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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 20 November 2019 at 5.45pm

Professor Cynthia White, Dai Chujie and Huan Huang

will be speaking on the

The Potential of Technology in Extending Chinese Language Learning Opportunities in New Zealand

What are some of the innovations in Chinese language learning opportunities in New Zealand? What new opportunities are opened up by technology? In this talk Professor Cynthia White, Dai Chujie and Huan Huang from Massey University will show some recent New Zealand-based research into one-to-one Chinese language teaching carried out using desktop videoconferencing, pairing Beijing Language and Culture University teachers and New Zealand learners of Chinese.



The speakers will showcase how these innovative learning opportunities provide convenient, accessible, personalised learning opportunities. To conclude they will look ahead to the ways in which technology can help extend NZ capability in Mandarin whether for personal interest, for commercial and strategic benefits or to enhance workforce capital

As this is our last Branch meeting for the year, ice cream and fruit salad will be provided, following an optional buffet meal 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

This is the last Branch meeting for the year. The Wellington Branch Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 March 2020.

BRANCH MEETING 16 OCTOBER 2019 - MEETING REPORT

On Wednesday 16 October 2019, the Wellington Branch welcomed Esther Fung to speak about the Wellington Chinese Garden. Esther Fung has been Secretary of the Wellington Chinese Garden Society since its initiation; she is also a current Trustee on the Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust serving on a second appointment. In her community work over the years she has served as President and as Secretary of the Wellington Chinese Association, Secretary of the New Zealand Chinese Association and on the committee of the Chinese Language School.

CHINESE NEW YEAR BANQUET – SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2020

The Wellington Branch invites you to join us welcoming in the Year of the Rat at our Chinese New Year Banquet on Saturday 8 February 2020 (which is also the day of the Lantern Festival). The banquet will be co-hosted with the Wellington Chinese Association and will be held at Grand Century Chinese Restaurant, 84 Tory Street, Wellington, at the cost of \$35 per person (includes wine and juice).



To RSVP, please either fill out the form at the end of the newsletter and email it to wgtnczfs@gmail.com, or RSVP online at: <https://forms.gle/EQFr2GLvZTWa7r9bA>

NZCFS MEMBERSHIPS FOR THE 2020 YEAR

Memberships are open for the 2020 year. To commence/ renew your membership for next year, please fill out the form at the back of the newsletter, or with your banquet RSVP.

BEING CHINESE IN AOTEAROA – A PHOTOGRAPHIC JOURNEY

An exhibition on 'Being Chinese in Aotearoa – A photographic journey' has been developed by Dr Pheobe Li and the Auckland Museum. On Wednesday 20 November 2019 from 5.30pm, you are welcome to attend the opening by Race Relations Commissioner Meng Foon at the New Zealand Portrait Gallery Te Pūkenga Whakaata, Shed 11, Wellington Waterfront.

Please RSVP by Wednesday 13 November to events@nzportraitgallery.org.nz or call (04) 472 2298.



EXPLORE THE NORTH-EAST AND NORTH KOREA TOUR

An exciting change has been made to the NZCFS Tours itinerary for September 2020. Instead of viewing North Korea across the border, we have decided to make an excursion into North Korea. This will be fully escorted, and with train travel from Dandong return is a total of four days, with three nights in Pyongyang. Visit various sites of recent and historic interest including the military dividing line between North and South Korea at Kaesong.



Get a feel for the lives of the locals, and perhaps a hint of the lives of the Chinese 50 years ago. The rest of the itinerary to the North-east remains very similar, with the cancellation to Changbai Mountain on the border with North Korea to allow time to actually enter the country. For more information, go to: <http://tours.nzchinasociety.org.nz/>.

KATHLEEN HALL FUNDRAISING LUNCH – HAMILTON BRANCH

The Kathleen Hall Fundraising Lunch was held by the Hamilton Branch of the NZCFS on Saturday 31st August 2019. The deputy Consul General and Cultural Consul from the Consulate in Auckland attended plus local MPs, the Mayor of Hamilton and city councillors. After the lunch, an auction was held with interesting articles donated by members and a magnificent Tang dynasty pottery horse donated by the Chinese Consulate.



Kathleen Hall, born in Napier in 1896 was a New Zealand nurse who trained at Auckland Hospital and arrived in China in 1923 where she saw a need for medical services for rural areas in western Hebei where she established a cottage hospital. She became famous for her exploits in carrying medical supplies through the Japanese military lines during the Chinese-Japanese war in the late 1930s. She returned to New Zealand in 1951.

She was one of the founders of branches of the New Zealand China Friendship society and became an advocate for friendly relationships between the two countries. She died in Te Awamutu in 1970. The fundraising lunch generated financial support for the Kathleen Hall Memorial Scholarship which supports nursing students from poor areas in China to enable them to complete their studies and work in rural communities.

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.

2019 CHINESE FILM FESTIVAL IN NEW ZEALAND AND THE FIRST GOLDEN FERN AWARDS

To celebrate the 2019 China New Zealand Year of Tourism, the 11th Chinese Film Festival in New Zealand and the First Golden Fern Awards will be held in November and December 2019 in Wellington, Auckland and Christchurch.

The Film Festival is the continuing effort to showcase excellent Chinese films to New Zealanders and strengthen relationships between people and film makers of New Zealand and China. Since 1998, the Chinese Film Festival in New Zealand and New Zealand Film Festival in China have been held in both countries in alternating years. Further details to be released soon. For more information, please visit: <https://www.cnzyot.govt.nz/event-calendar/2019-11th-chinese-film-festival-in-new-zealandand-and-the-first-golden-fern-awards/>



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/>.

Ice and Tropics Tour 2020

The next NZCFS tour will be the Ice and Tropics Tour in February 2020. Immediately after the two golden weeks of Spring Festival holidays, NZCFS will go to Harbin, Heilongjiang Province, to enjoy the ice sculptures. By day, the International Ice sculpture festival on Sun Island, and the Ice Lantern Art Fair. At night, the illuminated Ice and Snow World of buildings constructed from ice. Explore the Russian architecture in Central Street typified by St Sofia Church that brings the Russian history to life, visit Stalin Park, visit the extensive Siberian Tiger Park. The tour will then go to more tropical temperatures in Hainan Island, Guangxi and Hong Kong. For more information on tours, please visit: <http://tours.nzchinasociety.org.nz/>.



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CHINESE NEW YEAR BANQUET

Saturday 8 February 2020 at 6.30pm
Grand Century Chinese Restaurant, 84 Tory Street, Wellington

Seating places will not be allocated this year. We encourage you to arrange a group of 10 and book a table.

Please reserve me [____ place(s)] *OR* [a table for 10] (*delete as applicable*) for the Society's Chinese New Year Banquet at \$35 per person.

Names of person(s) attending banquet.

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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 2020 (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)

Address
(Postal Code)

Phone Email

Contact Person for Organisations:

Payment total is as follows:

Membership Subscription	\$
Banquet (\$35pp)	\$
Donation	\$
Total	\$

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/Banquet" and be sure to email details to wgtncfs@gmail.com

Please let us know if receipt is required.

For Banquet Reservations, payment must be received by Monday 2 February 2020.

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