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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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Next Branch Meeting

Wednesday 18 September 2019 at 5.45pm

Rebecca Needham

speaking on

Her experiences in China from 1978 to the present

Rebecca first went to China with her parents as a 12-year-old in 1978, the first year of China's reform and opening up following the Cultural Revolution. Since then she has lived and worked in China for extended periods, first as a student and then a diplomat, and continues to travel there regularly as an education sector professional.



Rebecca will give an informal talk about her personal and professional associations with China, as seen through the eyes of a second generation New Zealander of Chinese descent, over a period of enormous transformation in its economy and society.

An optional buffet meal will follow the meeting at 7pm, for \$13 each. Please pay at the door or electronically.

Connolly Hall

Guildford Terrace, off Hill Street, Thorndon, Wellington (see map)

(Car park up Guildford Tce beside Hall)

MEETING DATES FOR 2019 – CONNOLLY HALL

The dates Connolly Hall has been booked for monthly meetings this year are Wednesdays 18 September, 16 October and 20 November 2019.



BRANCH MEETING 21 AUGUST 2019 - MEETING REPORT

On Wednesday 21 August 2019, the Wellington Branch organised night on how to make traditional 粽子 (zòngzi), the pyramid-shaped dumpling made of glutinous rice wrapped in bamboo. A number of members joined in and learnt how to make the traditional dish, and were able to bring the zòngzi home to eat.



2019 CHINA-NEW ZEALAND YEAR OF TOURISM UPDATE

By Katherine MacGregor, Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment



The 2019 China-New Zealand Year of Tourism has provided a unique opportunity for China and New Zealand to strengthen economic ties through tourism. Across New Zealand, cities and regions are making the most of the China-New Zealand Year of Tourism to boost people-to-people links and opportunities for cooperation. A number of key events and milestones have marked the year and demonstrated the already strong links between China and New Zealand.

Minister of Tourism Kelvin Davis for example visited China in June. As a manuhiri of Chinese Minister of Culture Luo Shugang and Tourism, Minister Davis experienced the very best of Chinese manaakitanga, while also deepening our relationship with China. The visit culminated in both Ministers signing a tourism cooperation arrangement between the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and the Chinese Ministry of Culture and Tourism.

September will be a busy month for the Year of Tourism. A New Zealand business delegation is visiting Xi'an in early September. Delegates and New Zealand tourists will be treated to a Tang Dynasty Style Welcoming Ceremony set in Xi'an's Old City Wall. Such a welcome is normally reserved for heads of state and is a "once in a lifetime experience".

In late September, there will be the New Zealand Chinese Language Week (NZCLW). NZCLW is a Kiwi-driven initiative that aims to increase Chinese language learning in New Zealand and bridge the cultural and linguistic knowledge gap between China and New Zealand. We encourage all to get involved. These events have no doubt contributed to the success of the Year of Tourism and as November draws closers, all eyes will be on the Closing Ceremony, which New Zealand will host in China. For further details on events and how to get involved see www.cnzyot.govt.nz.



2019 CHINA NEW ZEALAND YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

By Jan Fitz-Gerald, China New Zealand Youth Leadership Summit & Institute Of Global Engagement New Zealand

The six day 2019 summit was held last month in Christchurch with 90 student delegates from China and New Zealand in residence at St Andrew's College. This was followed by four special topic days for the Chinese delegation in Queenstown and Dunedin and kindly hosted by Taieri College.

The purpose of the summit is to prepare the next generation of leaders to understand each other's cultures and countries and learn how to be effective leaders together within a cross-cultural environment. Many workshops, forums and presentations covered a wide range of topics. Speakers included Stephen Jacobi of the New Zealand China Council, Alistair Crozier, former Consul General, Chengdu, Richard Leung of the New Zealand Chinese Association, David Pine, former High Commissioner and ASEAN Adviser and many more outstanding people.

Student delegates attended their first formal opening ceremony with special guests from the governments of China and New Zealand. Two VIP education delegations from the municipal government of Qingdao attended the opening with a first city to city education cooperation agreement was signed between Christchurch Educated and the Qingdao Education Bureau.

Hiromi Morris of Sister Cities New Zealand presented youth summit organisers from Qingdao Education Bureau and No. 9 School and the Institute of Global Engagement New Zealand IGENZ with the award for Best Youth Project of 2018. The summit in 2020 will return to China where it is expected that IGENZ will be taking a large delegation of New Zealand senior students. Qingdao No. 9 School will once again host the summit with special topic days likely to be in Zhuhai, Shenzhen and Beijing.

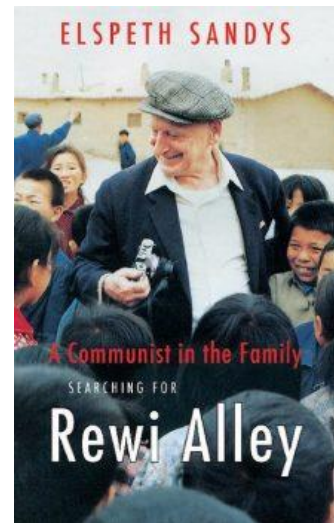


A COMMUNIST IN THE FAMILY, SEARCHING FOR REWI ALLEY

Author Elspyth Sandys has now been to four launches for her just published book, "A communist in the family, searching for Rewi Alley" which interweaves the story of the Alley Whanau and friends two weeks of travel in the footsteps of Rewi Alley to commemorate his 120th birthday. We can do no better than to quote the introductory notes: "a beautifully written multi-layered narrative centred on New Zealander Rewi Alley and his part in the momentous political events of mid-twentieth-century China. Part-biography, part-travel journal, part-literary commentary."

Officially launched at Unity Books, Wellington, NZCFS has played a role to present Elspyth together with her book in Christchurch, Nelson and Auckland. It is available in major book sellers nationwide, or online at Nationwide Books:

<https://www.nationwidebooks.co.nz/product/a-communist-in-the-family-9781988531601>.



FILM SOCIETY 2019: SCREENINGS OF 'ASH IS PUREST WHITE'

Wellington Film Society, The Embassy: Monday, 14 October, 6:15pm

In collaboration with the New Zealand Film Society, the Confucius Institute at Victoria University of Wellington are sponsoring screenings of Ash is Purest White (江湖儿女) around New Zealand. Ash Is Purest White is a critically acclaimed 2018 Chinese drama film, directed by Jia Zhangke, that spans two decades of change in China and in the life of a young woman (played by Zhao Tao) whose love for a local gangster first lands her in jail and then takes her on a quest to reconnect with him. For more information on local screenings please go to: <http://www.nzfilmsociety.org.nz/ash-is-purest-white.html>.



"CHINA THROUGH THE EYES OF KIWI" 新西兰人眼中的中国

The Consortium of the Advanced Subjects in New Zealand invites New Zealanders to participate in a photography competition. To celebrate the 47 years friendship between New Zealand and China, the main theme of the competition is tightly intertwined with viewing China, especially Chinese Schools from the vision of Kiwis. The competition seeks to attract passionate photographers who will help to visually express the unique traits of the Chinese culture and Chinese Schools, and to depict the outstanding growth of these aspects through the decades.



The prize for the best photograph is a certificate of award for top entry and also two domestic return tickets to a city of New Zealand at the value of \$800 NZD. For more information, please visit: <http://www.casnz.com/photo.php>.

TEACHERS URGENTLY REQUIRED - SHANDAN BAILIE SCHOOL

As part of a visit to Gansu Province, Xi Jinping inspected called into Shandan Bailie School on August 20 2019. He inspected the vocational training classes, and passed comment on the value of vocational training. Xi Jinping's father was an honorary Principal of Shandan Bailie School after it re-established.



Then, on August 30, New Zealand Ambassador Clare Fearnley included a visit to Shandan while in Gansu Province. In the past, many New Zealand Ambassadors have visited the school, and participated in other activity closely related to NZCFS and Rewi Alley.

Shandan Bailie School has received an increasing number of visits, and more attention is being placed on the school and the soon to be opened new vocational college. NZCFS have supplied teachers to Shandan Bailie School for many years, but currently there is a vacancy for one or two teachers.

For more information go to: <http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/english-teacher-for-shandan-bailie-school/>.

MANDARIN CORNER 汉语角 SATURDAYS 3.15-5PM

Room 101, at 16 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.

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.



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

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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)

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Contact Person for Organisations:

Payment total is as follows:

Membership Subscription \$

Payment method:

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

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

Please tick if receipt is required.

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