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NZCA Music School teachers Tat & Irene with primer 1 school pupils



GROUP PHOTO taken at NZCA NATIONAL CONFERENCE HELD IN WELLINGTON JUNE 2011



Visitors from Waikato enjoying Yumcha with Akld members  
Sid & Liz Lim and Helen & Kam Sam



Treasurer Connie Kum MNZM : Chairman Richard Leung present donation of \$6000 to NZ Red Cross Christchurch Earthquake Fund

## chairman's message



Let me first thank Gillian Young and the ladies in the NZCA Auckland women's group for making myself and Monica feel welcomed at the annual Women's group Yum Cha on Saturday at Pearl Garden restaurant in Newmarket. We all had a great time catching up

and meeting new people along with a group from NZCA Waikato Branch as well as enjoying the great food.

Currently we have several of our younger Branch members representing Auckland at overseas conferences- Paige, Brittney, Jessica and Genevieve Young are attending a Chinese government sponsored **Summer Camp in Beijing for 12 to 18 year olds.**

Vikki Cheng, Jonathon Wong, Natalie Sew Hoy, Melissa Wong, Sandy Ling and Stephanie Young are attending the annual **Dragon Foundation 100 Young Leaders Forum in Taiwan**- it is a reflection of the high esteem that our young NZCA Chinese leaders are held in that we have 6 attendees this year, when they select only 60 delegates from throughout the world to attend this prestigious programme.

As part of our programmes to foster our New Zealand Chinese youth we are currently taking applications for the 2011 **NZCA Winter Camp to China for youth 18 to 26.** The delegates are lead by Janet Joe to reconnect with their heritage- they have the opportunity to go back to the ancestral villages and experience living in China for a month. If you have young adults in this age group please encourage them to apply. Details can be found on our website. This is a self funded programme.

Another initiative that Auckland Branch is driving is the inaugural **Youth Leadership Camp for 14 to 17 year olds from 9 to 11 December at Camp Adair** the programme will be action packed with team building experiences mixed in with cultural activities and discussion forums. Also included are presentations by prominent NZ Chinese leaders. The organising committee are lucky to have Albert King to lead this camp- Albert is a leading life coach/mentor who is originally

from Wellington and now based in Singapore working with major corporate in leadership and life coaching. If you have children in this age group please make an application to attend- there is only 60 places for this exciting programme for our young people.

We also celebrate **August Moon Festival** early this year with a dinner at Sichuan Restaurant in Newmarket on Saturday 13 August, We will also celebrate the young achievers from Auckland who have won Academic Awards for NZCA Head Office who will be presented with their awards- Hamish Chan, Calvin Sang, Paige Young and Amanda Ling. I hope to see some of you attending.

Please contact Connie Kum for your tickets.

Looking further ahead to Easter 2012, Auckland will be hosting the annual NZCA Easter tournament and we are looking for volunteers to assist in any way that you can. If you want to help please contact myself on 021-891-942.

Richard Leung  
Chairman

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## NZCA Sports Tournament 2012

Planning is underway with the expectation that the 64<sup>th</sup> edition of the **NZCA Annual Sports tournament at Easter 2012** in Auckland will be the largest to be ever held in the history of the tournament with up to 1000 participants and 2000 supporters from all over New Zealand.

The focal point of the tournament will be the **Trusts Stadium in Waitakere City**, where most of the sports will be within a 5 minute drive from. Social events for ages from 10 years and up will be organised with it all culminating on Monday night with the Ball. As you can imagine there is a lot of work to be done between now and Easter 2012 so we are looking for volunteers to help leading up to the Tournament and also for helpers on the weekend.

If you are interested in getting involved with the local Chinese community then **please contact me on 021-891-942 or email [richard@glacierinvestments.co.nz](mailto:richard@glacierinvestments.co.nz)**



## Do you know YOUR Roots - Can you believe it ?

I was approached by a friendly member a few weeks ago who told me a very interesting story .

It all started when his maternal grand –father Loo Bao passed away some 15 years ago .

His MGF Loo Bao emigrated to Malaysia from China to escape from the Japanese. While he was enjoying living in his adopted country Malaysia Loo Bao joined the local Zhongshan Association because his ancestral village Zhuhai was under the Zhongshan administration and all of his life he was recognized as a Zhongshan person.

When Loo Bao passed away In Zhuhai he was buried in a Zhongshan Cemetery.

In 2006 HL's grandfather's brother's grandson, a native resident of Zhuhai came across a couple of very important books.

the family genealogy records from Malaysia  
the Clan genealogy records from Hong Kong

From this information he traced his family roots back to Kwangsi and from Kwangsi he traced it back even further to Namhung in northern Guangdong Province. From this research he made a surprising discovery about his ancestral roots. He was a Hakka !

In 2007 when all the family relatives gathered to celebrate \* Ching Ming he told them of the results of his genealogy research and announced his findings to everybody and to their utter shock and surprise to discover that they were all of Hakka lineage.

Their ancestors moved from Namhung to Kwangsi Province about 600 years ago and from there they moved again to Zhuhai 200 years ago.

- Ching Ming is the Chinese term for Spring Festival, a special occasion at the beginning of April to mark the end of winter, the beginning of new life and a time for

honoring the dead . sweeping and putting flowers on graves and spending some time in reflection of the one who has passed on.

There must be other interesting stories that can be told, usually they are lost or forgotten. The younger generation should reach out to their elders to listen to their stories. Unless you show interest and ask questions many events, recipes, and practical experiences will be lost and forgotten. Remember communication is a two way effort, it never hurts to make the first move !

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## **Fish Triangles**

( YU PI BOH )

<u>Pastry</u>	300 grms minced fish 60 grms cornflour
<u>Filling</u>	200 grms pork mince 2 or 3 dried mushrooms finely chopped spring onions
<u>Seasoning</u>	1/2 tsp salt 1tsp light soy or fish sauce dash sesame oil white pepper 1tsp cornflour

### Method

Scrape flesh from fish, discard skin, add cornflour and process in food processor until a fine paste  
Add seasoning, set aside and make pastry

To make pastry ; Take out fish paste, use a little at a time and sprinkle a little cornflour and knead into flat rounds

Wrap in filling ,fold pastry in half and seal the edge. Should make about 20  
add to boiling water and boil until triangles float. drain

Make a simple soup with one or two slices of ginger, bok choy or gai choy and add fish triangles

Serve

EM Wong

**Richard, as the new President of NZCA, a position which Kai Luey, has held for ten years, what is your vision for the future?**

*interviewed by Vivian Chow.*

Kai is going to be a hard act to follow. Kai has indeed been the major driving force for a number of initiatives which has seen NZCA Auckland as the leading branch within the national organisation and also in the mainstream Auckland communities. National initiatives like the Leadership Development Conference which is now into its 5th year draws in future young Chinese professionals from all over New Zealand- this forward thinking will ensure that NZCA will survive long into the future. The successful Banana Conference series have also put NZCA Auckland into the mainstream and got everyone to think of their identity within the New Zealand landscape. Kai has made a significant contribution in this leadership role. If there is one thing that I want to learn from Kai is his passion to grow NZCA Auckland- he is so enthusiastic to back and nurture projects for the younger generation.

With this in mind- I see that my role for the next two years is to continue these strong projects and also to grow NZCA by focusing on "families" - thinking of my generation with young or teenage families... many of us grew up with the Chinese community being at the forefront of our social lives. However, our daily rush with careers, demands, children often bring a hiatus - I'd like to get projects that excite and bring families 'back to the fold'. One such initiative is the Youth Leadership Camp which is currently in the planning stages to be held in early December 2011.

Another idea in the planning is to have an annual summer picnic for all members which focuses on bringing together all the generations of families to enjoy each other and to celebrate summer.

It is time that my generation starts to participate more in the community. We need to value our roots and our community, learn from the older generation and be proud to be Chinese.

**Tell us something about yourself and family.**

I met my wife at Otago University and we have been married for 17 years. Debbie and I have two children- Sabrina 13 and Fletcher 10. I was born in Dunedin but brought up in Wainuiomata. Growing up I attended Chinese Sunday school and played basketball for the Dragons Sports Club.

**What do you do in your leisure?**

I enjoy socialising with friends and watching my kids play sports. I like to relax with the remote control in my hand!

**What is your history or experience with NZCA?**

I have been on the Auckland branch committee since 2005 and have attended the national conferences and national executive meetings for the past four years. I have attended the NZCA Easter tournaments since I was 15 years old - as a youth I played soccer for Wellington, as a uni student I played basketball for Otago, and last year I played basketball in the Veteran's league for Auckland!

**What is the most memorable experience you've had in NZCA?** Winning in my first Easter tournament when I was 15 the soccer final at the Otago Easter Tournament in 1987

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## Hainan

On 10 April 2011, we board a plane from Baiyun airport, Guangzhou to Haikou, Hainan. Hainan Island, the second largest island in China, is situated on the Nanhai Sea (South China Sea) and facing Guangdong Province.

From Haikou, we take the newly opened high-speed railway. The Donghuan (East Ring) Railway is 308 kilometers long, links up the cities of Haikou, the provincial capital, and Sanya, as well as a number of popular tourist destinations along the way.

The trip between the two cities takes about 82 minutes at a speed of 250 km per hour, half the time it takes by road. We disembark at Lingshui, where our friend Sam is waiting. Lingshui is in the southeast part of Hainan Island and has attracted the attention of investor with its special landscapes and resources.

Sam manages a crocodile farm which in the future will be a tourism venture. The farm is still being developed, and recently a restaurant has been opened, to feature crocodile meat and products.



### Stuffed Crocodile and Croco-Bile Tea

After dining on Crocodile tongue, crocodile tail, crocodile bone soup and crocodile bile tea, it's time to visit the farm.

There are many concrete pools, and many crocodiles – babies right through to adults. Another farm is under construction and a further one will be developed in October 2011.

### Pools of Crocodiles, big and small



The next day we visit Nanwan Monkey Island, south of Lingshui County. It is the only tropical island-type nature reserve for macaques C a state protected animal in China. Riding the 2138 meter long passenger ropeway, at 6 meters per second, provides an overview of the old fishing village.

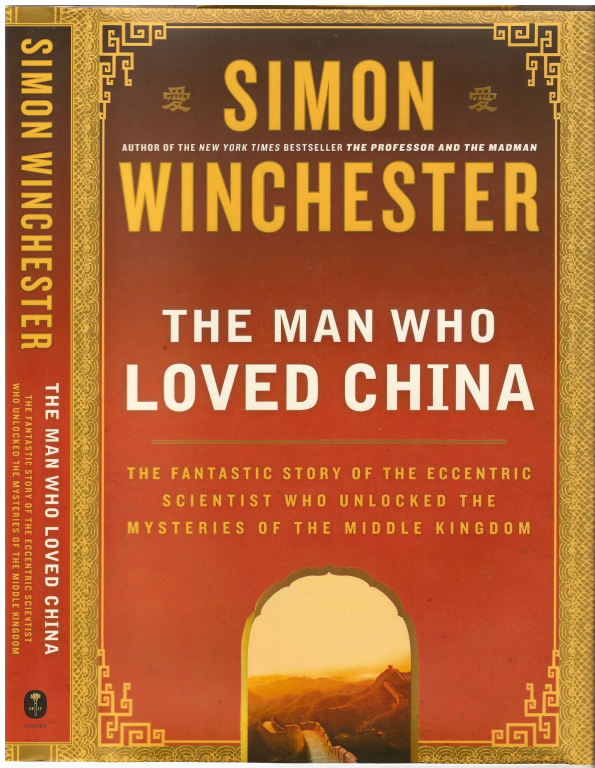
Built in 1965, the nature reserve has more than 2000 monkeys. There are communities of them, swimming, and roaming free. There are also performing monkeys and the monkey opera for entertainment; and colorful birds that are trained to take paper money from your hand, in return for a photo.



We end our visit with lunch on a beach at Sanya, on the southernmost tip of Hainan Province. It was good to take the opportunity to enjoy the natural beauty and food provided there.

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**Book Review**



**The Man Who Loved China**

Simon Winchester:

Have you heard of the **Diamond Sutra** ? No, neither had I until I started reading the Simon Winchester book.

The **Diamond Sutra** was printed by the Chinese in **AD 868** – 6 centuries **before** Gutenberg or Caxton started to set up printing in Europe!

**15 inventions a year ? Incredible ! Unbelievable !**

Learn that in **1907** a stupid Daoist monk **Wang Yuanlu**, as the caretaker of all of the caves at **Mogao**, sold to a foreigner loads of ancient valuable treasures, and loads of irreplaceable scrolls, many written in Sanskrit, Uighur, Tibetan, Sogdian, etc, etc. .including the **Diamond Sutra** from **Caves 16 & 17**.

For 220 pounds **Marc Aurel Stein** loaded over 20 wagon loads of the richest finds of archaeological history. (later Knighted Sir Aurel Stein is reviled in China for what he subsequently did. but revered by the West.) Learn about **China's inventions** ,from the Abacus AD190 ,Iron-chain suspension Bridges 6<sup>th</sup> Century AD, Stirrup AD300 , Vinegar during the 2<sup>nd</sup> century BC and much more.

Quite a bit of heavy reading but if you are a China buff you cannot tear yourself away from this formidable and absorbing book,

***The Fantastic Story of the Eccentric Scientist who Unlocked the Mysteries of the Middle Kingdom***

**NZCA WINTER CAMP 2011** \* STILL MORE PLACES AVAILABLE

from Sunday 20th Nov to 23rd Dec 2011 -- download forms and itinerary > [www.nzchinese.org.nz](http://www.nzchinese.org.nz)

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## **NZCA 2011 YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP**

NZCA Auckland are proud and excited to initiate a Youth Leadership Camp to be held at Camp Adair, 17km south of Auckland - on Friday 9th December through to Sunday 11th December 2011. This is a great opportunity to support our younger members aged between 14 and 17 years old, who are still attending college years 9 to 13 - and give them an awareness of what NZCA has to offer but also learn leadership, motivation and social networking skills. There will be a cultural aspect - as we invite lion dance troupe, tai chi teacher and a chinese calligraphist - to support the programme. This camp will lay the platform for our other initiatives which includes Leadership and Development Conference, Future Dragonz and Winter China Camp.

We are also very pleased to have Albert King return to NZ from Singapore to assist facilitate the camp. Albert is an Action Learning Facilitator and Personal Development Coach delivering programs to organizations, corporations & youth on Teamwork, Leadership, Communications and Goals Setting for over 10 years, co-founder of MAD Learning Pte Ltd (Make A Difference) and founder of Inspire LYD (Live Your Dreams).

The timing of the camp is to coincide with the finishing of NCEA and college exams - so the participants can relax, let their hair down and enjoy the camaraderie of a great event.

Please go to the following site for registration:

<http://www.nzchinese-akld.org.nz/activities.php>

(Only \$60 for registration; closing on 30 September 2011)

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## WOMEN'S GROUP NEWS

This year is going extremely fast, especially since I was away overseas for nearly 2 months. Many thanks to Myra Lowe, a very willing member, who agreed to lead 2 meetings in May and June while I was away.

I was back in time for the Women's Group annual mid-winter yum char lunch that was held at 'Pearl Garden' restaurant in Newmarket on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July. A big crowd of 60 people attended this popular 'yummy' annual event including 9 members of Waikato NZCA. It was lovely to have their friendly company. NZCA Women's Group awards were awarded to members, Margaret Wong and Mary Chan who have always been very helpful and shown wonderful support to our group over many years. Everyone enjoyed the delicious dim sims and also socialising with friends and making new acquaintances. Yum char is definitely a very popular event !

Looking back, on May 21<sup>st</sup>, Catherine Chiu, a clinical nurse specialist who is the Chinese liaison person at Mercy Hospice came to speak about her work and about the care of Chinese patients. Maree Goh who is a social worker and cultural co-ordinator there also came to speak about her role. It was a very interesting and informative session.

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, Patricia Troup, a professional speaker, who gives talks to many groups throughout Auckland was our speaker. She gave an entertaining talk titled 'My Brilliant Career' about a variety of her jobs in the work force. She also spoke about the long process of treatment and surgery she went through this year when she was stricken by an unusual viral infection in her spine. She is a very brave and active lady. Several years ago she gave us a very amusing talk about 'body language' that had us all rocking with laughter.

At our next meeting, on **20<sup>th</sup> August** we are having a craft session. Anne Lai will bring her beautiful knitted dolls and some lovely crochet items to show us. Meilin Chong will bring her Chinese knotting pieces and give a demonstration of Chinese knotting. Brenda Tsun is bringing her hand made greeting cards.

Following that, on **17<sup>th</sup> September**, Laila Kaifong, from Rotorua, will be coming to show her beautiful patchwork and lovely cross-stitch handicrafts. Also on that day, Louise Chin is bringing her hand made jewellery and pretty aprons. Judy Joe will bring some of her amazing origami paper crafts in all shapes and sizes.

We have regular monthly meetings, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, including an outdoor activity in February, 2 bus trips each year in March and November. Between April and October, we meet at Meadowbank Community Centre, 29 St Johns Rd, Meadowbank at 1.30pm.

Please come along to enjoy our fun social afternoons.

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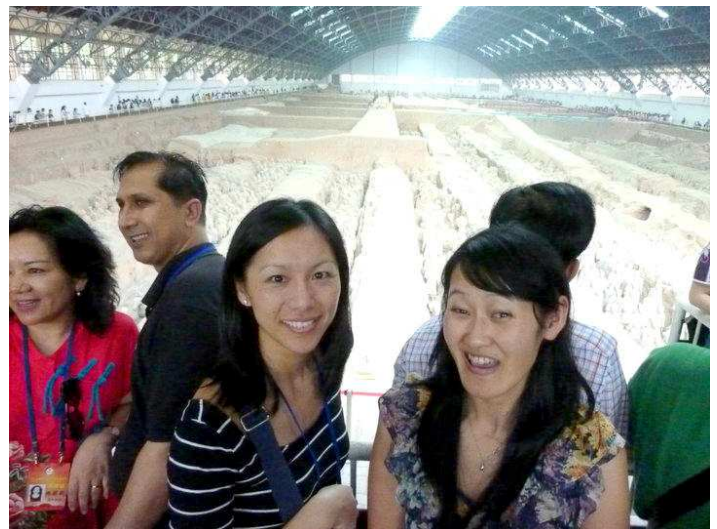
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### A quick note on Xi'an...

by Vicki Sew Hoy

Belinda and Vicki were lucky enough to visit Xi'an, the ancient city in the Shaanxi Province. Home to the Terracotta warriors, Xi'an is one of the oldest cities in the world. Xi'an in contrast to Beijing was much smaller and more rural. Whilst we were there it was amazingly hot, 35 degrees Celsius, a really dry heat. On our first day we visited the Shaanxi History Museum and also took a tour of the ancient



city wall which is in the centre of the city. The highlight was being welcomed over the drawbridge into the wall itself and also riding bicycles along the wall.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> day we visited the Xi'an Aircraft Industry (Group) Company Ltd and were able to see production and assembly of many aeroplane parts. We were also able to visit the Terra-Cotta Warriors and Horses of Qinshihuang. It was pretty incredible to see the lifesize Warriors in person. They were spread out over 3 different sites and since being unearthed in 1970's the restoration has not finished. There are literally thousands of warriors and horses guarding the tomb of the emperor. It's a must see if you haven't visited it before. Our final day in Xi'an was spent at the International Horticultural Expo, a large outdoor expo that showcases historical sights from around the world set in large expansive gardens and landscaping.

## First Impressions of a NZCA Annual Conference:

After a week and half of anxiously anticipating whether I will get to go to Wellington after all thanks to the Jetstar's *Risk Management Policy*, I found myself and other Auckland NZCA committee members sitting at the front row of the Conference in Wellington. The weather was surprisingly fine for the weekend we were down there, the capital spared us more than a couple of hours of sunshine and only occasional drizzling rain.



For someone who was born and raised in China, it was a mind-opening experience in various aspects. Back home where I grew up, politics was an untouched or even forbidden topic. Mum always put her opinions on the table strongly and clearly that politics should be left to be dealt with by the government, it is not something an everyday small potato can digest. Hence politics definitely should not be served on the dinner table, especially when there are children around. Every so often, mum would give Dad a tiger mum look whenever he attempted to express his political views on current affairs, that includes domestic affairs. I suspect that from an early age it was the product of *the Cultural Revolution* when those who were educated and with strong political opinions were brought to “justice”. It was part of our history no Chinese is proud of but we certainly have moved a long way from it since then.

During the two day conference, for the first time in my life I had the opportunity to observe, to learn, to participate and experience the New Zealand Chinese ways of handling politics.

Everyone has a chance to voice their opinions openly and be up-front about their views, discussing the issues and eventually come to an agreement. I felt like that I was making a huge contribution to the conference in this decision-making process, for the entire morning on Day One by listening intently and saying nothing but “Aye”.



The first speaker of the day, we welcomed Cheng Lei, *Charge de Affair* from the Chinese Embassy. He delivered an intuitive speech focused mainly on the *12th Five Year Plan* of China, pinpointed three future focuses of the Chinese government. They are encouraging the transformation from low-cost labour to home-grown innovative, sustainable high technology which will enable the local businesses to go global, slowing quantity and give way to high quality goods and services; ensuring the overall well-being of the population by addressing socio-economical inequality and promoting a more equitable wealth distribution; making progress in all domains beyond economical infrastructure and legal affairs. There was a cool air about him and he was very diplomatic at the Q & A session.



The next speaker we had was the NZ. Minister of Ethnic Affairs, Hekia Parata, who is also the Minister of the Office of Women's Affairs. She is a very enthusiastic speaker and devoted in promoting the rights for people from diverse ethnic backgrounds. Her plans were to initiate programs and projects focusing on empowering women, utilising which as a leverage and gradually extends her work into ethnic communities. She possessed a strong view of social feminism, stated that "Global recession was caused and resulted by males". She strongly encouraged women to be heard and be more active in putting themselves forward for appointment in both public and private sectors. She mentioned a few competencies that are current in shortage are legal knowledge, audit experience, insurance, economic background. She also gave female MPs as examples, "Melissa Lee, who is a Korean MP; and Pansy Wong..." as soon as she realised Pansy Wong's reputation among the Chinese community since the scandal, she continued "who was a Chinese...". (she meant to say "who was a MP") It almost sounded like that Pansy's personal judgement in her political career disqualified her from being a Chinese. Meeting delegates from other NZCA branches from all over the country was very pleasant. I got to shake more than a dozen hands, exchanged my freshly printed business cards and happily chatted along with other like-minded people during morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea time. At the end of the day, we all moved down to a local Chinese restaurant enjoyed dinner together, followed by Gelato ice-cream as desert from the shop next door. I was one of the good ones who went straight back to the hotel and slept through Saturday night without a fuss. The most controversial part of my day was morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. They were so well prepared, presented and I always ended up stuffing myself up like a Peking Duck (legendarily people feed ducks tons and tons of sweet dates before roasting them to give them a aromatic taste). That was the least concern since I would have to try 100% harder to keep myself awake in the afternoon.

We continued with the items on the agenda on Day Two and were joined by Mr Elliot Y.L. Charng, representative from Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in New Zealand. He briefed us on the current demographic of Taiwanese in the country, their employment status. He also talked about the stable relationship

between Taiwan and mainland China, the economic cooperation across the ocean. He will keep our community informed for any future opportunities for New Zealand Chinese Youth of scholarship to study in Taiwan.



The Conference finished at 5pm on Sunday. Shortly after a group of us drove down to the City CBD area and enjoyed a beautiful meal together in a Chinese restaurant, unsurprisingly. The Shanghai Steam Buns "小笼包" was the highlight of our last dinner in Wellington, it won our heart with its juicy filling, extra-thin pastry and yummy flavour. Saying all this, it would not be difficult to conclude that I am a zealous food-enthusiastic and a strong believer of 民以食为天- "Eating is the most important affair of people's everyday life". In fact I can go on and on talking about it while eating at the same time and never get bored with it.



Well in the end, I can not conclude my experience at the Wellington NZCA Conference without expressing my appreciation and giving huge credit to NZCA-Wellington, also the chefs for the conference, as well as those who worked very hard behind the stage putting everything together to make the conference possible. At 2.30am, finally I unlocked the front door and draw the curtains close for a very special weekend get-away.

*By Auckland Delegate ; Monica Mu*

# Cantonese Bilingual Music School

By Robert Wong

## Adult Cantonese Class

The Adult Cantonese Class has just finished Term Two coinciding with the early finish to the school term in Rugby World Cup year.

We have been studying about travelling around Hong Kong as my fellow student Nina will be visiting the fragrant harbour city in early 2012 with her daughters. We have been familiarising ourselves with the Hong Kong underground railway, which our expert teacher Tsui Lou Si says is as efficient as the London underground.

We have also been studying famous Chinese songs. We reviewed Teresa Teng's song, The Moon Represents My

Heart, verse by verse. This helped us to learn Chinese characters, even though the song is sung in Mandarin. Our teacher translated the words into Cantonese for us to learn. We continue to enjoy improving our Cantonese and learning more about Chinese culture. I fully recommend the class to anyone wanting to learn Cantonese as another language. I read in the NZ Herald that learning a second language helps to combat disease. I can believe it!

Classes are held every Saturday during the school term at Oranga Primary School, corner of Maroa Road and Rangipawa Road, One Tree Hill.

**Preschool (3 -5 years) :** 9.30am to 11am

**Primary 1 (6 -10 years) :** 11.15am to 12.45pm

**Primary 2)Adult / (separate) :** 1pm – 2.30pm

Enquiries or bookings - Connie Kum P: 09 625 8611,

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**From Connie :**

This is the opportunity to learn Cantonese the 'funway' - through Music and Movement.

The best time to learn a language from ages 3 – 7 years. Parents learn side by side with the children.

**Term 3 starts Saturday August 6.2011**

**Don't let this opportunity pass you by!!!**

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## NZCA CONCERT FOR CHRISTCHURCH

The Wellington Branch has taken a leading role in the Wellington Chinese community fundraising for Christchurch. Happily in Wellington nearly all Chinese community groups have joined. An opportunity has arisen to put on a fundraising concert in Wellington by leading performers with official national status in China. These performers are visiting Auckland under the sponsorship of the Chinese Government (Embassy and Consulate-General) China Southern Airlines, Natural Dairy and others. The occasion is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Xin Hai (1911 Chinese) Revolution which overthrew the Qing Dynasty and established the Republic of China. As such it is a non-partisan anniversary. The concert is to take place in the St James on 14 August. I am Chair of the organising committee, Esther Fung is in charge of venue, subsidies, Jack Ng (Wellington Treasurer) is Financial controller. Wellington Branch is the incorporated society contracting party where such is required. We hope to involve Sports & Cultural Centre for some local content. This is a preliminary notice: More details as they come to hand. We would like to invite interested members from other Lower NI Branches (Horowhenua Kapiti, Wanganui, Manawatu, Taranaki) to support the concert – by organising a group to come to Wellington.

STEVEN YOUNG IPP

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### 相声\*小品\*歌舞晚会

#### 南航之夜

Concert to commemorate 100th Anniversary of the Xin Hai Chinese Revolution and to Raise money for Christchurch Earthquake Relief  
China Southern Airlines Night  
由姜昆率领的中国曲艺家协会演出团演出  
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## KAURI CLIFFS Golf Course

Recently our NZCA member David Wong and friends took out a second mortgage and flew up to Kerikeri to play Kauri Cliffs golf course - ranked 78th in the world. After dotting down at the airport - the boys hired a car and drove up to Carrington resort to play there first.

They programmed the GPS wrong and ended up driving south towards Kawakawa. Playing Carrington golf course was more akin to farming in marshland - with ankle deep mud. The greenkeeper had to push their cart out of the fairway and the boys had to drive along firmer ground otherwise their wheels locked and became more entrenched.

The Sunday morning - they drove to Kauri Cliffs and it was paradise lost (plus a lot of new Titleist balls)- beautiful panoramic views of the Pacific ocean and lovely undulating fairways. The first nine were challenging with steep inclines and bridges to drive along - and then the boys rested with lunch - before playing the final nine holes.

David joins the illustrious player list of Bill Gates and Justin Timberlake who have covered 6,510 metre course and now looks forward to working at MacDonalds at night to pay off the debt .....and maybe play Cape Kidnappers next year - anyone interested?



### NZCA Winter Social Badminton Tournament

**Location:** ACCC Hall, 99 Taylors Rd

**Time:** 11:00 - 17:00

**Date:** Saturday 27th August 2011

**Sign Ups close:** Friday 12th August 2011

**Cost Per Person:** Members \$5,

NON-Members \$10

**Applications:** Please email Danny at  
[danny@techbuddy.co.nz](mailto:danny@techbuddy.co.nz)

**Email Subject:** NZCA Badminton  
Tournament

**General Notes:**-----

**\* Participants are not allowed to be in more than 1 doubles team and 1 singles entry in the tournament.**

**\* New Badminton Scoring applies**

**\* Limited spaces so sign up quick**

# EUROPE TOUR 2011

Maurice Chan

We heard a lot about Cinque Terre in Italy.

Cinque Terre means 5 villages and is a Unesco Heritage site. My wife Rose and I have been travel and cruise addicts for a long time and absolutely adore Europe, especially Italy. So Cinque Terre will be included in our forthcoming trip, partially with our good friends Willie and Loretta Wong from Wellington and Kai and Rosie Luey. We have been on cruises and tours with them before and they are also experienced travelers.

Planning started last year so Rose and I decided that we would start with a ten day Insight bus tour of Spain and Portugal, followed by a 10 day luxury cruise of the Mediterranean, then 12 days doing Lake Como and Cinque Terre.

Willie and Loretta would join us from the cruise onwards and Kai and Rosie would join us from Milan onwards. With this decided, I briefed Jo, our cruise/travel professional.

As usual, she sorted out the best deals and options. Many emails and phone calls followed. She had to arrange the hook ups of our travel companions with us. Our final Itinerary of 10 pages was, as usual, very detailed. Apart from the basics, it includes train and ferry timetables with reserved seat bookings, information on what and not to do and how, when, where and why to do it.

The Wong's and Luey's virtually gave me a free hand to fine tune the itinerary with Jo. They must have trusted my good taste as I did promise them a money back guarantee if they were disappointed.

**photo below: taken @ Vernazza. Cinque Terre. Italy**

Our flight from Auckland to London and return was on the new Air NZ 777-300. This features the brand new Spacesaver Premium Economy. We were fortunate to have been invited to preview this plane earlier and was impressed with the new seat. So we enjoyed both the new premium economy and business seating for the various sectors.

We left Auckland on 6 May with our end destination Madrid. We chose Insight for the Spain/Portugal tour. This is the sixth Insight European tour for us and this one has improved even further from previous, the main features being the reduced seating on the bus, better hotels and meals. Each of the places visited was a feature in itself. Toledo, Granada, Seville, and Fatima really impressed, and we saw some marvelous churches. Usually on previous tours we bemoan the ABC tour, meaning 'Another Bloody Church', however the ones on this tour were out of this world in beauty and engineering excellence.

Our tour finished back in Madrid on 15 May and we took the train to Barcelona. We met up with Willie and Loretta on 17<sup>th</sup> May and embarked our cruise ship that afternoon. The Insignia is a 5 star boutique ship of the Oceana Cruise Lines. We have been on eighteen other cruises of the Princess, Royal Caribbean, Cunard Lines etc, ranging in capacities from 2200 to 6500 passengers, but this is our first time on a true five star ship carrying only 600 passengers.

One of the attractions was a port everyday and premium service pampering. We had previously been to some of the ports but it is great to return to the French and Italian Riviera.

Saint Tropez is a seaside port with megaboats tied stern in to the waterfront promenade with registries in various tax free countries. Across the road is full of restaurants and bars. Sitting in one of the cafes and people watch is a fascinating pastime here.

Monte Carlo is another larger sea port. Some of the boats here could be classed as small ships. The whole place exudes affluence and many boat owners indulge in a lot of entertaining of their rich and famous friends on their vessels. It is common to see, as in all the other ports, scantily clad attractive ladies adorning these boats. I am told that the ladies usually can count up to one billion in at least four different languages, accent free.

On top of the hill, you can take postcard pictures of the Monte Carlo Marina Harbour. Further along the top is the famous casino,



opera house and the very exclusive Hotel de Paris. We paid 10 euros entrance fee each to have the privilege of donating more money to their fruit machines, and then walk out with a smile.

Portofino is quaint semi-circular bay crowded with boats of all sizes including many ferries that call in as part of their round trip from Santa Margareta. Again there are restaurants and bars all around the bay.

Postcard shots can also be had from the hill top. Amalfi/Positano is alongside each other.

Positano is a quaint seaside town with houses benched into the Cliffside. It has many little shops. It can be accessed from the road but large tour busses have to stop away from the township and you have to transfer onto a local smaller bus. The Movie "Under The Tuscan Sun" was filmed here.

The Isle of Capri is a short ferry ride from Sorrento. Following the road to the other side, you will reach the beautiful gardens and you can see the stunning vista of the Sisters rocks which features in all the advertising material. We had an excellent Pizza near the gardens but later met an American who complained bitterly he had the worst Pizza in his life at a restaurant in the main street.

The ship excelled in courtesy and service and the crew addressed us by Mr. and Mrs. The food was very good and even at the buffet, it was served to you. The fact that it was a small ship and not a great deal to explore was not a problem as we had a new port everyday with no sea days. It was full on.

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May, we disembarked with the Wong's in Rome and the following day we took the train over to Milan to meet Kai and Rosie.

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May all six of us commenced our Lakes holiday and set off to Lake Como by train. There we took a slow ferry up to Bellagio, our home for the next four nights. This slow ferry stops at each village on it's way up the lake thus allowing time to Having dined in many countries, we all agree that the food in New Zealand is still the best in the world. Our plain bread is better, our sandwiches is better, our meals are better, we are tops. You wouldn't expect it, but even formulaed fast food like KFC is better in New Zealand.

We all had a superb and memorable holiday with a laugh a minute. For those who haven't been, Lake Como and Cinque Terre is a must do on your travel list. Our friends have not asked us for a refund so they were happy. We believe that using our cruise/travel professional, with ten pages of detailed information, all the hard thinking was done before we left home. All we had to do was enjoy, and our great sense of humour, and open mindedness enriched our holiday even further.

soak up the scenery and take photos at each stop.

On the way up, we saw a wedding ceremony conducted right on the lake front among romantic surroundings.

Bellagio is the larger and most popular place for tourists as it offers a lot of restaurants to hang out to soak up the stunning lake vista and browse the quaint shops in the many lanes and alleyways. From here, ferries can take you to the other popular townships across the lake in about fifteen minutes. Places like Varena, Tremezzo and Menaggio.

We visited all these townships and usually had lunch and dinner at lakefront restaurants.

The manicured gardens were among the best we have seen anywhere.

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June we went by train to Santa Margareta staying for two nights. From here we visited Rapallo and San Fruittuoso, a monastery by the seaside before heading on to Cinque Terre by train.

There are five villages in the group, we stayed at Monterosso, the largest one. These villages are primarily fishing villages and have their old world charm very well preserved. These days tourism would be their main theme. We visited the other villages by train and ferry. Riomaggiore has an old world fishing village look and is featured on the advertising brochures.

Other villages are Vernazza, Corniglia and Manarola. People come from all over the world to do the many walks between the villages. We managed some of the walks and the views were stunning.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> June, we all returned to Milan and from there, we continued on our separate itineraries.





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**2011 ANNUAL BOWLS TOURNAMENT**

*(ANY COMBINATION PAIRS)*

**GLENDOWIE BOWLING CLUB – 25 CHELMSFORD AVE, GLENDOWIE**

**SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2011**

**ENTRY FORM**

	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Club</b>
Lead				
Skip				

Email Address for each player:

Lead \_\_\_\_\_

Skip \_\_\_\_\_

- Format:** Pairs (3 bowls) of any combination - Carpet Green  
**Duration:** 3 games of 1 hour 20 minutes each  
**Registration:** 9.00am  
**Starting Time:** 9:30am  
**Prizes:** Winners Trophy. Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>. Spot prizes  
**Cost:** \$30 per team Please bring own lunches.  
Hot soup and bread available  
**Dress Code:** Mufti  
**Cancellation:** Broadcast on Newstalk ZB Cancellation Service.

Individual entries are welcome. If you are unable to make up a team, please state your preferred place and we will try to place you accordingly.

All participants should be current financial members of NZCA Auckland. Annual subscription is \$10pa

NZCA Auckland reserves the right to alter the format and duration of games should the need arise.

**Entries To:** Virginia Chong  
29 Shipherds Avenue  
Epsom, Auckland 1023  
Ph: 630-6641 or 021-982-726  
Email: vchong@ihug.co.nz

**Entries Close:** Sunday 21st August 2011



# NZCA Akld Inc Annual Golf Tournament GRANGE GOLF CLUB

29 May 2011

This is the eighth year that this popular event has been held.

36 keen and eager golfers turned up at the Grange Golf Club on Sunday 15th May, ready to enjoy a leisurely day at the golf course.

Pity about the weather – although the day was overcast, and rain forecasted, no-one was prepared for the huge downpours as the first teams were about to tee off. Surrounded by cries of “you surely don’t expect us to play in this!!!”, the starter very kindly postponed the tournament and a new date of Sunday 29th May was set.

However any golfers keen enough to play in all weathers, were allowed to play the course at no cost, in full knowledge that the weather was predicted to get worse with thunderstorms and possibly lightning as well! Most players who took advantage of this generous offer had a great time, with only a couple of intermittent showers disturbing play.

**Best Nett: Songvut MANOONPONG**



Stableford 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jeffrey Fong
Stableford 4 <sup>th</sup>	Rodney Chang
Stableford 5 <sup>th</sup>	Andrew Chan
Ladies Best Nett	Pam Joe
Longest Drive	Arthur Joe
	Lena Houg Lee
Closest to the pin	Doug Lum ; Andrea Lim

The winners of the NZCA Auckland Inter-branch Golf Challenge Trophy is Auckland 7 – Doug Lum, Lyn Lum, Trevor Young and Bill Ming.

Our warmest congratulations to all prizewinners. We look forward to seeing you all back to play for the NZCA 2012 Easter Tournament Golf competition to be held in Auckland next year.

**Best Stableford: Doug LUM**



NZ Chinese Association Auckland Inc., as the major sponsor, acknowledges its supporters and thanks them for their generosity and continuing support:

- Barfoot & Thompson Mt Eden and Doug Lum for the spot prizes of gear holdalls, umbrellas and road maps
- Colgate NZ for their special prize, as well as the floss and travel tubes of sponsor product in the goodie bag supplied to each player by NZCA Auckland Inc.



In contrast, on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May, the weather was fine and sunny and 44 golfers turned out to have another challenging round of golf at the Grange.

We were pleased to welcome some new faces, including four players from the Waikato and Rodney Chang from Whangarei.

Golf on the day, according to most players, was pretty average, but the course was in excellent condition.

**Ladies Best Nett: Pamela JOE**

Trophies and prizes were awarded to the following players:

Best Nett	Songvut Manoonpong
Best Stableford	Doug Lum
Stableford 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Francis Wong

**Winners Inter Branch Challenge Trophy  
Akld 7 : Lynn Lum, Trevor Young, Doug Lum, Bill  
Ming**



My sincere thanks to Jack Chong and Philip Houng Lee for the wonderful job they do in checking the score cards – a thankless task, but always carried out with good humour and diligence.

Our thanks also to the Grange Golf Club starter and management for their hospitality and use of their superbly maintained course – makes a frustrating game so much more enjoyable when the course is in tip top condition.

We look forward to other NZCA branches joining us for the Easter Tournament 2012 challenge.

Virginia Chong

## **AUGUST MOON FESTIVAL**

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**at Sichuan Restaurant.**

**31 – 33 Broadway Newmarket**

**SAT 13<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2011 @ 6.30pm**

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**\$420 x 12/table -- -- make up  
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982726mb**

## **Plum Delight**

EM. Wong

*1 large tin black doris plums  
7 grms agar agar strands cut up  
2 tsps almond essence*

Bring 1 and 1/2 litres of water to the boil in a saucepan  
/ Reduce heat and add agar agar

Allow to dissolve slowly (it will take about 20 to 30  
minutes ) stirring occasionally

Strain the plums ,add juice and essence to saucepan  
Take stones out of plums, mash and add to agar agar

Simmer for about 5minutes stirring gently / Pour  
into a large jelly mould and chill in the refrigerator for  
1 hour

Decorate with extra fruit and whipped cream

Will set at room temperature in about 3 hours

*NB: High in fibre,calcium and protein and completely  
acceptable to vegetarians where jelly is not.*



NZCA Teacher Irene Ho with some of her pupils

## The Eighth Month Abroad in Asia

By Melissa Wong

Since December 2010, I have been based in Taipei, Taiwan, learning traditional Chinese at National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU, Shida) on a nine month language scholarship. Life here has been a huge adventure and I am relishing every part of it from learning the language, the ways of the Taiwanese culture, to making new friends. Every experience has been fun, but it definitely has its challenges!

### The Language

When I first arrived in Taipei, I could only string a few sentences together to make a basic conversation. Engaging with locals used to be extremely difficult and I dreaded catching my apartment elevator from the ninth floor down to the ground floor. In the first few months, a typical “friendly” neighbourly conversation would run something like this:

The neighbours: [waving and shouting] “你好! 你好! 歡迎! 歡迎!” (Hello, hello! Welcome, Welcome!)

Me: [smile] “你們好.” (Hello.)

Them: “你是我的薪的隔壁鄰居嗎?” (Are you my new neighbour?)

Me: [‘Eeeek! What does “隔壁鄰居” mean?! Argh! They are talking so fast! Geeez. What do I say? What do I say?!’]

Them: [amongst themselves], “她一定是我們的薪的隔壁鄰居, 本來我沒有看到她, 可是這個星期我看到她三次! 你覺得他會說中文嗎?” (Of course she’s our new neighbour; I haven’t seen her before and now I’ve seen her three times this week! Do you think she can speak Mandarin?)

Me: [‘???!’]

Them: [enunciating very sloooowly] “你. 會. 說. 中. 文. 嗎?” (Caaaan yooou speeeek Chiiiiinese?)

Me: [‘Oh, I understand this sentence!’] “我會說一點點. 現在我去學校.” (I can only speak a little bit. I am going to school now.)

The lift lands on the ground floor, doors open, and I make my escape by running to the MRT to catch the train school.

Now into my eighth month of learning Mandarin conversations becoming much easier (in Chinese this would be explained as “越來越我的中文進步”). Now, there are days where I don’t speak English at all! All of my classes are solely taught in Chinese, my flat mates are all Taiwanese, and when socialising with my international class mates we are all forced to use Mandarin as most of my

friends do not speak English (think Portuguese, Spanish, Japanese, Korean, and Tibetan). Practicing Mandarin at times can be somewhat scary, but you can’t improve unless you are willing to put yourself outside your comfort zone. For fun, I have volunteered for several community and school projects including standing on the street corner collecting donation money for the Taiwan Guide Dog Foundation; spending an evening socializing and eating dinner with homeless people; volunteering to be a subject for several Mandarin linguistic PhD studies; and being a student for NTNU’s teachers training programme (this means sitting in a mock classroom for three hours having twelve student teachers teach and grill you thousands of questions in front of an audience of 40 people). Scary stuff – but good practice! Needless to say, I’m not afraid to catch the apartment elevator anymore and now I frequently “small talk” (聊天) with neighbours about their children, the weather, and this season’s fruit quality.



Spending the afternoon volunteering for the Taiwan Guide Dog Association

### School Life and Making New Friends:

Life at NTNU’s Mandarin Training Centre is highly multicultural and I’ve had the opportunity to make lots of international friends – there are over 1000 students from 60 different countries. “Cross-talk” occurs on a daily basis and I am always learning tidbits about different countries: from South Koreans’ perspectives of North and South politics (“it’s nothing!”), the building of a fast electrical train system (MRTs) in Costa Rica (the first ever in Central America), the weather in Mauritius (they only have two seasons – dry or wet), to the taste of eating Japanese horse meat sashimi. As well as receiving basic lessons from class mates in Russian, Spanish, Korean, and Portuguese over lunch break we have also been on lots of cultural eye-opening

trips together. Some experiences include listening to a world class Guatemalan maestro play the classical guitar at the National Taiwan Library, being introduced to custard fruit and mangosteens, and eating hotpot containing duck blood and stinky tofu. Eww!

Since my stay here, I've been on lots of adventures including going on a bike trip with my flat mates in which we cycled 360 km (almost the whole length of Taiwan) in three days; going to see Andrea Bocelli and Hayley Westenra live in concert; and visiting art exhibitions featuring Picasso, Gauguin, and Monet. In between, I tried all sorts of odd food - the most awful would definitely be duck testicles! Although, I do miss my family and friends in NZ, I am definitely enjoying my time here – so much so – that I've decided to stay an extra semester beyond my scholarship!

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## COOKTOWN- Australia

On a recent trip to Cairns I travelled north to Cooktown , a sleepy little town on the coast by the mouth of the Endeavor River where in the 1870s , 18000 Chinese miners were on the Palmer River digging for gold.

Businessmen set up trading depots and farmers set up huge market gardens of fruit and vegetables. A lot them came from the Zhongshan district and Hongkong.

Three sculptures were recently erected as a reminder of the past history. I happened to be there a week after the unveiling.

Jack Chong



Above: Sightseeing: Third day of my biking journey 340 km in... Just another 20 km to go!

**淘金者 商人 園藝者**  
**Chinese miners, merchants and gardeners**

News of gold discoveries on the Palmer River in 1873 travelled quickly. Chinese migrants rushed to Cooktown for the overland trek to this rich, new field.

The journey could take weeks. They faced starvation, prejudice and attacks by local Aboriginal clans. By 1878 there were 18,000 Chinese on the Palmer where they outnumbered the Europeans about four to one.

When alluvial gold declined in the 1880s many Chinese moved away. Some developed businesses that became household names across Queensland.

**The sculpture**  
Chinese migrants had an important, but underrated, role in developing Australia's north. This sculpture celebrates their contributions. The seated new arrival contemplates his new country before the trek to the goldfield. The two standing figures represent those who later prospered and contributed to Australian business, services and commerce.

This memorial is an initiative of Cook Shire Council. Hans Pohl, an Atherton Tableland artist/blacksmith, designed and constructed the figures.

Ready for the diggings.  
Photo: John O'Neil Library (19200).

Chinese business record, Cooktown.  
James Cook Museum collection.

Visits to the James Cook Museum and the Cooktown History Centre will reveal more about our fascinating multi-cultural history.





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## SENIOR LIFESTYLE GROUP

Every Tuesdays a dedicated lot of our Senior members gather at 1 New North Road and enjoy a fun filled session of social activities. Starting from 10am they are all focused for 1hr to practice their Tai Chi routines guided by their instructor Sifu David Wong. This is followed by 'whisper and gossip' session over a morning tea break!

Other activities following are; mandarin lessons, table tennis, indoor bowls, mahjong, and every second week there are talks or demonstrations of many interests.

Feel free to join in as all members and friends are welcomed.



## COOKING DEMONSTRATION 19<sup>th</sup> July 2011

by Justin Sew Hoy

### DEEP FRIED SESAME BALLS with Red Bean Paste Fillings

300gms Glutinous Flour  
120gms White Sugar  
210gms Cold Water  
Sesame Seeds

- 1) Bring water to boil, add sugar, stir until fully dissolved. Then add into Glutinous flour, mix together to form dough.
- 2) Lightly knead the dough. 7 divide equally into small portions, then wrap in some red bean paste in each portion, roll each into a ball shape.
- 3) Wet both hands, roll each ball again, dip into a bowl of Sesame seeds. Take out, roll again to make sure all seeds stick onto the ball.
- 4) Oil must be approx. 160deg for frying, if under the balls will break, if too hot they will burn and not cook. Use chopstick to check oil, if steam bubbles start to rise, then oil is ready to use.

- 5) Must put the empty wire strainer into the hot oil first, to make sure no more water left in strainer, before put the balls in to fry, so the balls will not stick onto the strainer.
- 6) Put the balls ready to fry into the wire strainer, put into the oil, turn off heat for 3 or 4 minutes until balls start to rise, in the meantime, keep on moving the strainer so that the balls will be cooked all sides.
- 7) As soon as the balls rise to the surface after a few minutes, use cooking shovel to turn the balls, rolling and press each one down frequently, keep repeating this then the balls will become bigger and bigger, until the skin becomes thinner and thinner and GOLDEN BROWN. Turn the heat high for 30secs, enable to push all oils out from inside the balls, then take out and ENJOY after cooled down.
- 8) Remember to turn the heat down again, back to 160deg, before put in the next lot.

### Sabrina assisting Justin with the cook-up



### Beijing TV interview >



# 2011 Discovery Tour to China For Eminent Young Overseas Chinese 第八届世界华裔杰出青年华夏行

by Helen Cheng & Vicki Sew Hoy



Imagine 554 Chinese Internationals aboard 17 buses that are police escorted through Beijing to the Great Hall of the People. Coming from as far away as Argentina, Uganda and Ireland, a diverse bunch of people aged from 19 to 50 years old, we have come together to discover and learn about China's past, present, and future. This is the delegation for the 2011 Discovery Tour to China For Eminent Young Overseas Chinese, 第八届世界华裔杰出青年华夏行. From New Zealand there are 8 delegates – 5 of us are from Auckland – Raymond Kwok, Helen Cheng, Ken Ginn, Vicki Sew Hoy and Belinda Young. The trip is hosted by the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council, 554 delegates from 58 different countries came together in Beijing for 3 days, before splitting up and continuing the week to visit one of three other provinces - Shaanxi, Henan or Shandong. Reflecting on the trip, there are no words that can describe the proud feeling of being Chinese, and meeting other similar Chinese from around the world. It's the culture and our heritage that brings us together. The instant friendliness you feel, when you see someone that looks Chinese, even though they speak Spanish, Portuguese, German, French, you name it, that feeling of instant bonding is extremely powerful. We come from all around the world but share similar views on our culture and language.

Of course making new friend from around the world is one thing; learning about China's rapid growth and development is another all together. China's rich history is still visible throughout Beijing city, but so are today's new and leading developments everywhere.

We were extremely lucky to have a series of expert lectures, covering topics and leading discussions including the role and vision of the Overseas Chinese Affairs of China, Chinese diplomatic strategies in the context of globalisation, China's development opportunities in the post-crisis era, and

traditional Chinese culture in the perspective of modern society. All were insightful, challenging, and humorous at times! The phrase given to Overseas Chinese are "daughters who have married outside", or, 嫁出去的女儿

There were many discussions around China's economy growth, life after the cultural reform, and the aim to have the right balance between people, resources, and improving the living standard for the next generations. In Beijing, they recognise the need for growth in infrastructure to build Beijing, which includes a change in banking policies, developing four new zones with the priority of the southern and western areas, and the projected population is to grow from 1.2 to 11 million people in the next 10 years. There are also plans for water cleaning plants, and a public transport system where people will only need to walk up to 1km maximum to access a subway.

One particular expert lecture by Professor Qian Wenzhong of Fudan University however, challenged on why despite the rapid economy growth and development in such a short amount of time, China still does not have the same international reputation or recognition compared to other countries, for example Japan. Professor Qian challenges that it's not just about the GDP growth, but it's also about the people and the cultures, and together, they make up the overall 'package', or image, of the country. Professor Qian points to Tung Dynasty, the period regarded the high point of Chinese civilisation, yet its not Tung Dynasty's GDP that contributed to its glamour, but rather it's the glorious culture achievements of this period such as the silks, arts, porcelain, the poem, novel, woodblock printing, and architecture etc. So while a country's economy is important, it is its people and culture that defines and strongly shapes the country's representation and image.

The Discovery tour is a truly fantastic opportunity that I would recommend to anyone. It has made me think more about being Chinese and how diverse we actually are. It has changed the way that I see myself and it has also made me want to learn more Chinese and consider wider opportunities in China.



Our sincere thanks to Consul Yang from the Consulate and to the organisers of the Discovery Tour to China For Eminent Young Overseas Chinese for their hospitality



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**Declaration:** I apply to become an Ordinary/Family (delete one) Member of the New Zealand Chinese Association Auckland Inc. I declare that I am of Chinese descent, a spouse of a Chinese person, or child of a Chinese person, over 18 years of age and agree to abide by the Rules of the Association on acceptance as a Member.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:**    /    /