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MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS



***Asia Institute
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It's all Chinese to me!

Once upon a time, the expression 'it's all Chinese to me' meant 'I don't understand'.

The time has now come when the expression is no longer a common idiom though few people (Tasmanians) can navigate the ins and outs of Chinese (or China).

When Chinese was first introduced at Elizabeth Matriculation College (EMC), it was established as an evening language course at a time when Bob Hawke was the Prime Minister. It was one of many 'community' offered languages under the early days of the Multi-Cultural Policy.

Eventually it became a day time pre-tertiary course for students Grades 11-12. A couple of government schools tried to offer Chinese for students Grades 7-10 with mixed success. China is now a major trading partner; those who claim Chinese heritage in Australia number in the thousands and yet the study of Chinese at high school level is now only available in one Tasmanian government high school.

Asia literacy has been embedded in the Australian Curriculum Framework but establishing the study of Chinese is a tall order. Is Chinese really hard? What can we do to ensure that everyone knows a little more about the 'Chinese' and support future communities?

Presenter:

Hingor Chung has worked as a languages teacher for the Department of Education in Tasmania (K-12) since 1982.



Her own experiences have taken her from teaching Chinese, Japanese and Indonesian at pre-tertiary level to Indonesian at primary schools, then Chinese and Japanese at high school level. Hingor Chung has made various contributions to the Tasmanian Schools Board as examiner and syllabus writer.

Hingor Chung attended government schools in Hobart and is a graduate of ANU. Her colleagues at Taroona High include several former students.

Event details:

- **Wednesday 12 June 2019**
- **5.30pm**
- **University of Tasmania, Centenary Building, Harvard Seminar Room 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Sandy Bay**
- [Registration here](#)

This is a FREE event that is open to the public. We hope to see you there!



50th Anniversary: A celebration of the Chinese Community Association in Tasmania.

Sunday 28th July 2019

1. Outdoor celebration for the public with Lion and Dragon Dances, and 50 drums etc; in the area around CCAT Club Room, North Hobart from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon
2. Official Launch at the CCAT Club House: CCAT members and invited guests, cutting of a birthday cake. 12:00 till 2:00 pm.

Monday 29th July

Hingor Chung and her students from Taroona High School will prepare a display on aspects of Chinese history which will be on display at the CCAT clubhouse. This display is open for viewing by students, interested members of the public. CCAT & ACFS members are particularly encouraged to attend. 9.00am to 2.00pm

Gala Dinner to be held at Wrest Point.

Tuesday 30th July

Seminar: Six Chinese families stories and their involvement in this state.

Presented by CCAT members. 9.30am to 1.00pm

Further information on times and an update on all events will follow as they become available. Members of the public are most welcome to attend.

Check out the CCAT website www.ccat.asn.au

Bathing Buddha Ceremony



On Sunday 26th May, Tasmanian Buddhist Academy of Australia, invited guests to join their community to celebrate the 2563th birthday of the Great Holy Sakyamuni Buddha. Patriarch Master Bhagavan Zh-Ji Vimalakiri (Master Wang) welcomed those attending this solemn ritual. The Hon. Alice Archer MP, Attorney General, Minister for Arts, spoke of Master Wang's and the Buddhist

members' contribution to the wider community since their arrival in the state. She also voiced her hopes for a peaceful Tasmania in such a troubled world. The commemorations formalities finished with a huge birthday cake.

Photo: CCAT members attend the Birthday celebrations





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Exhibition of Paintings:

AMALGAMATION AND HARMONY: TRADITIONAL CHINESE PAINTING AND CALLIGRAPHY ON CANVAS (2019) BY PROFESSOR WONG SHIU HON

Professor Wong is formerly Professor of Chinese Studies at the University of Hong Kong and was a lecturer at Murdoch University in Western Australia. He is an acclaimed artist who along with wife Nancy, now call Hobart Home.

The exhibition of over fifty pieces will showcase the journey of the artist from his earliest days (1950s) to the present day. Professor Wong's art is in the classical Chinese style and highlights his unique skills and professionalism. He is particularly renowned for his flower-and-bird paintings.

When: 25th - 27th October 2019

Venue: Boardwalk Gallery, CONVENTION & CONFERENCE CENTRE, Wrest Point, Sandy Bay.

Official Opening: FRIDAY, 25th OCTOBER 2019.
BY THE HON. ELISE ARCHER, MP, MINISTER FOR THE ARTS.

TIME: 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

ORGANISED BY: CHINESE ART SOCIETY, AUSTRALIA and AUSTRALIA CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY, TASMANIA

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Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association Conference



Recently Bill Pearson who teaches Tai Chi and Medical Qigong in Hobart was invited to present a Medical Qigong Workshop at the Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association Conference which was held over 3 days in Melbourne.

Thirty two speakers, some from overseas, conducted thirty seven presentations which covered a wide range of topics within Chinese Medicine research, practice and efficacy.

Bill conducted his workshop early on a Sunday morning and over 60 delegates took part.

Photo Courtesy B Pearson: Shows Bill in blue with a group of participants.



GOODWILL VISIT TO SHANGHAI

Strengthening and deepening mutual understanding and friendship were the key themes of the May 2019 visit to Shanghai.

Ms Jing Ying, Vice President of the Shanghai People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (SPAFFC) invited me to lead a delegation to Shanghai to discuss future cooperation and explore possibilities of joint projects.

ACFS Ltd was well represented across Australia by Jan Everett (Tasmania), Roz Hanley (Western Australia), Tower Liu (Victoria) and Martin Wu (Queensland).



The visit culminated in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the two organisations reinforcing the already-close relationship to develop exchanges and cooperation, enhancing understanding and trust.



It was forty two years since I previously visited Shanghai, so I was fascinated to see the vast changes to the city and its skyline.

SPAFFC were wonderful hosts. Expertly guided by Maggie, we were shown new developments, especially in the Pudong area including the waterfront, and visited a mixture of historic and new developments. These ranged from the Qingxi District Museum, Zhujiajiao Ancient Water Town and new private museum on the 37th floor of the Shanghai Tower to the art gallery in the disused oil tanks, Pudong waterfront and Hema Fresh Mart (a supermarket brand under the Alibaba Company).

We joined in activities during our visit to the Wuliqiao Community Cultural Centre which was a wonderful facility and to me looked like "U3A on steroids".

We experienced delicious foods from regional areas, witnessed the greening of the city with an abundance of trees and flowers and wondered where was all the traffic, to be informed the locals now travel on the underground railway with 10.16 million daily trips across sixteen lines with 413 stations.

It was good to renew friendships with Mr Xiao Chong and Mr Scott Wu from SPAFFC and reinforce the close ties that ACFS Ltd has developed over the years.

This visit has given us great ideas for collaboration with SPAFFC and I look forward to formulating these into projects

Robin Matthews, National President ACFS Ltd



Shanghai skyline,
SPAFFC
headquarters,
signing
ceremony and
meetings.

Photos: Courtesy
Tower Liu
ACFS Vic.





Some of the sites visited by the ACFS Delegation while in Shanghai.

1. This model shows a West Bund Project which is due to be completed in 2020. The three lower levels which have already been completed are located underground. Two will cater for 53.000 vehicle spaces and the third is office space. The fourth is ground level open space with the top level holding further building development. This is an amazing concept in planning to save space while also provide green areas in this huge city.

2. Tank Shanghai. Have you ever noticed the aviation fuel containers at the airport: those giant, rusty cylinders are usually painted white. In Shanghai these ugly structures have been turned into a beautiful art space. The transformation of that abandoned site, into what is now Tank Shanghai, began more than six years ago. That's when the government of the Shanghai's West Bund district launched a new planning initiative. The idea was to transform all the industrial sites abandoned along the Huangpu River into new cultural and green spaces.

The Tank site was transformed into a contemporary art and cultural center.



3. The East Bund Shipyard site. Located on a 1km stretch of historic waterfront, the site was a focal point of Shanghai ship building for over 130 years. Set on the Huangpu River, Pudong, Xiangsheng Shipyard Park is a post-industrial green space that celebrates the cultural heritage of Chinese manufacturing. Setting new benchmarks for public realm design, the concept includes a series of innovative strategies in adaptive re-use, access, heritage interpretation, and environmentally sustainable design. Supporting a diverse range of public spaces for activities, the park is an important link in the East Bund riverfront park system.

Photos: Tower Liu



4. Hema Fresh Supermarket.



Hema stores are an example of a “new retail” model that Chinese multinational conglomerate Alibaba has incubated since 2015. The store provides a retail experience that uses a technology driven concept for in store purchases, online delivery and in store consumption.

Personal shopping is available or shoppers can purchase products on line by using the Hema mobile app, which is linked to their Alipay account. The on line service allows customers with busy lifestyles to order food on their commute home. Those living within a radius of 3 kilometers from a store are guaranteed home delivery within 30 minutes of placing their order.



The stores offer a high opportunity for Australian grown fruit and the red meat sector. Barcodes on products in the stores including Australian grown produce, allows Chinese consumers' to scan and learn where the product comes from and the supply chain it moves through to reach the store.



The Hema's stores emphasise is on fresh food. Customers can visit the store, select their food items using their app, have them prepared for you while you wait, and then consume them on site. Most of the process is run by robotics including your waiter, Robot.He,

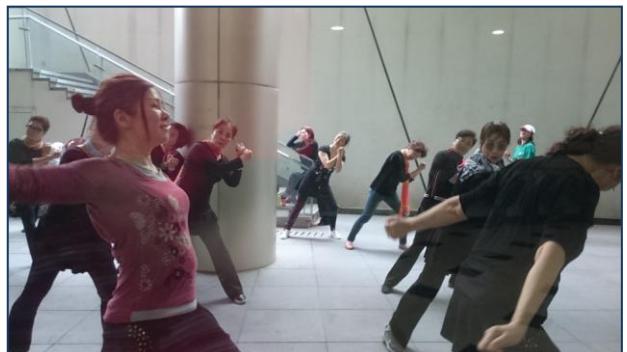
(which looks like a small car with a transparent lid) that will deliver you purchase straight to your table.

5. Qingxi District Museum. This little known museum is well worth a visit. It houses an extensive collection on the early inhabitancy of this area which concludes that Qingpu was the birthplace of the ancient civilization of Shanghai area. The museum holds pottery, jewellery, stone implements and skeletal remains and a skull from the Marjibang period. The items were excavated on archaeological digs from 1957-2004. The oldest layer excavated belonged to a village of the Majiabang culture (5,000-3,000 BCE). Carbon dating of charred rice grains, returning dates of 3360–3090 BCE and 3540–3370 BCE. Information is in Chinese and English.



6. Wuliqiao Community Cultural Centre. Over the years I have visited a great number of these centres in China. They can be found in former residents of the Emperors family in Beijing to modest rooms in country areas. So I was pleasant surprised at the hive of activity and variation of choices in the Wuliqiao Centre. From a well equipped gym, classes for modern dance, Tai Chi, traditional painting and opera singing classes in Shanghaiese, to a very modern theatre

to name just a few. Activities on offer are clearly advertised six months in advance with the emphasis placed on the family at weekends. This centre is clearly a great benefit to Shanghai's citizens young and old.



Photos: Courtesy Tower Liu ACFS Vic.

Dragon Boat Luncheon

A buffet luncheon was held at the Chinese Community Association of Tasmania in June 2nd to celebrate Duanwujie or Dragon Boat Festival. Members and guests were greeted on arrival by Wanda's lions. This festival is celebrated with dragon boat races and rice dumplings which are parcels of glutinous rice stuffed with different savory or sweet



fillings and wrapped in bamboo leaves. They're eaten in reference to glutinous rice balls that villagers tossed into the Miluo River to feed the fish and keep them

away while searching for the poet Qu Yuan and Minister Qu Yuan (c. 340–278 BC) of the ancient state of Chu who drowned.

The Hon. Alice Archer MP, Attorney General, Minister for Arts, the Lord Mayor of Hobart, Councillor Anna Reynolds and Master Wang were among the guests at the luncheon. Lions Photo: courtesy CCAT President Brian Chung.



Huawei Ban

My son had asked me to purchase a new Huawei phone for him while I was in China recently. Now in hindsight I'm just glad I did not get time to look at phones. Google has suspended business with Huawei that isn't covered under open source licensing, Reuters reported, following the President Trump decision to effectively ban the Chinese company in the U.S.

Can you imagine what reaction I would have received if his new phone would not access google! There is no problem at the moment but what about in the future? There may be a lot of disgruntled people and I certainly do not want one on my household. Huawei will lose Android operating system updates and Huawei's upcoming phones outside China and will no longer get access to apps and services like Gmail and Google Play. Google also will no longer offer technical support to Huawei, the source told Reuters.

The US Department of Commerce granted Huawei a temporary license on 20th May in order to minimise the disruption to Huawei smartphone owners around the world, however, it will expire on 19th August.

It was also reported that Japan's Panasonic Corp had said that it had stopped shipments of certain components to Huawei. Panasonic Corp later said "that it is not true and that the company is still supplying Huawei". Huawei has always been an important partner with Panasonic Corp. We will continue to sell commodities and provide service to our Chinese clients like Huawei, according to the law and regulations of the country and region which Panasonic Corp is located the statement from the company said.

What happens next is anyone's guess. Telstra would also appear to be moving away from selling Huawei smartphones as they are no longer available on their online site. Telstra have said that this is due to supply so we will have to wait and see if this is the main reason. The Western Australia Government looks like continuing with its contract with Chinese telecommunications company Huawei to build a new digital radio system for Perth's trains, saying it has received assurances from the company. Huawei has assured the government that it is able to source equipment for the project.

The opposition wants correspondence from Huawei made public.

Source: Reuters/ SBS News

In China

Cashless Toll Stations

Traffic congestion at China's motorway toll stations is set to be reduced when mobile payment facilities at all toll stations around the country are further rolled out in 2019, a move that shows Beijing's resolve in supporting digital payment methods in the world's biggest cashless market.

Wu Chungeng, a spokesperson from China's Ministry of Transport has stated that the Beijing government would provide drivers with access to mobile payment channels as a "supplement among various payment methods."

So far, cashless payments are available to Chinese drivers in 14 cities and provinces around the country, including Shanghai, and the eastern provinces of Zhejiang and Jiangsu. The service is also being piloted in Beijing, Guangdong, and 12 other provinces. Cashless transactions are a lot faster than cash payments.

Alibaba's payment platform Alipay first launched its road toll payment system in Hangzhou, capital city of the eastern Chinese province of Zhejiang, in September 2016. Chinese citizens have embraced mobile payments en masse over the past few years, with users paying for almost everything by scanning QR codes. Alipay has more than 7000 million users in China according to its latest financial results.

[Source: Beijing Review](#)

Charging Stations

China has built over 853,000 charging stations for new energy vehicles (NEVs) up 80.1 percent from last year, the Securities Times reported, quoting an industry report. Charging stations in metropolitans like Beijing, Shanghai and Guangdong Province accounted for 76.4 percent of the national total.

China aims to substantially improve the technology and quality of charging facilities, speed up efforts to establish a better standardization system and optimize the distribution of these facilities within three years, according to a plan released by the National Development and Reform Commission. China will also make the charging networks better interconnected, upgrade the charging services and create a better environment for the development of these infrastructure, according to the plan.

[Source: Xinhua](#)

Nursing Home App

A mobile app which offers access to information about nursing homes in China, the first of its kind, is being trialed in Beijing, according to its developer, the social welfare centre under the country's civil affairs ministry, Trend reported citing Xinhua.

Based on the national elderly care service information system, the app can show detailed information about nursing homes including their locations, scale, services provided, charges and evaluation of users, the centre said in a statement.

The app can be opened in the instant messaging tool Wechat, instead of needing to be downloaded from app stores, according to the statement.

It is aimed to promote the transparency of nursing homes nationwide and make information about their internal service and safety management and infrastructure available to the public.

Currently, the platform has published information about 358 Beijing-based elderly care institutions and is expected to include more institutions from other provincial-level regions after the trial run.

[Source ; MENAFN - Trend News Agency](#)

Utilising old structures

Shanghai's former factory premises are being put to good use. Six buildings in the Yangpu District have already been converted to care homes since 2016, which has increased available beds by 1,500, in an attempt to accommodate the areas aging populations.

According to the district government the plan is to turn the former Shanghai No 1 Woolen Sweater Factory on Pingliang Road into a senior's care centre. The shortage of available land in the area has seen some of these old unused heritage buildings (which once held textile, gas and shipbuilding etc) utilised to care for ageing citizens and those with disabilities.

Work will soon begin on some of the old structures to reinforce and renovated them to meet stringent fire safety standards.

[Source: Shine Metro News](#)

Beijing Horticultural Exhibition

The Beijing International Horticultural Exhibition 2019, is a world horticultural exposition presented by the Bureau International des Expositions and is being held in Yanqing District, Beijing, People's Republic of China. The theme of the Expo is "Live Green, Live Better."

The exposition began on 29 April 2019 and will close on 7 October 2019. The previous Expo was held in Antalya, Turkey 2016. During this year's four day May Day holiday in China more than 320,000 tourists visited the site.

Lei Lei, an official with the organising committee, said the Chinese Pavilion, the International Pavilion, the Life Experience Pavilion, the Botany Pavilion and the Guirui Theater were among the most popular destinations. These attractions received a total of over 734,000 visitors during that holiday.

There were 132 activities, including float parades, world ethnic and folk cultural performances, and culture and art carnivals staged by central and eastern European countries, presented over the four days.

[Source: Wikipedia](#)

Expo predicted

Recently on a visit to a museum in China I discovered an exhibit that stated that the Shanghai Expo held in 2010 had been predicted by a Chinese novelist, Lu Shi'e, who previously worked as a doctor. He wrote Xin Zhonggou ("New China") in 1910 in which he depicted a universal exposition in Shanghai. The Chinese Exhibition Pavilion is now the Shanghai Art Museum.

[Source: Qingpu Museum](#)



Returning to China

Italy has agreed to return nearly 800 illegally-exported cultural artifacts to China. The announcement was coordinated with news that the country would join the controversial Chinese Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), one of the most ambitious trade infrastructure projects in a century. This is the most significant amount of returned cultural relics from overseas in over two decades. It has been a twelve year journey to repatriate the artifacts.

The 796 objects in question were already ordered for repatriation by a Milanese court in November 2018. They were first intercepted by Italy's Carabinieri Art Squad at a local market in 2007. Items in the bounty range in age from around 3,000 BCE to the early 20th century. The find includes significant artifacts like a Neolithic-era clay pot related to the ancient Majiabang culture, Song dynasty porcelain, and pottery from the Han, Tang, and Ming dynasties.

The announcement by Italian culture minister Alberto Bonisoli was made during a visit to Rome recently by President Xi Jinping.

During the visit, both leaders signed 29 deals worth an estimated \$2.8 billion. The majority of these contracts focused on opening China's agricultural, finance, and energy sectors to Italian energy and engineering firms. In exchange, Italy has agreed to join the Chinese government's BRI.

[Source: SBS News](#)

Winter Olympics

Construction for the main structure of the Winter Olympic Village in Beijing's Yanqing district will be completed by the end of September, according to Beijing Uni.-Construction Group. The project include eleven key construction projects, including a housing project for workers in Beijing's sub-centre, Beijing Ice Sport Training Base, Winter Olympics Yanqing PPP project, National Speed Skating Oval, and Yanqing-Chongli Expressway. The Beijing Ice Sport Training Base is scheduled to complete at the end of September this year. The construction of the entire Winter Olympic Village and the Mountain News Center are scheduled to finish by the end of April 2021 according to Tan Xiaolong, the project manager. After the games, the Olympic village will be transformed into a skiing resort, and the news center will be converted into a spa center.

[Source: China.org.cn](#)



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