Australia with hydro Tasmania. He has said that

Australia has a "real need" to decarbonise and reduce omissions and Tasmania has the ability to do this. Mr Titchen spends his week commuting between Tasmania and mainland Australia.

Source: Fair dinkum power news

John Titchen and Dennis Zheng in Hobart.



15th Shanghai International Youth Camp

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The 15th Shanghai International Youth Interactive Friendship Camp 2019, co-organized by Shanghai People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (SPAFFC) and Shanghai Youth Federation, will be held from July 16 to July 25, 2019 (10 days) in Shanghai. Teenagers from all over the world are welcome to apply for it.

ACFS has been successfully involved with this camp for many years. We have again been invited to send five students and a chaperone for this year's camp. The feedback we have had from those who have attended in previous years has been that they have had "an amazing time and met so many like minded students from countries around the world".



Applicants shall be from 14 to 18 years old (**born between July 16 2001 and July 16 2005**) with at least medium level of English communication skills. Applicants shall have an open mind and willingness to learn a different culture. Priority will be given to those who can speak Chinese or are studying Chinese.

All applicants shall cover the international travel expenses while SPAFFC will covers the cost of event, accommodation and necessary transportation in Shanghai for the camp period. If you would like further information please email:

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Photos: SPAFFC

2019 China International Import Expo (CIIE)

Due to the success of the 2018 Expo, Shanghai will again be the host city for the 2019 CIIE. The expo is planned for November and will be held at the National Exhibition and Convention Centre. The expo will be organised and supported by the Ministry of Commerce of the Peoples Republic of China.

ACFS Directors Meeting 6th March Report to members

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As the ACFS Tas. Director and representative on the national board I have included some reports for your information. President Matthews report has been edited as much of the information contained in it has already been circulated in previous newsletters.

President's report

The Year of the Pig 2019 started off with great enthusiasm and activities to celebrate the new year and I hope it brings you wealth and good fortune.

2018 FRIENDSHIP FORUM: It was a pleasure to lead the Australian ACFS delegation to the 2018 Friendship Forum in Hainan Province, China. The forum was followed by the Pacific China Friendship Association Annual General Meeting.

Dr Ottino from Tahiti was elected President and Mr Anthony Leong was appointed as Secretary General. Mr John Brehney ACFS Ltd. was elected to the board.

A presentation from Wuxi SunTech Power Company showed how their sustainable technologies can be utilized especially across the Pacific Region to benefit communities, ending with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between Wuxi Suntech and PCFA.

The meeting concluded with general consensus, willingness and co-operation to partner on future projects to benefit the communities of the Pacific Region.

SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL INTERACTIVE FRIENDSHIP YOUTH CAMP: ACFS Ltd has a busy year ahead with the Shanghai International Youth Camp in July 2019.

SHANGHAI VISIT: I have had the pleasure of accepting the kind invitation of the SPAFFC to visit Shanghai in 2019. During the second week of May, I will lead a delegation of four ACFS members where we will be able to develop and strengthen our relationship with them. I am looking forward to this visit as it is over forty years since I have stayed in this city.

The delegates are: Pres. Robin Matthews (Vic), Jan Everett (Tas), Martin Wu (WA), Tower Liu (Vic) and Roz Hanley(WA)

Robin Matthew National President, ACFS National

SOUTH PACIFIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT: PCFA

Late November 2018 was a busy and important time for the South Pacific and the Pacific China Friendship Association (PCFA). Our AGM was held in Sanya City, Hainan Island, where a new Constitution was ratified and policies were viewed. President Dr Hiria Ottino was re-elected and I was appointed to the new position of Secretary General.

We wasted not a moment, with immediate planning trips made for December, January, late-February (postponed to March), then April for the 2nd anniversary of the Belt and Road Initiatives, followed by the PCFA office opening in late-May.

To cement our partner relationship with both Huawei and the Pacific Island Development Forum, I travelled to Suva in December 2018 to discuss parameters for cooperation. Collating those notes, I then travelled early February 2019 to firm up arrangements and highlight important items needing clarification.

With 16 Member nations, the PCFA is rapidly expanding and becoming a force for change and progress within the Pacific region. We will be opening an office in Beijing in late-May, with a tour of our partners' facilities in Shanghai, Xian, Ningpo and Shenzhen following the celebrations. We will also be looking to increase our suite of partners to offer our Members the best in resolving their wants and needs.

I am proud to be a part of a young, vibrant and active organisation which can make a difference to improving the lives and standards of living for our Pacific sisters and brothers. Anthony M Leong Director, Pacific Affairs. 2019-02-27

China's toilet

April 2015, Chinese President Xi Jinping called for a "toilet revolution" in order to clean up unhygienic bathroom conditions at tourist attractions.

Almost four years in to the program, China has spent 21 billion yuan building or renovating 68,000 public bathrooms at tourist sites across the country.

Authorities are improving quantity, distribution and management, as well as making facilities more environmentally friendly and educating toilet users' on hygienic behavior.

There has been a substantial improvement as any traveller to China in recent years will agree but there are still thousands more toilets to go as authorities try to improve public sanitation and clean up the country's international reputation. [Source: China.org.cn](http://China.org.cn)

Looted Vessel returned

A Chinese bronze vessel known as the Bronze Tiger Ying looted from the Old Summer Palace, has returned to China and is now on display at the National Museum of China, in Beijing. The vessel was auctioned in April 2018 by Britain's Canterbury Auction Galleries. The buyer, through the auction house, contacted China's State Administration of Cultural Heritage (SACH) and expressed hope for an unconditional donation. Resources show the vessel, once belonging to the royal family of the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), was taken away by British military officer from the Old Summer Palace, when it was sacked and destroyed in 1860 during the invasion of Anglo-French allied forces. China.org.cn/arts

Hybrid Rice by 2020

Chinese agricultural scientist Yuan Longping China's "father of hybrid rice" and his research team's experiment of planting saltwater-tolerant rice in desert areas of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates has been successful, with one type of rice yielding more than 7.5 tons per hectare, Xinhua reported.

So-called saltwater-tolerant rice is designed to grow in tidal flats or other areas with heavy salt content. It was the world's first successful case of planting rice in a tropical desert area.

The rice experiment was prompted by an invitation from the private investment office of the ruler of the Emirate of Dubai, according to Zhang Guodong, deputy director at the Qingdao Saline-Alkali Tolerant Rice Research and Development Center in Shandong province.

The Center, led by Yuan, China's "father of hybrid rice", was founded in 2016 to help expand the farming of salt-tolerant varieties of rice. The new hybrid rice is expected to be promoted to across the country by 2020.

[Source: nextbigfuture.com](http://nextbigfuture.com)

China's Coffee

Pu'er, a border city in southwest China's Yunnan Province, is home to the country's most sought-after tea, Pu-erh.

Over the past century, Yunnan made several minor attempts at growing coffee, but it wasn't until Nestle first introduced the Catimor variety to Pu'er in late 1980s that the coffee business really took off.

Statistics from the provincial agricultural department showed that Yunnan produced 136,000 tonnes of coffee beans last year, accounting for more than 95 percent of total production nationwide, with half coming from Pu'er.

Most coffee growers in the region are individual farmers. Their coffee beans are usually purchased by the world's big coffee brands as raw material.

China is now one of the top 10 coffee producers worldwide. An industry report showed that the country's coffee consumption is growing at 15-20 percent annually, much faster than the international average growth rate of 2 percent. In 2007 there were just 15,906 cafes across China now that number has risen to approximately 15,950. [Source: SBS News](http://SBS News)



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China Photography Tour

13 day tour to Shanghai, Lishui, Xiapu, Xiamen, Nan Jing (Fujian),

The Australia China Friendship Society invites you to join Susan Moss on a photographic tour to the beautiful area of China in October 2019.

Visit Shanghai, enjoy rural life in the Chinese Autumn, visit old villages, including Hakku Earth buildings & the sea.

Tour leader: Mrs Susan Moss

Photography is Susan's passion. She is both a photographer and a watercolour artist. Initially taking photos as reference for her art work, her artistic eye comes into play when composing images in camera. Inspiration for her photography comes from her love of colour and travel.

Susan has enjoyed photographic tours to Vietnam 2014, India 2016 & 2017 and the ACFS China tour 2018. She is a member of the Western Australian Camera Club.

Susan has been visiting China since 1978 & looks forward to accompanying this group.

The Australian Photographer of the Year 2018 first shortlist has been announced and Susan's portfolio 'Inspiring China' four images from the recent tour, are included on the list.

View the images www.susanmossartandphotography.com

Itinerary

Day 1: 10 Oct Australia → Guangzhou → Shanghai

Today you will take China Southern Airlines flight from Australia to Guangzhou then connect the flight to Shanghai, upon arrival, please collect your luggage and meet your tour guide and drive back to the hotel for 3 night.

Sydney flight: **CZ326 1130/1830** to Guangzhou, then connect the flight **CZ3595 2000/2225** on to Shanghai **Melbourne**

flight: **CZ344 1030/1745** to Guangzhou, then connect the flight **CZ3595 2000/2225** on to Shanghai

Brisbane flight: **CZ382 1010/1715** to Guangzhou, then connect the flight **CZ3595 2000/2225** on to Shanghai

Adelaide flight: **CZ664 0910/1810** to Guangzhou, then connect the flight **CZ3595 2000/2225** on to Shanghai

Perth flight: **CZ320 0025/0825** to Guangzhou, then connect the flight **CZ3550 1035/1300** on to Shanghai.

(Perth people will depart at **midnight on 9 Oct**)

Accommodation: SSAW Boutique Hotel Shanghai Bund (4*, 3 nights)



Day 13: 22 Oct Xiamen ✈ Guangzhou ✈ Australia

Today you will be transferred to Xiamen airport for the flight to Guangzhou, then connect the flight back to Australia.

Return to Sydney flight: CZ3742 1445/1620 connecting CZ325 2125/0925+1 (arriving on 23 Oct)

Return to Melbourne flight: CZ3742 1445/1620 connecting CZ321 2100/0940+1 (arriving on 23 Oct)

Return to Brisbane flight: CZ3742 1445/1620 connecting CZ381 2120/0825+1 (arriving on 23 Oct)

Return to Perth flight: CZ3724 0915/1045, connect CZ319 1420/2225

Return to Adelaide flight: there is no flight back to Adelaide on 22 Oct from Guangzhou, so either staying one extra night in Xiamen or Guangzhou at your own cost.

ACFS member price: \$4610.00 per person, Non member price: \$4710.00 per person

Single supplement: \$750.00

*****Minimum group number: 10 people*****

Inclusions:

1. Twin share at the hotels as mentioned in the itinerary or similar.
2. Fully inclusive tour with English speaking guide, entrance fees, meals as per itinerary
3. Private tour escorted by English Speaking guides in Shanghai and Xiamen, Chinese speaking guides with Photography experiences in Lishui and Xiapu
4. A professional English speaking national guide will escort the group from start to end
5. China Southern Airlines airfare departing from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth to Shanghai via Guangzhou and back from Xiamen via Guangzhou on economy class including taxes and fuel surcharges. (Return to Adelaide is not available on the day, staying one extra night in Xiamen or Guangzhou at your own cost)
6. First class train tickets Shanghai-Lishui-Xiapu-Xiamen
7. Travel by luxury, air-conditioned coaches whilst in China.
8. Chinese tea and one glass of soft drink included in all lunches and dinners.
9. All tipping.
10. CBT travel wallet and travel bag.

Exclusions:

1. China Visa application fees.
2. Personal expenses.
3. Travel insurance (Strongly recommended).

This ACFS tour ran very successfully last year.

If you are interested in participating, details are available from China Bestours (Sydney) or contact jan7777@bigpond.com for the full itinerary.

View the images www.susanmossartandphotography.com

Australia China Friendship Society

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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).

YEAR: _____

(Name)

Title First name & Initial Surname

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Postal Address.....

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Personal Membership \$15

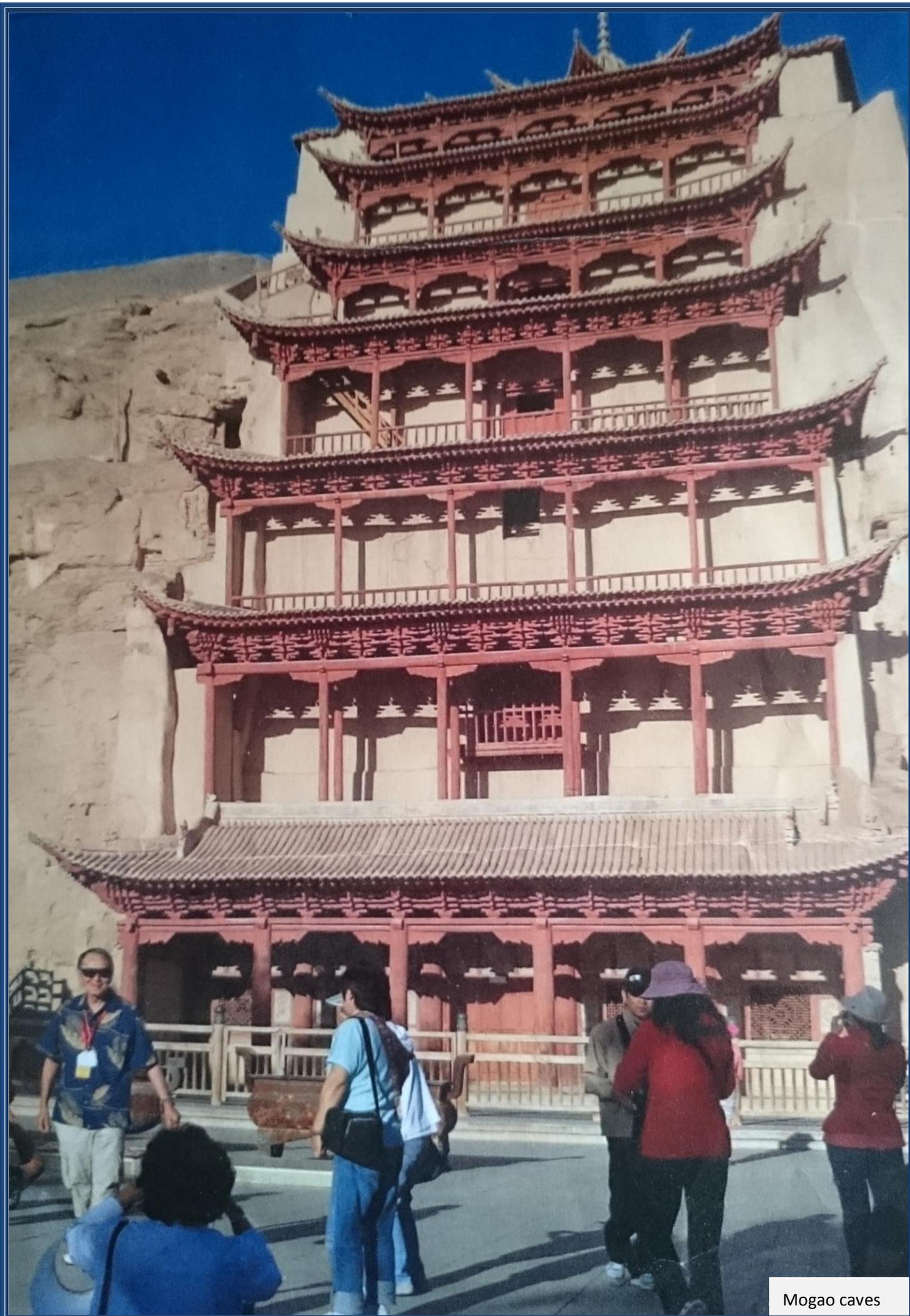
Student/Pension/Concession \$10

Associate Membership \$20

Mailed newsletters \$10 for postage P.A.

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Mogao caves