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From the President



Your Committee has been busy with many activities, Federal and State. Here, we were preoccupied with amending our Constitution to comply with new laws. We had to change to a new template, which spells out far better how we operate and we will now have to vote on it at our AGM in November. As this is a significant change, I ask you all to come along and ratify the proposal. My thanks in this to the Constitution Sub-Committee and Louise Clayton in particular for her major contribution.

Shortly we will be sending Wai Ching Chan as our delegate to the biennial Friendship Forum in Guiyang. She will be taking with her a photographic gift from the Federal body of ACFS to Youxie, a collage of 3 historic photos taken in the early 60's. Tower Liu is making this and I look forward to hearing how it is received as an important part of the history between the People's Republic and us. Here is what our gift will look like:



**Australia China Friendship Society:
Promoting friendship and
understanding since 1952**

Top left: Chairman Mao Zedong meets
Betty Little (Vic ACS), 1964

Top right: Premier Zhou Enlai meets
Norma Chalmers (Qld ACS) 1960

Left: ACS delegation welcomed by
Chinese Foreign Minister & Vice Premier
Chen Yi, 1963



We all wish Wai Ching a happy and productive trip and of course, we look forward to seeing her safely back here to report on what's happening internationally.

Last week there was a small item about Asians at the top of corporate Australia and the lack of representation

proportionately. In the Financial Review, Lisa Annese, the CEO of the Diversity Council of Australia, wrote that if you have an Asian name or look Asian, you will be overtly or subtly discriminated against in the business world.

She was interviewed on local ABC Radio 774 by Jon Faine and I phoned in to say that not only was there a "Bamboo Ceiling" in business, but also in politics. Asians are grossly under-represented in all levels of government, Local, State and Federal. Here in Victoria, for the State election in November there are only 3 Chinese standing for election. At present, none sit in the Upper House and only one Asian (Hong Lim, Labor) and one Sri Lankan (Jude Perera, Labor) sit in the Lower House. That is woeful. It is also telling there are no Asian sitting MPs on the Government side.

Finally, China's National Day Dinner is coming up on Monday 22 September at Dragon Boat Palace. You have been sent an email about how to book, and but we have reserved a table of 10, at \$50/head. Places are limited, so you will need to book early and I look forward to seeing you there.

I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM so we can tell you of what we have planned for the next year.

Cheers

Anthony Leong President

The ACFS Victorian Branch is hosting a table for the Chinese National Day celebrations. You are invited to join us at 7.00 PM on 22 September 2014 at Dragon Boat Palace restaurant, 149 Lonsdale Street Melbourne for a great night of entertainment and excellent Chinese cuisine. The cost is \$50.00 per person and to secure your place, we ask that you RSVP on mobile: 0411 285 488 and deposit the funds via Electronic Funds Transfer to BSB 063-019 Acc 10040625 identifying National Day dinner and your name.

Australia and China in 2014:

a members perspective of the growing relationship between australia & china

A frenetic time for this growing relationship:

Australia and China are experiencing rapid expansion in their relationship in a wide variety of fields, not just in mining as the papers tend to lead us to believe.

In the area of exports of Australian produce - wine, beef, sea food, olive oil, milk, pharmaceuticals are all enjoying amazing expansion in sales, as one after another cooperative agreements are signed, contracts drawn up and goods begin flowing from Australian companies and into China.

Tourism is increasing strongly as Chinese visitors discover new areas of Australia to explore in expanding numbers, resulting in great gains which may well exceed the projected figures of 100% growth in Chinese travelers by 2020.

International students from China continue to swell the number of Asian faces in our schools and Universities. The state governments have complex plans including for 1500 Year 9 students to experience visits to China over the next few years, 30 students visiting Nanjing to experience the Junior Olympic Games in September and many keen applicants striving to gain a Hamer Scholarship to learn Chinese for 6 months in Nanjing the capital of Victoria's Sister State - Jiangsu Province.

At the same time back here, a wide spectrum of organizations are planning and implementing programs to assist Australian businessmen to improve their China Readiness and Australian students to become more China literate.

In the last two years the Victorian government sent two Super Business Missions with almost 1000 business people attending. This year, Prime Minister Abbott joined Trade Minister Andrew Robb on a highly successful

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trade mission comprising over 600 delegates, to celebrate Australia Week in China.

Back here in Melbourne over the last three to four months, following the ACFS Dinner at Qian Jude and presentation by former Premier, now Director at Hua Wei, John Brumby there have been a plethora of interesting and informative activities, seminars, forums, workshops, lectures, visits and training programs on an array of themes relevant to the Australia - China relationship.

Here is a short list of events and activities over the last 3 months :

May 28 Launch of the TV Program "Global Chinese, first Australian Season". a series of 10 episodes "interviewing Chinese who have made a significant contribution to Australian Society" for Zhejiang TV Station by Phoenix Publishing and Media International Ltd at the Theatre, L 46 Collins St. Victorian Government Investment Centre.

June 4 A "Conversation with Rowan Caillick", former China Correspondent of the Australian Newspaper and launch of his recent book - "Who runs China & how / now known as Party Time" organized by the ACBC and held at Hunt & Hunt Lawyers.

June 12 Launch of the Report on "Community Engagement by Chinese firms in Australia: practices and benefits" by Xueli Huang & Warren Staples - hosted by RMIT & ACBC.

June 19 "Education as Victoria's top export to China - the way forward" - Guest Speaker Education Minister Martin Dixon - Panel Members Derek Scott Principal Haileybury College, Kate Morris Principal, Northcote High School, Professor Susan Elliot Melbourne University , Claire Field ACPET - presented at the Windsor Hotel, by Australia China Business Council (ACBC) and Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) University.

June 25 "Fundamentals of Doing Business with China," with Julia Dong & Emma Pitt of the Confucius Institute on the Chinese Mentality, Business & Negotiations tips / Peter Cai China Spectator / Mimi Vanderpol - on Bribery & Corruption - conducted by Asia Link Business.

July 3 A Luncheon and networking opportunity featuring a speech on "Current and future developments in the China - Australia relationship by the Australian Ambassador to China Ms France Adamson, at the Ballroom at the Sofitel Hotel, presented by ACBC and Asia Link / University of Melbourne.

July 9 "Deepening Reform for China's Long Term Growth and Development" - Five Chinese professors from the Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies and Faculty of Business and Economics at Melbourne University.

July 12-13 "The Chinese Language Teachers Association - National Conference" at Melbourne Grammar School, organized by the CLTA of Victoria.

July 24-5 "The History Teachers Association of Victoria (HTAV) Annual Conference," featuring 4 sessions on VCE Revolutions - China: to be held at Flemington Racecourse.

July 25 "An opportunity to meet the organizers of the 11th China - Asean Expo" to be held on September 25th - in Parliament House in Spring St (sponsored by ACBC).

July 28 "A formal luncheon to mark the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the Sister-State relationship" between the State Government of Victoria, Australia and the Jiangsu Provincial Government, People's Republic of China, conducted by the Victorian Government Department of State Development, Business and Innovation (DSDBI) This senior delegation from Jiangsu are visiting Victoria, to further strengthen the economic and cultural relationship between the two Governments. Jiangsu delegates cover a number of key strategic industries including ICT, biotechnology, manufacturing, food and agriculture and solar energy.



Phil Parker

Erhu recital in Qidong China



Pangeng Shen is a well known Melbourne Erhu (Chinese violin) soloist. In April, he had a very successful recital in Qidong city, Jiangsu province, China. In this concert, Mr Shen performed with students of the Erhu as well as dancers.

Mr Shen was born in Suzhou China in 1949 and started learning Erhu at the age of 18. He was selected to study music at Nanjing Normal University and went on to teach the Erhu there as Associate Professor until 1989.

In 1987, he won the Prize of Excellent Performance in the Music and Dance Festival of Jiangsu Province.

In 1989, he came to live in Australia and went on to form the Melbourne Philharmonic Chinese orchestra in 2004, of which he is now the director.

Since 1990, Mr Shen has been working at Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School Melbourne as the conductor of the PEGS Chinese Orchestra.

In 1986 he visited and performed in Australia. Since then, Mr Shen has had concerts in China, Japan, Singapore, Taiwan and Philippines.

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ACFS TOUR -- MAJESTIC CHINA

Beijing, Datong, Xian, Shanghai

Trip highlights: Yungang Grottoes, Hanging Temple, The Great Wall, Terracotta Warriors

ITINERARY:

20 OCT 2014 Mon Melbourne - Beijing

Fly with China Southern Airlines to Beijing departing at 11PM

21 Oct 2014 Tue Arrive Beijing

Upon arrival, met & transferred to your hotel. Stay at Presidential Hotel for the next four nights. Rest of the day free at leisure to relax.

22 Oct 2014 Wed Beijing

Start at Tiananmen Square, take a stroll on this largest public square, visit Mao's Mausoleum. Explore the magnificent Forbidden City with hundreds of halls and galleries. This afternoon visit the National Museum of China. (B/L/D)

23 Oct 2014 Thu Beijing

Today experience the highlight of your holiday as you climb the Great Wall, one of the seven wonders in the world. This afternoon visit the Ming Tombs and its exhibition halls. (B/L/D)

24 Oct 2014 Fri Beijing

Wander in the Summer Palace, the summer retreat for the Emperors, with the largest imperial garden, Explore the old residential areas, known as Hutong when your rickshaw winds through the small alleys. (B/L/D)

25 Oct 2014 Sat Train Beijing - Datong

This morning tour the iconic Temple of Heaven, visit the Cultural Community Centre and School. After lunch transfer to the station and take the fast train to Datong. Transfer to Datong Hotel for 3 nights. (B/L)

26 Oct 2014 Sun Datong

Visit the Yungang Grottoes, a masterpiece of Chinese Buddhist Caves. (B/L/D)

27 Oct 2014 Mon Datong

Tour the incredible Hanging Temple with a history more than 1,500 years, it features Buddhism, Taoism and Confucianism. After lunch, visit Yinxian Wooden Pagoda. (B/L/-)

28 Oct 2014 Tue Datong - Xian

Free at leisure, later transfer to station for overnight on board, 4 berth soft sleeper. (B/L/-)

29 Oct 2014 Wed Xian

This morning arrive in Xian, transfer to your hotel for

fresh up, then continue to tour the iconic Wild Goose Pagoda, walk on the ancient city wall. Stay at Garden Hotel for three nights. (-/L/D)

30 Oct 2014 Thu Xian

Today marvel at the Terracotta Warriors, one of the greatest archaeological discoveries in 20th Century. Visit the Provincial Museum. Tonight enjoy the spectacular Tang Dynasty Dinner & Show. (B/L/D)

31 Oct 2014 Fri Xian

Free at leisure. (B)

01 Nov 2014 Sat Xian - Shanghai

Free at leisure till transfer to airport for flight to Shanghai. Upon arrival transfer to Holiday Inn Zhabei for 3 nights. (B)

02 Nov 2014 Sun Shanghai

Stroll along the Bund, appreciate the art-deco buildings. Walk in the back streets of the old town, wander in the classic Yu Garden. Browse the fine Shanghai Museum and visit the Jade Buddha temple. Tonight watch the acrobatic Show. (B/L/D)

03 Nov 2014 Mon Shanghai

Free at leisure. (B)

04 Nov 2014 Tue Shanghai

Enjoy some free time at leisure until transfer to the airport for flight home. (B)

05 Nov 2015 Wed Melbourne

Arrive at Melbourne airport at 0940AM.

Tour cost: from \$3,600 per person at twin share

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Not included: Travel insurance, tipping approx \$84 per person (\$7 per person per day, total 12 days) and personal ex-penses.

THE AUSTRALIA-CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY'S AIMS

Cultivate friendly relations with the people of China by fostering the study of China's history, language, culture, social and political structure.

Promote mutual understanding through friendly exchanges between the people of China and Australia. Strengthening ties with travel, the exchange of ideas, information and trade between the two countries.

To seek to clarify misunderstandings between the peoples of China and Australia, which may arise from the misrepresentation of information.

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