

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Winter seems to be well and truly upon us but the days are getting longer. The balmy weather of the northern hemisphere is but a plane ride away. In April, I was fortunate to be able to attend the Sixth Conference for Friendship of Overseas Chinese Associations in Beijing.

The message I got from the Beijing conference is that China is keen to maintain its links to the overseas Chinese communities and also for the overseas Chinese communities to develop links into their own local communities, so that there is a better understanding of Chinese culture. China is also keen to expand overseas Chinese language education to better cater for the rising interest in China and its language. The conference was organized by the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council and serves to indicate the importance China places on its links with its overseas "compatriots". This was further underscored by the top leaders that came out for a photo session with the delegates at the Great Hall of the People. (See my blog).

After the conference, I joined up with the Mayor's Trade Mission to China. The Mayor is being proactive in promoting Auckland as an investor destination for Chinese interests and his presence meant access to a number of high level officials and the delegation was very warmly received. A lot of work had gone into organizing the delegation at the Auckland end to ensure that it made the most of its opportunities.

Having since spoken to the Mayor, deals have already been made arising from the mission.

Commiserations to those who have got the winter sniffles (me included). Sunny and warmer days will be here soon.

Warm regards,
Arthur Loo
Chairman

CHAIR'S BLOG

April 8-10
Beijing

Attend the Sixth Conference for Friendship of Overseas Chinese Associations. Venue is hotel and conference centre on Chang'an Avenue, just down the road from Tiananmen Square. The conference is for overseas Chinese community leaders. About 600 delegates from 110 countries. Chinese have gone to all corners of the earth. There are 12 delegates from New Zealand. Usual slick organization. The theme seems to be to engage with local communities and for them to get a better understanding of Chinese culture. A highlight is going to the Great Hall of the People to have photo taken with President Hu Jintao, Vice-President Xi Jinping, Vice-Premier Li Keqiang and Chairman of the National Committee of the CPPCC, Jia Qinglin. A bit gob smacked that so many of the top leaders present themselves, although only for about 15 minutes. Get asked to stand in second row, close enough to shake hands but too busy taking photos to stick out my hand.

Sessions of conference were relevant but miss a lot due to my lack of Mandarin. Still very nice to catch up with people I have met at previous conferences and make friends with new ones. Opportunity to do side excursion for a few days, compliments of the conference but decide to pass this up so as to join up with Mayor Len Brown's Trade Mission to China.

April 11-21
Guangzhou

Fly from Beijing to Guangzhou to join up with the Trade Mission. Had missed the first day due to being in Beijing. Rushed to hotel to make opening of NZ Film Festival. Jim He of the Pacific Culture and Arts Exchange Centre (New Zealand) has organized a NZ Film Festival in Guangzhou, Qingdao and Beijing. Have a quick catch up with a former director of the Guangdong Overseas Chinese Affairs Office beforehand. Jessica Fong (the Auckland songstress) MCs the opening. The Kiwi guys on the delegation think she is a local and marvel at her Kiwi accent. I put them straight. Attend KEA (Kiwi Expatriates Abroad) dinner afterwards. KEA is a networking organization for New Zealanders living and working abroad. Get a few hours' sleep before getting up before the crack of dawn to catch a plane to Qingdao.

Qingdao

Coastal city in Shandong Province between Beijing and Shanghai. Home to the famous beer (Tsingtao). At times occupied by Germany (probably hence the brewery) and Japan. Hosted the sailing for the Beijing Olympics. Was sister city of North Shore City. Attend re-signing ceremony of sister city agreement to reflect changeover to Auckland Council. Weather is quite cold, overcast and sometimes raining. Coldest I have ever experienced in China. Qingdao is home to a number of multi-nationals, including Haier and Hisense. We visit Haier HQ and get shown the product range. Visit Qingdao Creative Institute for signing ceremony. The Mayor's face is on every computer screen in the design lab. Also visit Tsingtao Brewery Museum. Of course, get to sample some of the production. Tour finishes in a beer hall. The New Zealand delegation start a singalong (Ten Guitars).

April 14-16

Beijing

Hosted to function at the NZ Embassy. The Ambassador, Carl Worker, is very energetic and an all round good guy. Very congenial host. Mrs Worker was a renowned chef in Argentina and has done the catering. The meats are beautifully cooked. A room in the embassy is decorated with Maori carvings. We are amazed that such a room exists in China. Another singalong led by the Mayor ensues. The embassy itself is due to be demolished soon, to be completely rebuilt. New Zealand is lucky to have taken out a long lease of the land so tenure is assured. The value of the lease has gone up many, many times. Countries with less foresight are now on short-term leases and may be forced to move to less desirable and central location. Next day honoured to be asked to join Mayor at a select small lunch where he is meeting potential funders of some Auckland infrastructural projects. Next day, Sunday, I am free until late afternoon. Visit Great Wall with local lawyer friend and his wife. In the evening attend opening of film festival in Beijing. Beijing seems to be very clean and ordered. Our hotel, the Grand Hyatt, is right next to a famous shopping street, Wangfujian. Eat in the food street. One of the delicacies on display are scorpions on a sate stick. They are still wriggling. They are supposed to be very tasty but not game to try.

April 16-18

Ningbo

Coastal city south of Shanghai. Delayed leaving Beijing by several hours. After midnight when we land and well into the small hours when we get to hotel. Next day visit the New Zealand Products Promotion Centre (NZPPC). This is a joint venture between Ningbo Free Trade Zone and IEF Investment Company (an Auckland company whose head I just happen to know). The NZPPC will promote NZ products and facilitate the entry into China of New Zealand goods. Ningbo is the fourth largest port facility in China and its through-put rate makes Auckland's look anemic. Ningbo was sister city of Waitakere. The former Mayor, Bob Harvey, is thought of fondly in Ningbo and much revered.

April 18-20

Shanghai

Travel to Shanghai by bus. It's a three hour drive and includes taking the 36kms (yes, kilometers) Hangzhou Bay Bridge across Hangzhou Bay. One of the longest sea crossings in the world. The bridge is six lanes each way. Shanghai is the world's largest city by population – over 23 million. Visit New Zealand Central, a building set up as a base for New Zealanders to do business. Decorated with NZ features, e.g. rooftop garden with barbecue tables, NZ bird song plays in the lifts. Attend networking function here. Have invited a friend from Auckland who has been doing business in China for years. Of all the cities, Shanghai seems to have the most potential for business and there is a lot of buzz and positive vibes. New Zealand is held in high regard in political circles in China but FTA or no FTA, New Zealand is going to have to work very hard to get cut through doing trade in China. The whole world wants to trade with China and some of the larger corporations have marketing budgets which would dwarf our whole investment fund. Still, there are still some success stories and we just have to work smarter. We need to lose some of our naivety and learn how to pick up and close deals.

May 9

Social Dance

Our mid-year dance. Good numbers attend but could be higher because of defections to weddings and holidays. Basically a social but a fair number of keen dancers. A lot of non-members. A great supper presented by wife, Jennie and her friends, Mary, Helen and Annie and contribution from Connie.

May 13

Chinese School Award

The Consulate-General makes awards every year to well performing Chinese schools in Auckland and their students. This year we are proud to be one of the three school so honoured. Good teachers and well performing students are also given awards. Notice quite a number of non-Chinese are learning Chinese. Mental note to self: time to learn Chinese properly and get lessons.

June 6

Commonwealth Society Jubilee Function

Attend function at Northern Club to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Lament how this significant milestone seems to have passed New Zealanders by and how our head of state's reign has not been better celebrated.

June 7

Rigoletto

Attend opening performance at Aotea Centre. Great production. Usual tragedy and misunderstanding. Usual willing suspension of belief that paunchy Lothario could be mistaken for a dashing young student by the naïve heroine. Very enjoyable all the same and marvel at the innovative set design.

June 18

American Independence Day Celebration

Attend function at Museum at the invitation of the American Ambassador. He gives a great speech touching on New Zealand role during WWII. Band from the Pacific Fleet based in Hawaii plays (very loudly). Get to meet Lucy Lawless but she is whisked away for a dance by one of the American consuls before I am able to exchange little more than pleasantries. This year marks the 70th anniversary of the US Marines landing in Auckland. They seemed to attract our women folk back then too.

EDITOR'S COMMENT

Welcome to the Winter Edition of the ACCC newsletter.



In transit to the Bluff Oyster Festival last month I stopped off in Dunedin and visited the impressive Chinese Gardens.

The garden is an authentic Chinese Garden, having been created with the support of the Dunedin City Council and the Shanghai Municipal Government. It cost over \$11 million to construct.

The garden is New Zealand's only authentic Chinese Garden and one of only three outside China - the first of its kind to be built in the southern hemisphere. The design of the garden evolved over the course of eight years of planning to ensure functionality, accuracy, and authenticity.

The garden is in the traditional yuanlin () style, and was designed by Cao Yongkang of Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Chen Ling of Tongji University, and Tan Yufeng of Shanghai Museum. They used as their basis the traditional gardens of the Jiangnan area, specifically because these gardens represent the apogee of Chinese garden style while at the same time being suitable for small sites in urban settings.

Construction and design was closely supervised by Shanghai Museum and architects from that city. Much of the garden was pre-fabricated in Shanghai on a site identical to that in Dunedin, then dismantled and re-assembled in New Zealand with the help of Shanghai artisans

My sister in law – Frances Wong gave me an insight into the Shanghai workers and how they enjoyed their stay in Dunedin and were actually accommodated in the nearby backpacker hostel. They would return to their hostel for lunch which always consisted of rice and other traditional Chinese fare.

The garden was blessed in June 2008, in the presence of Prime Minister Helen Clark and Chinese ambassador Zhang Yuanyuan and opened to the public the following month. Prime Minister Clark returned to officially open the garden in September 2008.

In time we hope that the Auckland Chinese Gardens project continues to gather momentum and we in Auckland can be proud of an iconic cultural landmark come tourist attraction.

NEWS LETTER – BY EMAIL

Due to the increased cost of postage, future Newsletters will be sent by email to all members whose email address we have on record.

If you have provided the Society with your email address, but still wish to receive a printed copy of Newsletters, please inform the Membership committee chairman at wtchoy@ihug.co.nz.

BEVAN CHUANG
SECRETARY AND MEMBER OF ETHNIC PEOPLES ADVISORY PANEL

2012 is a year of anniversaries of diplomatic relationships. We are celebrating the 70th Anniversary with the United States of America, the 60th Anniversary with Japan, the 50th Anniversary with Democratic Republic of Korea, the 40th Anniversary with the Peoples' Republic of China and the 20th Anniversary with Belarus.



Celebrations are carried out all over the country, with the US Embassy celebrating their anniversary with performances by U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific Band; the Japanese community with their Japan Day, and the Korean Embassy and Korean Society bringing a series of performances to New Zealanders throughout the year.

There were a lot of activities in Auckland. The Mayor has led a delegation to China in April, and will be leading delegations to the Pacific, Korea and Taiwan later this year. The Mayor is envisaged to lead a delegation to China next year, and every year as long as he shall be the Mayor.

There were also a number of delegations to Auckland, including the Chief Executive of Hong Kong SAR, Mr Donald Tsang, Mr. Yang Wang, Secretary of the Guangdong Committee of the Communist Party of China, Mr. Liao Hui, Vice Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) and President of China-Oceania Friendship Association (COFA), Mayor and delegation from Kakokawa City of Japan, and many other delegations from other local governments and representatives from China.

Auckland is extremely interested to further develop economic relationships with Asian countries, particularly with China. Interests include investments, tourism, international students and cultural exchanges. This is one of the key priorities as featured in the Auckland Council's 30-year-plan, Auckland Plan.

The Ethnic Peoples' Advisory Panel for the Auckland Council will be running a Public Meeting in July seeking feedback from the ethnic communities. Please contact ethnicpanel@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz for further information.



On a lighter note, the Aotea Square will be transformed into an ice skating rink from Wednesday 20 June to Sunday 5 August. For further information, visit <http://www.the-edge.co.nz/icerink.aspx>.

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LIVING IN BOTH WORLDS – BEVAN CHUANG

I've received a phone call late last year from *Notable Pictures* who wanted to do a series of documentary. They have contacted the 10 of us from different backgrounds; different age groups, gender, sexual orientation, country of origin and even current place of residence. The one thing that bonded us was our identity as 1.5 generations.

1.5 generations or 1.5G are people who immigrate to a new country before or during their early teens. We bring characteristics from our home country but continue to integrate into the new country.

Many of us are bi-cultural, combining both cultures - culture from the country of origin with the culture of the new country. Our identification will be affected by experiences growing up in the new country. We are often bilingual and find it easier to integrate into the local culture and society than people who immigrated as adults.

Each week, audiences meet one 18-30 year old who is facing a defining moment in our life, and explore our concerns, hopes and fears. We have to use a handcam to record our own candid thoughts and feelings as well as introducing the mainstream to the refugee or migrant communities.

Each of us explored an issue, which unveil how our world views that may contradict to different cultural beliefs, and yet how we embraced this unique identity. The filming for each person took around 3 months, and each scene took a day to shoot. We were all involved with the filming, from the conception of each story, to discussion on how the story should go.

My specific topic was about my journey looking for a partner. Being a 1.5G means that it is hard to find someone who also shares the cultural understanding, particularly for someone like me to who deals with multicultural ethnic communities every day. There were some discussions that migrant Chinese boys find Chinese girls who have dated a "gwai lo" as "less worthy". At the same time, when you have a relationship with a non-Chinese, they do not necessary understand many of the cultural practices that we take for granted.

1.5 Kiwis are often seen too Kiwi by their ethnic communities, and ethnic by the Kiwi community. Finding a balance in the both worlds was a theme for me, and many others in the documentary.

It was an interesting experience – when you walk around all parts of Auckland with a film crew – you attract a lot of attention and a lot of questions. You also grow from being very camera

conscious to become very comfortable. You constantly have to evaluate what you can say and what the producers/directors wanted. I remember sitting in front of the TV nervously even though I have seen the final edit of the show. I was wondering what my family; friends and colleagues would think when it went on air.

I was overwhelmed by the responses – I have people texting or contacting me on Facebook throughout the screening; people discussing this online; and people leaving messages online wanting to know how I am doing now.

I feel honoured to be invited to be part of this; I am passionate about telling the stories of 1.5G, particularly because I am one. I am very proud of all of us as we need to be courageous enough to share some of the most intimate moments of our lives and believes to the public. I am also very proud to be involved with a production which the hard work in promoting race relations was recognised by the Human Rights Commission.

It is screening on TV3, every Saturday at 10.25am until 4 August. You can follow the participants on <http://www.facebook.com/BOTHWorldsNZ> And you can see all episodes on <http://ondemand.tv3.co.nz> and search “Both Worlds”.

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CHINESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL

The Children's and Adult's Language Schools both got off to a very good start this year with a marked increase in student enrolment, as compared with previous years.

The following is an update on school events for year 2012.

CHILDREN'S CHINESE SCHOOL

School Classes

This year we have a total of seven children's classes. Two classes (beginners and intermediate) at Onehunga, and five classes (elementary to advanced level) at the Mt Eden School. Pupils are from 5 to 16 years of age. We are pleased to report that we have also enrolled a number of young pupils who are of non-Chinese ethnic background, wishing to learn Mandarin Chinese.

New pupils are welcome to enrol at any time of the year. You do not have to wait for the start of a term or year to enrol. We continually accept new students into classes throughout the year.

Chinese Poll Tax Grant

This year we have again been successful in receiving a grant of \$4000 from the Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust (NZ Ministry of Internal Affairs) for running the Children and Adult sections of the Cantonese classes. The school is very thankful to the Trust for their continued support in our promoting the Cantonese language.

Outstanding Teachers and Students Award

At a ceremony sponsored by the Peoples Republic of China Consulate General, Auckland office, a presentation of an Outstanding Chinese School Award, was made to our ACCC Chinese Language School on the Sunday 13 May 2012, held on the public stage of the China town at Ti Rakau Drive, East Tamaki. We were one of five Chinese schools nominated for this Award in Auckland. The



The award certificate was presented to the Principal, Stan King, on behalf of the school. A \$1000 cheque was also presented to the school, and received by Arthur Loo. All presentations were made by the Consul general Madam Liao.

The two teachers nominated and who received the outstanding teachers award were Amy Hongrun Chen of the Onehunga School, and Judy Lizhu Shen of the Mt Eden School.

The two students Yee Teng Lo of the Onehunga School and Cynthia Peng of the My Eden School received the Outstanding Students Award.

Our congratulations to both the two teachers and two students.

School Holidays (End of Second Term)

The last day of the second term will be the Sunday 24 June, and the schools will be closed for two weeks holiday on the Sundays 1st and 8th June. The third term will recommence on the Sunday 15 June. I am sure that all pupils are looking forward to this break from their Chinese studies. Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday.

ADULT CHINESE LANGUAGE CLASSES

This year we were very pleased that the Adult Chinese Classes started off with a large increase of over 100% in student enrolment for the first term, compared with previous years, in both the Cantonese and Mandarin classes. This year we have two classes for Cantonese (beginners and intermediate levels), and two classes for Mandarin (beginners and advanced levels).

It's great to see the students of the Adult Mandarin Advance Class have been going continuously for four years, and have progressed to a high level of fluency in the language. Our congratulations to the students for their perseverance and hard work.

All new students are welcome to join any of the classes at any stage, and do not have to wait to the end of a term or year to enrol.

CONTACT OR ENQUIRIES

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DUANWU FESTIVAL –

This year Chinese Duanwu Festival was on the 23rd of June, which was the 5th day of May on the Chinese lunar calendar. It is believed to have originated in ancient China. A number of theories exist about its origins as a number of folk traditions and explanatory myths are connected to its observance. Today the best known of these relates to the suicide in 278 BCE of Qu Yuan, poet and statesman of the Chu Kingdom during the Warring States period.



The best-known traditional story holds that the festival commemorates the death of poet Qu Yuan during the Warring States period of the Zhou Dynasty. A descendant of the Chu royal house, Qu served in high offices. However, when the king decided to ally with the increasingly powerful state of Qin, Qu was banished for opposing the alliance; he was accused of treason. During his exile, Qu Yuan wrote a great deal of poetry, for which he is now remembered. Twenty-eight years later, Qin captured Ying, the capital of Chu. In despair, Qu Yuan committed suicide by drowning himself in the Miluo River on the fifth day of the fifth lunar month.

It is said that the local people, who admired him, dropped sticky rice triangles wrapped in bamboo leaves into the river to feed the fish. The rice was wrapped so that fish would not eat Qu Yuan's body and eat the rice instead. This is said to be the origin of "zongzi". The local people were also said to have paddled out on boats, either to scare the fish away or to retrieve his body. This is said to be the origin of dragon boat racing.

The Dragon Boat Festival is a celebration where many eat rice dumplings (zongzi), drink realgar wine, and race dragon boats. Other activities include hanging icons of Zhong Kui (a mythic guardian figure), hanging mugwort and calamus, taking long walks, writing spells and wearing perfumed medicine bags. All of these activities and games such as making an egg stand at noon were regarded by the ancients as an effective way of preventing disease, evil, while promoting good health and well-being. People sometimes wear talismans to fend off evil spirits or they may hang the picture of Zhong Kui, a guardian against evil spirits, on the door of their homes.

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AUDREY CHAN – QUEEN'S SERVICE MEDAL – MAY 2012



ACCC member Audrey Chan was recently recognised for her community work and was invested with the Queen's Service Medal. Audrey is a key organiser and supporter of many Chinese events and the Chinese community in Auckland.

She was the founder of the Cantonese Opera Society of New Zealand. This organisation has raised significant amounts for charity in Auckland, including the purchase of a new rescue boat for the Karekare Surf Lifesaving Club. She has been a key organiser of Chinese New Year celebrations in Auckland, along with Auckland Lantern Festival. She also helped organise the Auckland region's first Moon Festival in 2003 and has continued to help with this since. She was one of the founders of the New Zealand Marital Arts Association. She is President of the Hong Kong University Alumni Association of New Zealand. She is involved with the West Harbour Rotary Club and tutors in Elementary Mandarin and Chinese culture.

Our congratulations to Audrey for a well deserved award.

Chinese just want a fair deal

OPINION
by Meng Foon



A FEW people have asked me about my thoughts on the sale of the Crafar farms to Chinese buyers.

Let me put it this way, all we want as Chinese people is a fair deal and an equal opportunity in this country, regardless of who we are.

I suppose the reason why some people are concerned about the Chinese buying land is that we may be seen to be taking over New Zealand.

My uncle Fong told me that when he wanted to buy land at Matawhero for his market garden, he had to pay twice as much as anyone else would have. Neighbours were saying "don't sell to the Chinaman". The owner said "you pay me the same as the Chinaman and I will sell it to you". Well, they did not match the price.

At the state assets sales meeting chaired by Deputy Prime Minister Bill English in Gisborne, a question was asked, "why is the Government selling land to the Chinese?" Why pick on the Chinese, I thought. I leaned over to my friend and said "at least the Chinese people pay for the land".

For over 130 years some New

Zealanders have feared the Chinese ... governments even made special laws discriminating against Chinese people.

There was the poll tax, under which only Chinese immigrants had to pay 100 pounds back in the late 1800s to come to New Zealand. Then there was a restriction on the number, no wives were allowed, no pension no citizenship, etc. No I am not moaning, these were the rules of the day and we still like coming to New Zealand.

But why is there still concern about Chinese people? China was an ally of New Zealand and other forces during World War 2. My father-in-law bought a .22 rifle to defend his new country, New Zealand, against a Japanese invasion.

I think Chinese people have made a significant contribution to Gisborne, and New Zealand. We pay our taxes; we have hardly any Chinese in jail; we develop and add value to this nation's wellbeing; we participate in all walks of life in our communities.

In Gisborne/East Coast we have Juken Nissho and Cedenco (both Japanese), Hikurangi and Ernslaw One (Malaysian) and Hansol (Korean) all investing, all employing, importing and exporting, all adding value, all paying their bills.

Chinese people are good farmers, we have been working the land for over 5000 years.

So back to the Crafar sale.

The land will still be here in New Zealand. Under the deal that is on and off the table the Chinese have offered the best price to the receivers, they have got a very good management team in Landcorp, they will offer all the wahi tapu sites back to tangata whenua, and they have said they will invest \$100 million on the farms. If they build a milk factory, 50 percent needs to be Kiwi-owned and that is a great deal for New Zealand, I think.

The current Kiwi offer falls short on the Chinese offer in most respects.

At least the Chinese will abide by the regional council environmental requirement and feed the animals.

Also, a whole lot of other associated Kiwi businesses will be able to dovetail into this very large important market.

Gisborne Mayor Meng Foon is a New Zealand-born Kiwi of Chinese descent.

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NOTE: The gremlins got into Manu Caddie's opinion piece about fracking (The Gisborne Herald, March 1) and did terrible things to a link that was supposed to direct readers to presentations from a workshop held at Duke University. Try this one instead: <http://www.nicholas.duke.edu/hydrofrackingworkshop2012/workshop>

DOMINION FEDERATION OF NZ CHINESE COMMERCIAL GROWERS
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Sons of the Soil is a history of Chinese market gardening in New Zealand as told through the personal stories of more than 100 ordinary yet spirited men and women from market gardening communities all around New Zealand. This moving and inspiring account of the people that bring us our green vegetables every day is supplemented by material from archives, libraries and museums. The book is lavishly illustrated with photographs generously contributed by growers and their families. Although *Sons of the Soil* is essential reading for Chinese New Zealanders, especially the thousands of descendants of early Chinese settlers, it will also be of interest to all New Zealanders as an integral part of our nation's history.

Success through Adversity is a story of service and dedication. Founded in 1943 and run by men who gave of their time and effort on behalf of their fellow growers, the Dominion Federation of New Zealand Chinese Commercial Growers has steadfastly upheld the rights of Chinese market gardeners for nearly 70 years. *Success through Adversity* relates the history of the Federation including its formation, its relationship with other growers' organisations, the challenges it has faced and its achievements. It is invaluable reading for anyone interested in knowing how the Federation succeeded in bringing the organisation into the twenty-first century. Of particular interest to readers will be the list of all known growers in the major Chinese market gardening communities around New Zealand, from the 1930s to the 2010s.

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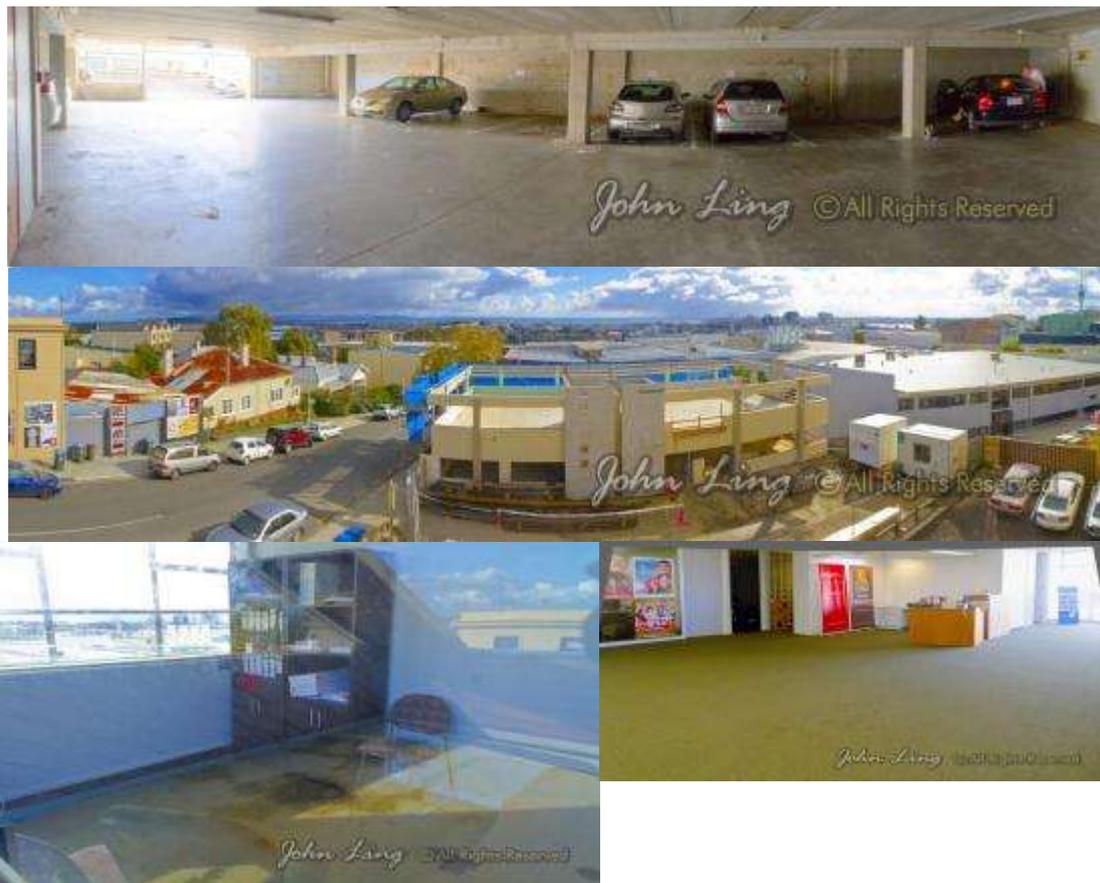
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INVITATION - AUGUST FESTIVAL DINNER**

at Sichuan Restaurant- Remuera Road Remuera

SAT 18th AUGUST 2012 @ 6.30pm - Crayfish Menu

Adults: \$35 BYO & Child: \$25 under 12;

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CHINA TRIP 2012

Maurice Chan

Team Kiwi

Kai & Rose Luey
Maurice & Rose Chan
Willie & Loretta Wong

Still reminiscing our fabulous May 2011 Europe tour, this time we set off on an intrepid tour of China. Perhaps not really intrepid in the true sense of the word, but intrepid on our scale as we are not accustomed to climbing mountains and taking red-eye flights.

Kai was the organizer this time as he has an affinity with China and knew what was worth including in the itinerary. Naturally we needed a travel agent specializing in China to connect our every move and we found China Travel Service very professional and provided prompt and efficient service.

Whilst it is too exhaustive to render a report in detail for this interesting trip, I thought a summarized overview would give some insight of the experiences we had and the observations we made.

The following are the Cities/towns visited organized by CTS: Qindao, Qufu, Tai'an, Jinan, Changsha, Zhangjiajie, Guilin, Longshen, Yangshuo, Xiamen, Wuyi Mountain, Shenzhen.

Our own arrangements after that included Xintan, various villages of our group and Guangzhou



The Avatar Mountain Zhangjiajie

China Southern Airlines flew us from Auckland to Guangzhou and then to Qindao, the starting point of the CTS tour. A lot of flying was involved between cities and we were met and looked after by the local guide for each area.

As we had been to the big cities before, the emphasis of this itinerary included mountains and lakes. Buddhas and temples, rivers and caves came with the package. Here are some notable highlights;

Our tour begins from **Qingdao**, a city famous for its beer and today, Tsingtao beer is sold widely. A museum including tasting sessions is testament to its importance. Other places visited included Olympic Park, site of the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition, and San Kong, the burial place of Confucius.

We saw a most amazing open air show set in the mountains in Tai'an entitled "Worship To Heaven And Earth" about the history of China created by the same person that created the Olympic Games ceremonies. A truly grandeur Sound and Light Show. Also a round-way cable car ride at Mount Tai Shan and a visit to Baotu Spring.

Zhangjiajie is a group of spectacular mountains one of which is commonly known as the **Avatar** mountain. This is a World Heritage Site and boasts the longest cable car ride in the world. One of the mountains has a large hole in the rock at the top in which planes have flown through. A walk along the glass floor walkway around a vertical cliff face was awe inspiring. Baofeng Lake is also unique, like heaven on earth. It was here that Willie accepted a 200RMB ride on a bamboo chair up the mountain. Now Willie is a big Bbb-boy with a puku to match. He felt so sorry for the two chair bearers, he gave them 300 RMB. And hey, they even beat us to the top. Well done chair bearers.

Guilin offers rice terraces carved into the mountain, and exploring villages of ethnic tribes. A cruise along Li River and viewing Elephant Trunk Hill which resembles an elephant's trunk is popular. Another amazing event is the "Impression Liusanjie" an outdoor show on the lake by the same creator as the previous show.

Xiamen featured the Architecture Museum, a puppet show and a famous piano museum We also visited 3 Hakka villages of unusual structure. Visited 3 factories, a Knife, a bamboo products and a confectionery. As our Guide earns a commission, we suggested he should also take us to a BMW factory.

Wuyi Mountain Floating downstream on a bamboo raft with 5 passengers and 2 oarsmen negotiating the rocks and rapids among stunning scenery was indeed a thrilling experience.

Shenzhen is known for shopping. Difficult to get around, even for taxi drivers. It was noted that the fashions in China would not suit mainstream Kiwis in general. There is the very high end of the market which is expensive and tailored. The young end is colourful and cut for the younger smaller petite sizing.

Zintan or Sun Tong as we know it. Willie's cousin showed us his home in the elite Phoenix Estate. He is a wealthy Jeans manufacturer. My cousin, a lady in her 80's and her extended family is also in the jeans business. Their business estate comprises about 6 large 8



Elephant Trunk Hill, Guilin.

storey buildings, 3 as factories and 3 for worker's accommodation all inside a large park like security controlled estate. There are large shoe warehouses on every street. (mainly women's shoes)

Sun Gai Village is my village where we met my relatives. The houses are the same as ever before but the roads have now been sealed. Only a few retirees live there. The school is closed due to lack of children. Most have gone to the city for work.

Guangzhou, our last stop is a large city, difficult to get around even for taxis. Our highlight was the Pearl River Night Cruise. A must for video enthusiasts to capture the well lit skyline of lights. As expected, shops galore.

OF INTEREST

- Beer costs 3-5RMB [NZ60c to \$1.00] per bottle
- Water costs 3RMB [NZ60c] per bottle
- Petrol costs 8RMB [NZ\$1.60] per litre
- Minimum salary is 1,800RMB [NZ\$360] per month
- Taxis cost 10RMB [NZ\$2] flag fall can last some way. 3RMB surcharge applies in some cities.
- Squat toilets are still common, not suitable for tourists.

FOOD

Food is cheap in the streets but eating in upmarket places can be expensive, especially at the airports. Coffee can cost up to NZ\$12 per cup. A few tissues at the table attracts a cover charge whether you use it or not. Imported food is expensive. In a top end store, NZ kiwi fruit cost NZ\$20 for 4 pieces. NZ honey costs NZ\$60 for a small jar.

HOTELS

The first hotel was deservedly 5 star and featured international breakfasts. The rest were rated 4 star. However, some were good and some were not up to the rating. Some rooms were in a state of disrepair with chattels such as air conditioning, refrigeration and plumbing not working. Yet we had a 3 star hotel which was better than some of the 4 stars. Most of our hotels featured Chinese breakfasts so having three rice meals a day is not what we are accustomed to. Thank goodness for McDonalds and KFC, very popular for the young and trendy in China.

CUTE SAYINGS

At the mountain-
Please do not jump for your happiness and that of others
Danger please slow down
Be Careful
Warm Notice

Restaurant-
Dirty Rice Bowl
Stermed Prok and Mushroom

Shopping Centre-
Be careful of the Eadoer [escalator]

Museum-
Forbid to shoot to be like

CAR DRIVING I would not drive here. Everyone pushes in and perform dangerous lane changes.

ONE HOTEL'S MOTTO-

- Treating politely and sincerely, being harmonious and near and dear.
- Considerate services to special guests
- Whole hearted services to normal guests
- Elaborate services to important guests
- Warm services to abnormal guests
- Patient services to nit picking guests
- Meticulous services to guests with disabilities

TOP TIP- How to get to use the priority check in or any priority accesses. Invest NZ\$3 on a walking stick and hobble. Willie did it but he was genuine. He was scheduled for a hip replacement upon his return to NZ. Well done Willie, you deserve a medal for sheer grit.

IN CONCLUSION The scenery was awe inspiring, and one can see that China is advancing rapidly in the world.

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Failure to pay the annual membership fee before 30 June 2012 will result in their membership being forfeited.

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