



Christchurch Branch February Newsletter 2020

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Monthly Meetings Held

Last Thursday of the Month (except January, September, November and December)
7:30 pm
Rewi Alley Education and Cultural Centre
(Wharenui School)
32 Matipo Street, Riccarton

AGM

The AGM is this Thursday evening at an earlier start of 7pm.

To be held at the Rewi Alley Education and Cultural Centre.

**32 Matipo St
Riccarton.**

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Public Meeting

Understanding Chinese Culture: the challenge to the West

7.30pm., Thursday 27 February 2020
Rewi Alley Chinese Language School
32a Matipo Street, Riccarton

Guest speaker: National President Dave Bromwich
New Zealand China Friendship Society

A core part of NZCFS' objectives is "To promote friendship, understanding and goodwill between the peoples of China and New Zealand...".

Our society is at a crossroads, we are one of many players involved with China. Does NZCFS have a point of difference?

In a time of increasing concerns about China, it is necessary to gain a deeper understanding of the foundation of "What is China", and how that is reflected today, in Chinese society and internationally.

Our national president Dave Bromwich has been to China more than 50 times since 1991, has travelled it extensively for a total of more than nine years, and speaks the language. Come along and hear him give his views on the changing world we live in, and why it is important we remain as friends of China.



This event will be followed by a light supper and a chance to chat with our National President.

Sister cities support Gansu in Anti-Coronavirus fight

By Ma Jingna in Gansu | chinadaily.com.cn | Updated: 2020-02-07 21:43



A nurse checks a traveller's body temperature at the airport in Zhangye, Northwest China's Gansu province, on Jan 26, 2020. [Photo by Wang Jiang/for hinadaily.com.cn]

After the outbreak of the novel coronavirus in China, many international sister cities and organizations expressed their solidarity to Gansu province. In his

letter to Gansu Governor Tang Renjian, Oklahoma's Secretary of State Michael Rogers said: "our two regions have had an historic relationship for the past 35 years, and there exists a natural affinity between the people of Gansu and Oklahoma. Our collective prayer continues to be for a rapid containment and cure of the infection, as well as a successful operation to assist those affected by it."

Akita prefecture in Japan is the first sister city of Gansu, standing firmly with the province at each difficult moment over the past 40 years. Akita Governor Norihisa Satake wrote to his counterpart Tang, "Our thoughts go out to all the affected individuals and families in Gansu Province; we pray the disease will be controlled soon". Along with the letter came 2,800 medical facemasks and gloves.

Florida Province in Uruguay maintains regular exchange with Gansu, although the two regions are far apart from each other. Intendant Guillermo Lopez said in his message to Tang, "we support the anti-coronavirus work made by Gansu province and the Chinese government, we highly appreciate your government gives equal care and treatment to citizens and foreign residents in the province."

President Kravtsov Vladimir Vladimirovich of Grodno Oblast, Belarus, extended his deep feelings of compassion and solidarity to Gansu people, and encouraged the Chinese medical and administrative personnel to be strong and stay confident in this battle.

In addition, Christchurch City Mayor Lianne Dalziel in New Zealand, Alba County President Ion Dumitrel in Romania and Osh Governor W. Zhilkibaev in Kyrgyzstan sent similar letters to the Gansu provincial government, and a number of friendship associations from Georgia, Uzbekistan, Switzerland, Hungary, the US, and Canada gave good wishes to Gansu's people through the Gansu Provincial Foreign Affairs Office.

Zhu Yuming contributed to the story.

Chinese New Year Banquet 2020

This year's banquet was held at North South Restaurant in Addington.

We had over 60 guests attending and unfortunately due to the Coronavirus outbreak our guests from Changping in Beijing were not able to make it due to the travel ban imposed on group tours by the Chinese Government.





And a big thanks goes out to our friends from ANZ for their continuing support for all our functions.

We also thank the team at Harcourts Gold in Papanui for once again supplying the wine for the tables. This is always much appreciated by us all.

Upcoming Events

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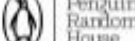


An Evening with

JUNG CHANG

The bestselling author of *Wild Swans*
presents her new book.

SATURDAY 29 FEBRUARY 2020, 6:00PM
CHARLES LUNEY AUDITORIUM, ST MARGARET'S COLLEGE
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NZCFS EXPLORE CHINA: The North-East *and* North Korea September 6 to September 26, 2020

NZCFS Tours are QUALITY TOURS, providing REAL experiences, with enthusiastic companions in a cohesive small group, escorted by knowledgeable people who provide an in depth understanding of China. Have a quick look at the SE Tour report.

NZCFS are pleased to offer this special tour, going far into the North of China, with a four day excursion into North Korea. Is this a glimpse at how China may have been in earlier decades? We will have opportunity to find out for ourselves. Further information and itinerary is here in a revised presentation.

The tour plans to visit the following locations and sites. See over for detail.



Heilongjiang Province

- Harbin
- Wudalianchi Unesco Scenic site
- Qiqihar

Jilin Province

- Changchun
- Manchu Guo puppet state

Liaoning Province

- Shenyang
- Dandong
- Dalian

North Korea

- Pyongyang
- Demilitarised zone

Fully escorted, 4 star twin share accommodation. All inclusive price \$8250 (estimated, subject to currency exchange), includes domestic flights in NZ, all meals, etc, (excludes Chinese visa and insurances).

- Tianjin
- Beijing

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NZCFS EXPLORE CHINA: The North-East and NORTH KOREA

September 5 Depart NZ

September 6 Day 1 Arrive Harbin St.Sofia Church, Central Street and Stalin Park. Stay in **Harbin**.

Day 2 Siberian Tigers, other sites in **Harbin**

Day 3 Bus to Wudalianchi (4.5 hours). Visit geological sites, **Wudalianchi**

Day 4 Further sites in **Wudalianchi**

Day 5 Bus to Qiqihar(3.5hrs); Zhalong National Nature Reserve, **Qiqihar**

Day 6 Bullet train to Changchun(10:02-12:45), Pu Yi's Manchu Imperial Palace, Babadu Manchu offices, **Changchun**

Day 7 Bullet train to Shenyang(09:53-11:16). Former Palace before Qing government settled the capital in Beijing; Marshal Office of Zhang family: the warlord leaders in NE China in 1920s . Stay in **Shenyang**.

Day 8 World Horticultural Exposition, once the site of Shenyang botanical garden, "9.18" Historical Museum; Zhongjie pedestrian street, **Shenyang**

Day 9 Bus to Dandong(3.5hrs). Broken bridge on Yalu River, a witness of the war to resist U.S. and aid Korea; Hushan Great Wall, the east end of the Great Wall of Ming dynasty. Stay in **Dandong**.

Day 10 Train to Pyongyang via Sinuiju, North Korea (DPRK) 8:30-17:30, check in the hotel in **Pyongyang**

Day 11 Day trip to Kaesong, visit demilitarized zone, Panmunjom, other sites in Koryo, subway stations back in **Pyongyang**.

Day 12 Various city sites in **Pyongyang**

Day 13 Strolling in Kim Il Sung Square before go to the railway station for Pyongyang-Sinuiju-Dandong (9: 40-16: 35) return to **Dandong**

Day 14 Bus to **Dalian** (4hrs)

On the way visiting Yalujiang Nature Reserve where the godwits fly to and from NZ; Bangchui Island, depending on the arrival time in **Dalian**

Day 15 City sites in Dalian, Baiyu hill to have a panoramic view of the city and visit the naval armory Naval port park, Xinghai Square, Binhai Road, Beida qiao: also called long-lasting love bridge. **Dalian**

Day 16 Train to Tianjin:10:06-14:18, one of the 4 municipalities of China. Check in the hotel. Ancient cultural street and dinner there. Cruise for night views(50min) **Tianjin**

Day 17 City sites in Tianjin: strolling in Wudadao: thousands of European-style buildings, mainly as the former residences of celebrities in 1920s.

Cifangzi: a French-style house decorated by porcelain, Shijizhong Square, Dagukou Fort Ruins Museum(1h bus, single way) **Tianjin**

Day 18 Shi's Grand Mansion: one of the best preserved large-scale civic building complexes in North China. Bus to Beijing (2.5hrs)

Check in the hotel in downtown **Beijing**

Days 19 and 20 City sites to be arranged: Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden city, Song Qingling Former residence, hutongs, Great Wall, Summer Palace . Stay in **Beijing**

Day 21 depart for airport, arrive NZ. September 27

For full itinerary go to http://tours.nzchinasociety.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/northeast_and_northkorea.pdf

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NEW ZEALAND CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

I/We would like to renew/commence membership of the Christchurch 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) | \$5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single | \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional | \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate | \$50 (Includes Advertising in our Newsletters) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unwaged | \$20 |

Payment Methods

Please send your cheque (with clear name and contact details) to:

Vivien Qin
C/- P O Box 7366
Sydenham
Christchurch 8240

OR

BANK TRANSFER Society Bank Account No **38 9010 0816274 00** (Kiwi Bank).

IMPORTANT: please be sure to enter your name as a reference.

Remember to send an email with your Name, address and a contact number to nzcfschristchurch@gmail.com.

We are always looking for new members so please do not hesitate to bring along any friends who may be interested in our society.