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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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Instead of our usual Branch meeting at Connolly Hall, members are invited to attend:

Dr Elizabeth Economy

speaking on

Xi Jinping's Third Revolution and the Future of US-China Relations

Venue: Hunter Council Chamber, Hunter Building, Kelburn Campus, Victoria University

Time: Wednesday 19 June 2019 at 5.30pm

Please register for free at: <https://nzccrc10years.eventbrite.co.nz>

The New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre is pleased to invite you to celebrate its 10th Anniversary with a Public Lecture by Dr Elizabeth Economy who will speak on Xi Jinping's Third Revolution and the Future of U.S.-China Relations.

Xi Jinping is transforming China at home and abroad. Inheriting a China burdened with slowing economic growth, rampant corruption, choking pollution, and a failing social welfare system, President Xi has reversed course, rejecting the liberalizing reforms of his predecessors. At home, the Chinese leadership has reasserted the role of the state into society and enhanced Party and state control.

Beyond its borders, Beijing has recast itself as a great power, seeking to reclaim its past glory and to create a system of international norms that better serves its more ambitious geostrategic objectives. Will China realize these domestic and foreign policy goals under Xi? How should the United States and others respond in order to protect and advance their own interests?

Elizabeth Economy is the C.V. Starr senior fellow and director for Asia studies at the Council on Foreign Relations and a distinguished visiting fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution

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MEETING DATES FOR 2019 – CONNOLLY HALL

Normal Branch meetings will resume at Connolly in July. The dates Connolly Hall has been booked for monthly meetings this year are Wednesdays 17 July, 21 August, 18 September, 16 October and 20 November 2019.



NZCFS 2019 NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND AGM, WELLINGTON

The Wellington Branch of the New Zealand China Friendship Society (NZCFS) proudly hosted the National Conference and Annual General Meeting on Friday 24 May to Sunday 26 May 2019. The theme of the Conference was 敢问路在何方 (Gǎn wèn lù zài hé fāng): Dare to ask where to from here!



HE Ms Wu Xi giving her keynote address

The Branch gives special thanks to the keynote speakers, Her Excellency Ms Wu Xi, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China, Mr Xie Yuan, Vice-President of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, Mr Ray Wallace, Hutt City Council Mayor, Mr Mike Tana, Porirua City Mayor and Mr Dave Bromwich, NZCFS National President. The Branch also welcomed representatives from Sister Cities NZ, the Confucius Institute of Victoria University of Wellington and the Wellington Chinese Association, along with NZCFS delegates and friends from across New Zealand.



From Left: Kirk McDowall, Mike Tana, Ray Wallace, HE Ms Wu Xi, Hiromi Morris, Xie Yuan and Dave Bromwich

The conference began on Friday evening with two performances from the Oriental Dance Academy, followed by speeches from Dave Bromwich and Luke Qin, Wellington Chinese Association President. Both spoke on growing and maintaining the relationship between New Zealand and China, and the important role locally based organisations have in building the people to people connections. Following the welcoming, the Branch hosted a

banquet dinner at Dragons Restaurant on Tory Street.

On Saturday the Wellington Branch welcomed over 50 NZCFS delegates and guests from across the country to hear keynote speakers and presentations on the theme: Dare to ask where to from here! Guests were greeted by performances from the Oriental Cultural and Performing Arts Group to begin the conference. Her Excellency Ms Wu Xi opened the conference and spoke on the importance of the relationship between New Zealand and China, and the role of the NZCFS has in building the connection. The link to the Ambassador's speech can be found at the end of the article.



From left: HE Ms Wu Xi, Dave Bromwich, Xie Yuan, Ray Wallace, Mike Tana and Tony Browne

The Branch was fortunate to host a delegation from the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC) in Beijing, led by Vice-President Mr Xie Yuan, who also gave a keynote address. In addition, the Branch welcomed Mr Ray Wallace, Hutt City Council Mayor and Mr Mike Tana, Porirua City Mayor, who echoed the importance of people-to-people relations, and building awareness and understanding of China and wider diversity within our communities. Each keynote address highlighted the importance of the goals and aims of the NZCFS.

Throughout the day, the audience heard a range of speakers, including Tony Browne, Chair of VUW Confucius Institute, followed by four Mandarin Language Assistants as well as Celia Wade-Brown, Hiromi Morris, President of Sister Cities New Zealand, and a range of presentations focused on New Zealand and China. The Wellington Branch thanks all the speakers and a list of all presentations can be found below. Following the presentations, the Conference Celebration Banquet was hosted at Grand Century on Tory Street, which was attended by over 50 delegates, members and friends.



HE Ms Wu Xi, Mr Xie Yuan and Mr Dave Bromwich with NZCFS members

On Sunday 26 May, the Annual General Meeting of the Society was held, which included the election of the National President and National Executive Officers for 2019-2020. Reports on the activities of the Society and Branches over the past year were tabled at the meeting.

A number of attendees have expressed appreciation of the high calibre of speakers and topics for the conference, and we thank all those who could attend. The Branch especially thanks all those on the Committee and within the Wellington Branch who gave a great deal of time and effort to make this conference a success, both on the day and building up to the event.

On behalf of the Wellington Branch, thank you to those who contributed to the Conference and the attendees. 敢问路在何方: Dare to ask where to from here!

Kirk McDowall, NZCFS Wellington Branch President

Remarks by Ambassador Wu Xi New Zealand China Friendship Society 2019 Conference:
<http://www.chinaembassy.org.nz/eng/zxqxs/t1666796.htm>

Home Voice article on the Conference:
https://issuu.com/homevoicenz/docs/homevoice_1030/

Additional information on the Conference: <http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/nzcfs-2019-national-conference-registration/>

A selection of photos from the NZCFS Conference and Annual General Meeting Wellington, May 2019



WINSTON CHURCHILL MEMORIAL TRUST – AN AMAZING OPPORTUNITY!

In this Year of the Pig, the Winston Churchill NZ China Friendship Society partnered Fellowship is again offered for travel and study in China.

The Fellowship helps people travel to China to learn from others and study topics that will:

1. Advance their industry/sector and
2. Benefit NZ and Chinese understandings and relationships

The synergies that benefit both countries depend on the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust and NZCFS working together to promote information about the Fellowship and its recognition and esteem in our communities. Whilst the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust provides the infrastructure of a selection process that is robust, regulated by law and has official recognition and esteem, we ask our NZCFS members to assist by using your large networks for promotion and publicity of our partnership.



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Applications open on May 1st and close 31st July 2019, with decisions made in September, 2019. Travel must be undertaken in 2020. For more information, please visit: <https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/winston-churchill-memorial-trust-fellowships/>

MANDARIN CORNER 汉语角 SATURDAYS 3.15-5PM

Room 101, at KP24 Kelburn Parade, Victoria University of Wellington.

Mandarin Corner (Wellington), established in 1995 by NZCFS, is a weekly event where students learning Chinese meet with native speakers of Chinese for conversation and cultural activities in a friendly, relaxed setting, and is open to all level. Come along if you are interested, and attendance is free. Mandarin corner does not run during school holidays. For more information contact Xiaosheng Zhou at xiaosheng.zhou@vuw.ac.nz.

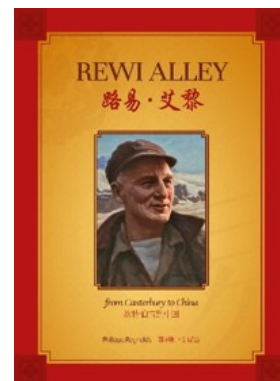
REWI ALLEY BIOGRAPHY

Members can own a copy of Rewi Alley's Biography for \$35 plus postage. For details, please contact Judith at: jcpascoe@xtra.co.nz.

In 2016, the Rewi Alley 120th Anniversary Commemoration Committee was formed in Christchurch, composed of representatives of over ten Canterbury organisations including our society and members of Rewi's family, with the aim of putting together a number of commemorative activities to mark the 120th anniversary in late 2017 of his birth.

One project quickly decided on was to republish the biography written in 1997 by his niece Philippa Reynolds, which details the life of the New Zealand-born writer, educator and political activist who dedicated 60 years to humanitarian causes in China.

Rewi Alley was a remarkable man, who spent 60 years of his life in China. He had a ringside seat to what was a tumultuous period in China's history. He was variously a fireman, a factory inspector, an organiser of flood relief, the founder of the Chinese Industrial co-



operative movement, the founder of the Shandan Baillie school and its second Headmaster, an educationalist, translator of Chinese classical poetry, the author of over sixty books, a skilled amateur archaeologist, a photographer and an activist in the Peace movement. In the latter part of his life, his influence saw New Zealand being one of the first western countries to establish diplomatic relations with China. He also encouraged the setting up of the New Zealand China Friendship Society and the establishment of the sister city link between Christchurch and Gansu province in north western China, where he spent many years. <http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/rewi-alley-biography/>

NZCFS TOURS TO CHINA

The New Zealand China Friendship Society has a long history of providing in depth and specialised tours to China. Because of our unique contacts built up over many years we can provide access to this wonderful country that other providers cannot match. "We know China best" is our motto and we have been successfully demonstrating this to our many clients for over thirty years.



The Southeast Tour October 2019

There are still places available on the October 2019 South-east China tour in the Explore China series. This tour begins in Guangzhou and visits tea plantations, Hakka roundhouses, Jingdezhen porcelain city, Nanchang, and Hangzhou with the Grand Canal, before finishing in Shanghai.

Details here: <http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/2019-SE-China.pdf>

Ice and Tropics Tour 2020

A new 'Ice and Tropics' tour is being planned for February/March 2020. Immediately after the Spring Festival holidays, the tour will go to Harbin in Heilongjiang Province, to enjoy the ice and lantern festival. After three days there, it will retreat to the tropical far south, Hainan Island, Guangxi (Guilin and Yangshuo) and Hong Kong.



The Harbin section of the tour is intended as an optional extra, with those not going to the ice festival joining the main portion of the tour in the warmth of Hainan.

The draft itinerary is at http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/IceTropics_Itinerary-2.pdf

For more information on tours, please visit: <http://tours.nzchinasociety.org.nz/>

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Honorary Advisors: Luke Qin and Michael Powles

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

I/We would like to renew/commence membership of the Wellington Branch of the New Zealand China Friendship Society Inc. for 2019 (the financial year is January to December):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student (full time) | \$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single | \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional | \$40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$32 | | |

Name:
(Surname) (Given names)

Spouse's/Partner's Name:
(Surname) (Given names)

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(Postal Code)

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Payment total is as follows:

Membership Subscription \$

Payment method:

- Payment by Direct Credit to New Zealand Donation
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Account No 117200 0080836 11 ANZ Bank.

Please quote your name and "Subscription" and be sure to email details to wgtnczfs@gmail.com

- Please tick if receipt is required.

Note: Donations over \$5 are tax-deductible. Registration No: CC27242