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NZCFS ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND AGM 19 – 21 May 2023

THEME: “Friendship in Action”

友谊在行动。

This follows last year’s theme: **“What do friends do? Renewing and enhancing NZ China friendship in difficult times.”**

This year’s National Conference and AGM will be held in Tauranga. The venue for Friday evening drinks, the National Conference on Saturday morning, and the AGM on Sunday is:

**Armitage Hotel and Conference Centre
9 Willow Street
Tauranga 3110**

All visiting conference attendees, including VIPs, speakers and panellists, are asked to gather outside the entrance to the Conference Centre by 8.45 am on Saturday morning. Local conference attendees, including Tauranga Branch committee members, will be seated inside the room. Visitors (manuhiri) will be called into the room at 9.00 am for a mihi whakatau (welcome ceremony).



Friday 19 May**Venue:****Washington Room****Armitage Hotel and Conference Centre**

9 Willow Street

2.00 – 4.30 pm	NZCFS National Executive Meeting The final meeting of the outgoing National Executive
4.00 -5.00 pm	Registrations open in the hotel foyer
5.15 -5.30 pm	Welcome by Greg Simmonds - Priority One - General Manager & Tina Zhang – NZCFS Tauranga Branch President
6.00-6.15 pm	The live signing of MoU between NZ China Friendship Society and Beijing People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (BPAFFC) via Zoom Join Zoom meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81446687646?pwd=Sm45YkFJbndKS01GK2hxcE1hVVNIcz09
6:15- 6:45 pm	Refreshments
	Dinner (own arrangements)

Saturday 20 May**Venue:****Washington Room****Armitage Hotel and Conference Centre**

9 Willow Street

8.00 – 8. 30 am	Registrations continue in the hotel foyer
8.45 am	Manuhiri assemble outside Conference Centre
9.00 - 9.20 am	Mihi whakatau: Tamati Tata , hapu of Ngai Tamarawaho, Huria Marae Introduction, housekeeping & welcome by MCs Kelly Li and Mia Zhang
9.20 - 9.30 am	Keynote speeches Bill Wasley – Commissioner -Tauranga City Council
9.35 – 10.00 am	Chris Lipscombe - NZCFS National President Dr. Wang Xiaolong Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China
	MC introduces the theme of the National Conference “Friendship in Action”
10.05 - 10.35 am	Panel discussion and questions from the floor Moderator: Tina Zhang Panellists: Premila D’Mello -Tauranga Multicultural Council President Constable WeiWei Verran -NZ Police Officer, Bay of Plenty

	Matemoana McDonald - Bay of Plenty Regional Councillor
10.35 - 10.55 am	Morning tea
10.55 - 11.05 am	Message from - Lin Songtian President, Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC) Chris Lipscombe to read the English version
11.05 - 11.20 am	Parley Reynolds - Strategic Development Manager for Zespri in China
11.20 – 11.35 am	Tamati Tata – Hapu of Ngai Tamarawaho (Huria Marae)
11.35 am - 12.05 pm	Panel discussion - “International students in Tauranga” Moderator: Chris Lipscombe Panellists: Christina Ji Toi-Ohomai international student Ada Chen Toi-Ohomai International Services Manager Andrew King Oropi School Principal
12.05 – 12.15 pm	Group photograph (VIPs, speakers, panellists and attendees from the morning session)
12.15 - 1.20 pm	Buffet lunch at Poolside Restaurant
1.25 pm	Assemble outside the hotel entrance and leave on a tour coach
1.30 – 5.30 pm	Tour — “TAURANGA Pulsating Heart of New Zealand International Trade ” Tour leaders: Greg Simmonds Priority One – General Manager John Hodgson Tauranga Branch Committee Alan Birley - Zespri International Ltd representative Tauranga/Mount Maunganui Port Area — Tauranga Port is now New Zealand's largest port. Forestry, kiwifruit and dairy products account for almost 75% of exports. Much of this cargo is destined for customers in Japan, China, South Korea, South East Asia, Australia and the Pacific Islands. Continue on to kiwifruit production 1. Visit Apata Mends Lane Pack House 2. Kiwifruit Orchard (depending on weather, see packing in action)
	Attendees registered for the conference banquet make their own way to the restaurant (1 km). Directions will be given.
6.30–9.00 pm	Conference Banquet (Chinese-style shared dishes) Venue: Eastern Ocean Chinese Restaurant 100 Grey Street, Tauranga 3110 Welcome by Tina Zhang and Chris Lipscombe

	Speech Turi Ngatai - Member of New Zealand Order of Merit
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Sunday 21 May

Venue:

Domain Room

Armitage Hotel and Conference Centre

9 Willow Street

9.00 – 12.00 pm	NZCFS AGM
12.00 pm – 1.30 pm	Lunch (own arrangements)
1.30 – 3.00 pm	NZCFS National Executive Meeting The inaugural meeting of the new National Executive