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## On Johns mind



### DO You Want to be INVOLVED

How do we try to attract more of our younger ( *members* ) generation to become involved in our organization ?

### What do we need to do?

I have been involved in the Chinese community for more than 50 years . So what drives me ? I'm not sure of it , but I got caught up by doing my little bit and that little bit got a little bigger and bigger and I guess I never thought twice about helping out when needed.

I know we were a closer knit community then and bringing up a brood of 6 is quite demanding for both parents. Apart from school education, after school sports ,ballet, music and gym it doesn't leave much for Chinese culture.( education ) does it ?

I should be the first to admit that I failed in this as I soften up and did not enforce the children to further their attendance at the Cantonese Chinese School that was run every weekend. I admit they learnt only a smatter of chinese phrases and words but they were all excited to tell their grandparents what they had learnt . Yes I must say that with the new migrants we are fortunate that we now can embrace the culture that we were in a sense deprived of. Why I say this is that our parents were too busy working and making a living that cultural recreation was at its best – Food --usually a birthday gathering or wedding banquet.

You can make a difference ! Are you up to the challenges ? A great number of our younger members have now been part of YLC and LDC. and some have embraced FutureDragonNZ , these are small steps to achieve higher goals in the public arena. Serve the Community ,be passionate about your culture and retain your identity.

We are at the crossroads of multiculturalism and it is a challenge to retain what our pioneering fore fathers tried to instill in us. We tend to find that Past members who served on the organization well in the past have either passed on or have lost interest .It is sad that over recent time the generations fail or seem to fail in closing that gap.

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## KUNG HEI FAT CHOY

### 2014 year of the HORSE:

The Horse loves life, has plenty of sex appeal, charming, smart, popular and moody.

On the serious side, they are hardworking, tenacious, and loyal. Horse-types are good talkers, never short of conversation, though less quick with ready ideas. The latest news is always a good opening gambit, and the Horse is always keen to hear other peoples' opinions. Deep-seated prejudices however are hard to dislodge.

Love of social contact remains the most important force in the Horse's life, and whatever career is chosen, ideally it will involve close liaison with others.



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## Notice

### Annual General Meeting

Sunday, 30 March 2014 at 2.00 pm

at ACCC Hall,

99 Taylor Rd, Mangere

### Agenda

Introduction/apologies

1. Minutes from last AGM
2. Matters arising
3. Chairman's report
4. Annual accounts
5. General Business

**Monica Mu** Secretary



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# Cantonese Music School

Connie Kum – Cantonese Music School Coordinator

**GUNG HEI FATT CHOY!!!** Welcome to the Lunar Year of the Wooden Horse. The School started in August 2005 with a vision of teaching children to speak Cantonese. The Cantonese Language is our heritage language – as it is for those that have come from the Guangdong province of China or Hong Kong. Many have since learned Mandarin at school and then become fluent in both Mandarin and Cantonese.

NZCA Auck. gives you the opportunity to take your child to a school where the focus on learning is “The Fun Way”. The Music School focuses on oral language /conversation, role play, recognition and writing of simple characters. It is a fact that the best time for learning languages and music is between the ages of three to seven. It is amazing how quickly the preschoolers learn and absorb through play and music and movement. Parents can then continue this learning process by reinforcement at home and through the use of CDs.

- Term 1 - 1 February - 12 April**  
**2 - 10 May - 5 July**  
**3 - 26 July - 27 September**  
**4 - 18 October - 13 December**

Classes held at Oranga Primary School hall, Cnr Rangipawa and Maroa Road, One Tree Hill (entrance gate Maroa Road)

Preschool 9.30am to 11.15 am  
Primary + and Adults 11.30 am to 1.30 pm

\$10 per class on a casual basis.  
Discount if paying for a whole term and further discounts for two or more children learning.

Our very enthusiastic teachers; Mr Tat Tsui is an ex teacher who has taught for a number of years in Hong Kong and wife Ms Irene Ho has a degree in Counselling. She is very gentle with the children and is very successful in building up their confidence and self-esteem in their ability to learn the Cantonese language. Both are very passionate that Cantonese children should know their heritage language. Do bring your preschooler to become immersed in their heritage language and learn with them.

Enquiries for booking a place please ring Connie 6258 611 or ‘e’ [cojay@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cojay@xtra.co.nz)

Special thanks to the Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust for the generous grant received in support of Language, Cultural and Heritage education within the community.



## Chairmans message:



What a great evening we had on Saturday 8 February at the Lucky Fortune Restaurant over 300 members and friends enjoying dinner and celebrating the Chinese New Year as a community.

This is the type of event that I really enjoy as it brings the community together in one place to catch up with people we don't get to see all the time due to our busy lives.

Long may we keep celebrating together as a community.

On the night we recognised 2 outstanding women in our New Zealand Chinese Association community. The past year has been the year of women coming to the forefront in New Zealand with Eleanor Catton and Lorde to name a few.

This has been reflected in our own community with the winners of the annual Auckland Branch Achievement awards been very high achieving women in their own fields of endeavour.

Alice Wang won the Achievement Award with her winning a prestigious Rhodes scholarship which will allow her to study for 2 years at Oxford University.

Tyler Nathan-Wong who won the Junior Achievement Award, Tyler in 2013 represented New Zealand at a senior level in 3 sports- Touch Rugby, Tag Football and Women's Sevens Rugby were she was part of a team that became World Champions and also won the inaugural IRB Women's Sevens World circuit.

## Reminder - -NZCA 2014 Membership renewal

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No doubt we will be hearing a lot more in the future from these two rising stars.

In December the Annual Xmas BBQ was well attended with a great day for young and old.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> NZCA Youth Leadership camp was run during the second weekend in December bringing young Chinese High School students from around the NZCA community in New Zealand.

Once again the weekend was lead by Albert King and the lead up work for the past 12 months was driven by Raymond Wong and Nathan Chan. The weekend ended with a performance by all the delegates in front of Consul General Niu Qingbao and family and friends. New friendships and a new understanding of one's heritage and culture was awakened during the weekend.

There are many upcoming events organised and planned by your committee for all the different age groups of the Association in the next few months including the Waihi bus trip, the annual NZCA Easter Sports and Cultural Tournament to be held in Wellington, the annual Seniors Yum Cha and the 5<sup>th</sup> Banana Conference in Queens Birthday weekend as you can see there is something for everyone.

If you have any ideas on an activity or event that you think our members may be interested in doing then please let myself or one of the committee members know and we will see what we can do.

And a reminder to all members that your 2014 Annual subscriptions are over due please see the form at the end of this newsletter on how to pay these.

Without the annual subscriptions it makes it harder for the Association to organise events for its members.



Alice Jing Jing Wang receiving Ak.Branch Achievement Award from Chairman Richard Leung



## 2013 VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The 2013 edition of the NZCA Auckland **Volleyball Tournament** was another success for NZCA.

The tournament, sporting a new venue and experimental format, has continued its proud tradition of being NZ's premier Chinese volleyball tournament.

With many tournament stalwarts becoming new mums and dads (congrats!), there were insufficient number of players to field a viable mixed and women tournaments. To overcome this, this year's tournament



experimented with an "open" format, where no gender restriction was enforced. This was met with great enthusiasm, with 11 teams entering the tournament.

The tournament was played over **Labour weekend, 26-27 October 2013**, with pool matches played on 26 October, and knock-off tournament on 27 October.



The overall **winner** of the tournament was **Vortas 2**. This is their third year winning the tournament. Congratulations!

In **2nd place** was **NZCA 1**.



The gold plate runner ups were **Hawke's Bay and Wan Fang 1**.

In **fifth place (and the "silver plate" winner)** was **Wellington**, followed by **Vortas 1**.

Thank you to all the teams who participated, especially those who travelled from Hawke's Bay and Wellington. Hope to see you next year!

Thank you, Richard. We greatly appreciate NZCA's continuing support for the tournament

*Cliff Kurniawan*



## Driving to London Pt 2 continued

From Quetta we drove to Taftan at the border with Iran. Once in Iran we were back on first class roads. We made quick time and got to Bam in the early afternoon. The next day we went to visit the Arg (fort) which had been destroyed in an earthquake a couple of years before but is now being restored to its former glory. We took the car into the local Toyota dealer in Kerman because the rear door wouldn't open. Another customer came up to see what an Australian car was doing in Kerman. He spoke fluent English and was kind enough to act as translator for us. Our translator asked us back to his place for lunch. He was a pistachio farmer and after a generous spread put together by his servant, he gave us several kilos of the largest pistachio nuts we had ever seen. It turned out he had spent a couple of years in Canada, which is why he spoke such good English and that his wife and son were in Tehran visiting her family so he was grateful for the company and the opportunity to practice his English.



**Street market vendor in Yazd**

On the way to Yazd, we had our first experience of driving in snow. The sky cleared when we got to the Silk Road Hotel in Yazd. It is another of the places on the route where everyone driving across Asia meets to swap stories. The next day was bright and sunny and we took the opportunity to walk around the narrow alleyways of the old city. Many of the houses in the old city have male and female door knockers. Since it would be wrong in Iranian eyes for a woman to answer the door when the visitor is male and equally wrong for a man to answer the door if there is female visitor, the two knockers make a different sound and it possible to distinguish between male and female visitors. We also visited the water museum and saw the underground water channels (called Qanat) that bring water from the mountains to the city. There was a remarkable similarity between the Qanat and the Karez we had seen in China. They were also of similar vintage. I am sure the Chinese and the Iranians would argue over who first invented them.

The road to Shiraz took us over the Zagros mountains and we experienced our second snow storm. Persepolis is about 50 kilometres from Shiraz and the next day we drove out to the ancient city with its impressive views over the surrounding countryside. It is said Alexander the Great needed 3,000 camels and mules to carry away the riches of the treasury in Persepolis when he looted the city on his way to India.

We arrived in Esfahan on a Friday, the Iranian equivalent of a Sunday when all the shops are closed. We were walking around Imam Square but it was rather bleak with nothing opened. We

asked a man in the street for directions to a public toilet and it turned out he was an English teacher so spoke perfect English. He walked with us to a tea shop. We would never have found it without him as it was down a side street into a yard and then downstairs into a cellar. Inside was an Aladdin's cave of old lanterns and other artefacts. Over tea, Akbar offered to show us around Esfahan and we agreed to meet the next day. We made an early start on Saturday so we could meet Akbar and have our personal tour of Esfahan. We were impressed that he was willing to close his shop and spend the day showing us around the city. He showed a lot of places that we wouldn't have seen without him like a spice mill where we saw spices being ground and another place where carpets were being repaired. Overnight, we had 3 centimetres of snow and our car looked so beautiful in the morning under a layer of snow. We had no trouble starting it after we had cleared the snow away and we set off for Qum and Tabriz.

The next day, we arrived at the border with Turkey. On the Turkish side of the border, things were more relaxed. What makes the difference is that the standard of driving is much better. People actually stop at red lights and they keep to their lanes. Our hotel in Erzurum was in the centre of town and we had to park in the street overnight. It was not just the standard of driving that makes Turkey a better place to be. Colleen no longer had to wear her Hejab and there were couples in the street actually holding hands. The beer I had with dinner that night tasted especially sweet! We had our first sight of the sea since leaving Hua Hin in Thailand when we arrived in Trabzon. We went out in search of dinner and came across a first floor restaurant advertising "fresh fish" in English. We climbed the stairs and tried to explain to the waiter who didn't speak English that we wanted to try some of his fresh fish. Eventually he understood us and he took us to the kitchen where he opened the deep freezer and let us chose our fish. From the Black Sea, we drove south to the Mediterranean and drove around the coast to Gallipoli. After making our pilgrimage to Anzac Cove, we drove to Istanbul, where we had Christmas.



We were now on the home stretch across Europe. We drove through Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, Poland, Germany and France arriving in England on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. We bought a green card at the Romanian border and this provided insurance cover until we reached the UK. We thought that it would be cheaper to buy cover for our stay in England once we got there and if we had a claim it was more likely to be paid. This proved fallacious as it is impossible to buy insurance for a foreign registered car in the UK unless you register your car there within 30 days. When we tried to do this we found we would have had to remove all the external fittings from our car. This would include the bull-bar, the rear wheel carrier and the headlights. This plus the import duty made local registration uneconomic. We had planned to sell our car in the UK but ended up shipping it back to Australia.



# 2013 ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships

by Mitchell Leong (16 years old)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt

After competing and tasting success at the World Champs in Wellington back in 2011 and the 2012 World Cup in Brighton England, I had the opportunity to trial and be selected for the NZ Team to compete at the 2013 World Champs in Benidorm Spain in October 2013.

I was selected to compete in the following seven events in Spain:

1. Individual Junior Male 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Patterns
2. Individual Junior Male Middle Weight Sparring
3. Junior Pre-arranged Sparring
4. Junior Male Team Patterns
5. Junior Male Team Sparring
6. Junior Male Team Power Breaking
7. Junior Male Team Special Techniques

This was the largest ever ITF Taekwon-Do World Champs with over 1000 Black Belt competitors from 58 countries and for 60% of the NZ team this was their first world champs.

We arrived in Benidorm after 25 hours of flights with a 5 hour stopover in Singapore and then a 5 hour bus trip from Barcelona down to Benidorm. If you have ever watched the TV show with the same name, it really is like that with British holiday makers everywhere. Benidorm is their Surfers Paradise with hundreds of hotels and restaurants specialising in "British meals" like Fish'n Chips.

The days before tournament, we trained early in the morning before breakfast and again late in the afternoon before dinner, which gave us the time in between to have a look around and enjoy the sights and shops around Benidorm. The climate was great with temperatures in the high 20's to early 30's.



The tournament was held in a massive rectangular sports arena which was laid out into 10 rings including 1 for speciality techniques and another for power breaking.

On the first day, as a designated competitor/coach I helped second several first time NZ Junior competitors. It wasn't until the very late afternoon that I finally got to compete in individual sparring and after the first 2 regulation rounds it was a draw, so it went to a 3<sup>rd</sup> round, which unfortunately I

lost by one point to the competitor from Puerto Rico who went on to win the silver medal.

Earlier in the day my sister Kristy, competing at her 4<sup>th</sup> World Champs, competed against 33 others in Senior Individual Female Power breaking and she worked her way through to the play offs for the medals and after a prolonged 40 minutes of breaking she eventually took out the silver medal.

The first day was very long and we didn't leave the venue until around 8pm. NZ ended the first day with 4 gold medals, 2 silver medals and 1 bronze medal and we were in the lead in the country rankings.

On the second day, I competed in individual 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree patterns where I won a **bronze medal**.

I also competed in the junior male team power breaking and we smashed our way to win the silver medal.

That evening, they held the official opening ceremony, and the highlight of the evening for us was performing the Haka in front of everyone at the special request of the Grand Masters.

Our tally for day two was 1 gold, 2 silver and 5 bronze medals and NZ remained as the number 1 country.



The third day, Saturday was a very a hot day, I competed in junior male team sparring where we got through to the quarter finals before losing out to Canada 3-2.



**Kristy** won her **second silver medal** in the senior female team patterns competition.



My final event of the tournament was with the junior male team special techniques where after all the countries had gone through each of the 5 different kicking techniques we had to play off against Poland for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place – unfortunately after 3 play-off rounds we missed out on the gold but we were still very happy with the silver medal.

NZ's final tally for the tournament was 8 gold, 7 silver and 11 bronze medals and ranking third country overall behind Poland and Ireland.

Going half way around the world to compete against the best of the best was a great experience, with a lot of hard work and preparation over a 10 month campaign which started with the NZ trials in February, I was pleased to come home with 2 silver and 2 bronze medals helping NZ to retain a top 3 world ranking.



NZ finished the day with 3 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze medals and slipped down two places to 3<sup>rd</sup> in the country rankings.

On day 4, the final day of the tournament, was my busiest day with 3 events. I started out with junior male team patterns where we won through to the quarter finals but lost out to Ireland who ended up winning bronze.

My next event was junior male pre-arranged sparring where my partner Robert Meleisea and I battled our way through to the semi-finals, taking out the bronze after losing out to the eventual gold medal winners the USA.



I'm toying with the idea of trying out as a senior competitor for the next world champs to be held in Italy in 2015. Watch this space.....



## NZCA EASTER TOURNAMENT update

The annual NZCA Easter Cultural and Sports Tournament will be held in Wellington this year. Auckland will send a contingent of around 150 participants and supporters to this iconic event in our NZCA calendar.

The contingent is very family orientated with 9 basketball teams from Under 17 down.

Wellington have also organised a wide variety of social events for all age groups- there will be family dinners and movie night for the under 18's. A full programme of dinner and dancing for the Veterans and also night club events for the younger generation. All culminating with the presentation Ball on Monday night.

It is not too late to join the Auckland team to Wellington to enjoy in all the activities and sports associated with Easter Tournament.

If you want more information please contact Richard Leung on [richard@glacierinvestments.co.nz](mailto:richard@glacierinvestments.co.nz) or 021-891-942.



## YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



**Tyler Nathan-Wong** who won the Youth Achievement Award, Tyler in 2013 represented New Zealand at a senior level in 3 sports- Touch Rugby, Tag Football and Women's Sevens Rugby were she was part of a team that became World Champions and also won the inaugural IRB Women's Sevens World circuit.

## ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



**Alice Jing-Jing Wang** won the Achievement Award with her winning a prestigious Rhodes scholarship which will allow her to study for 2 years at Oxford University



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## NZCA Womens Group

Our November 16 2013 bus trip to Matakana markets was well attended. Matakana is always a great place to go – lots to see, eat and buy.



Kaipara Coast Plan Centre was the next stop. A place full of sculptures amongst the flowers and plants. It's advertised as "A stroll along a gentle 1km sculpture & garden trail set in a tranquil and inspirational rural oasis." And so it was.



The Orewa beach town was the last stop for lunch and a wander around the town.



Christmas BBQ December 2013. Thank you to Nancy Young and her hard working team, organising the Christmas raffles once again. This year the recipients of the \$536.50 raised, was for the Phillipines Typhoon Disaster fund. Thank you to all the supporters and winners on the day.



. Email [nzca.womensgroup@gmail.com](mailto:nzca.womensgroup@gmail.com) for more information.

For more photos of our activities check out <http://aucklandwomensgroup.blogspot.co.nz/>

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# ORAL HYGIENE FOR DENTAL HEALTH

By Dr Phillip Lowe

This is my second article of three on Dentistry. Hopefully you all receive some “pearls of wisdom” from my observations in a career of over 40+ years in the dental profession. I believe one of the most significant advances in preventive dentistry was made at the last local body elections, when all went in favour of “Fluoridation” of their public water supplies. This discussion and argument has been going on for years, but it seems to me common sense has finally prevailed. Why the government has not made a decision to regulate all local bodies to comply, I do not know. The scientific, medical and dental research on this has recommended it for many years. Fluoride significantly hardens teeth to make them much more resistant to dental decay. This greatly benefits the dental health of the children in the affected regions.

## Children

Parents should clean their baby’s teeth for them as soon as they appear at about 6 months of age. Make a play about it, using only a very small dab of toothpaste and a small toothbrush. Try to avoid using dummies with jam, honey or other sweet additives. Any sweet treats should be left till after dinner. Grandparents and friends can be the worst offenders in giving children sweet treats. Once the child is capable of cleaning their own teeth let them do it themselves, but parents should keep an eye on them. School Dental Therapists should have taught them how to clean teeth properly. The best times to clean teeth are after meals and before bed at night. A good idea is to also introduce them to having two toothbrushes as I will explain later.

## Adults

The cleaning of teeth for adults should just be an extension of good childhood habits. I always recommend at least two toothbrushes be available so that you can rotate using them, you can use more if you wish. The idea behind this is that you should always start with a dry toothbrush as it will be much more effective in cleaning as the bristles will be firmer. If you suffer an infection of some kind, especially of the mouth, stomach, lungs or have had bouts of vomiting, throw all your toothbrushes away when you recover and buy new ones. Toothbrushes can carry many bacteria and viruses and cause serious infections to linger. You should never use someone else’s

toothbrush unless you want their bacteria and infections. Dental floss is also a must when it comes to good oral health. This is much better than using tooth picks, unless you use soft tooth sticks. Many toothbrushes have a rough surface on the back for cleaning the tongue. Although most people do not need to clean their tongues, it pays everyone to look at theirs occasionally. If the tongue looks black or coated brown with plaque, it is a good idea to clean it, using the tongue cleaning side of the toothbrush and an oral mouth wash. Smokers are especially prone to get black “hairy” tongues.

Other dental problems for adults are sensitivity and periodontal disease. Sensitivity especially around the neck of the tooth may be improved using one of the special toothpastes like “Sensodyne”, “Colgate Sensitive” or “Colgate Pro-Relief.” However if it persists you should consult your dentist. Periodontal [gum] disease is more difficult to self treat without professional help. Mouthwashes may help but you need to read the instructions carefully. Some you use before brushing and some after brushing.

Electric or battery toothbrushes are very good for patients that have disability problems with arms and hands. Able bodied people should only use them once a day and a manual toothbrush at other times. If you can only use an automatic tooth brush I strongly suggest two of them, using one in the one morning and the other at night. Also keep spare brush heads available and change them regularly when the bristles look tired and worn out, otherwise 3 monthly. Small multifil toothbrushes are best. Manual toothbrushes should have an even layer of bristles

People who have bridges, implants or crowns should consult with their dentist or dental hygienist about the best way to have good oral hygiene with these prostheses. As these are expensive items of dentistry, you must maintain regular dental maintenance and so see your dentist regularly.

Denture wearers must also clean these regularly, otherwise you may get denture stomatitis [severe inflammation of the tissue under the denture]. This can be very sore and could also lead to pre- cancerous lesions. Dentures do not last forever and I think you should see a professional at least once every 2 years. I strongly suggest you do not sleep with full or partial dentures in your mouth overnight. Give the oral tissues time to breathe and recuperate. Soak your dentures in a denture cleaning solution overnight. I know some female patients say they would never be seen without their dentures. If that is so, you should take your dentures out for a few hours in the day time when no one will see you. Clinical Dental Technicians are now legal in New Zealand to make and repair dentures. If



you have any growths in your mouth, I strongly suggest you see a dentist who may need to do a biopsy.

I know people are now going overseas to have implants and other forms of expensive dentistry done because it is cheaper. If you have let your dental state get to a stage where you have many teeth to repair, what is going to stop you not repeating the situation in a few years time? I have seen many cases of overtreatment by overseas dentists together with extremely poor treatment. This will have many detrimental effects in years to come. You only need one overseas treated tooth to give problems and all you're so called cheap dentistry is undone. I think you need to think very carefully before you embark on an overseas dental trip. There is a pamphlet produced by the New Zealand Dental Association on overseas dentistry and you should read this before embarking on an overseas dental treatment programme. Your local dentist or the local Dental association should have one.

Remember no dental treatment lasts forever, and dental maintenance is essential. There are no guarantees in dental treatment. It is far better to have a little dental treatment often, than let it build up and become a dental disaster case being very expensive to treat. If a dentist gives you a treatment plan or costs that you think is exorbitant or over the top, seek another opinion.

Good management and treatment will allow you to enjoy good teeth and the fruits of life much longer.

## **Har Gee Village Reunion.**

The Chan family from Har Gee held a very successful reunion, in Mangere, on January 27 2013. At this second reunion, organised by Ruth Lam, Maggie Chan, Vincent Chan and Helen Wong, the Chan family celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> year of arrival of their women folk and children, in 1939.

Since 1939 the Chans have gone from strength to strength, contributing in every aspect of New Zealand's society – from business men, artists, scientists, academia, medicine, sports.

In attendance were descendants from 9 out of 10 distinct family lines in New Zealand. Family travelled from as far away as Perth and Sydney; and from all around the upper North Island.

A panel of speakers included Dan Chan Lee, Percy Kai Fong, Mu Jung Wong, and Shirley Lee. They covered the period from 1900s to 2000s. Of great assistance was May Chan with the ability to link the old village families with the current families left in Har Gee.

As a result of the reunion, the Har Gee Chans in New Zealand book will be published soon, as well as a NZ Har Gee Chan jia pu for the family.



An Auckland organisation is currently proposing a visit back to Zengcheng at the end of June 2014. Any Har Gee villagers or other Zengcheng villages with a yearning to visit, please contact [helenwong888@gmail.com](mailto:helenwong888@gmail.com).



## CHANS RE-UNION



### NZCA Winter Camp

23 November – 22 December 2014

#### NOTICE

This year is the 30th anniversary of the Winter Camp.

A reunion trip for past attendees combined with new participants is proposed.

All interested persons aged 18 years and over are eligible.

China has experienced many changes over the past three decades.

This is your chance to renew friendships and see the “new” China.

Cost per person is approx \$6000 – dependent on numbers and final itinerary.

Please register your interest before 31st May 2014.  
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## 2014 SENIORS YUM CHA

There's no such thing as a free lunch unless you're paid up

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Venue: 928 HKD Seafood Restaurant  
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- Limited seating



# Chinese Zodiac Signs Meaning And Significance.

Zhou Enlai's witty interpretation of the zodiac to an audience of foreigners

It was said that Mr Zhou En-lai was once having a meal with his European friends. A person by the name of Klaus passed an impolite comment when he was drunk. You Chinese carry the signs of pigs, dogs, and mouse at birth. I can't understand what's going on in the mind of your ancestors?" At that point, the distinguished group of friends started to laugh. They started to toast each other rowdily. The cultured and serene atmosphere was broken. Some people believe that when someone insults your ancestors, even if you don't have a response to it, the least you could do is to overturn the table against him. Fortunately, nobody acted rashly or in violence. For a while, not a single word was uttered. It was probably because they have not come across this situation before.

Then, Mr Zhou En-lai stood up and spoke to everybody in a calm and peaceful way. The Chinese ancestors were very wise. They arranged the twelve zodiac signs in pairs. Six pairs in a cycle. In this way, they expressed their hopes and wishes for the generation that came after them." By then, the room was in complete silence. There were some sceptical looks among the audience. Mr Zhou En-lai continued

## **,"The first pair of animals is the rat and cow".**

The rat represents wisdom and the cow represents diligence. Wisdom and diligence must operate in harmony. If there is wisdom but no diligence in applying it, it's foolishness. On the other hand, if there is diligence but no wisdom, it's an act of folly. That's why wisdom and diligence must go hand in hand. This is our ancestor's first wish for us. The first pair of animal also represents the most important hope.

## **The second pair is the tiger and rabbit.**

The tiger represents courage and the rabbit represents carefulness. These two qualities must work closely together. In that way, it can have a better chance to achieve success. Without carefulness, courage becomes recklessness. Similarly, without courage, carefulness becomes cowardice. This pair of qualities is very important. That's why it is the second pair."

Mr Zhou En-lai looked at the audience and then he added, "Therefore, when we demonstrate our carefulness, please do not think that we do not have the courage to fight for social justice. In truth, what our ancestor is pursuing is wisdom through integrity, harmony and balance. It's never about a single hope or task. When he saw that the audience was deep in thought, Mr Zhou En-lai continued,

## **"The third pair is the dragon and snake.**

They represent strength and flexibility. Strength without flexibility becomes brittle. Without strength, flexibility becomes meaningless. That's why strength with flexibility is an important lesson from our ancestor that has lasted through time.

## **The next pair is the horse and goat.**

The horse represents the ability to gallop to success. The goat represents the ability to be considerate and have compassion. If a person only looks after himself as he pursues his goal and with no consideration for others, he will face obstacles from the people around him. Finally, he may not even be successful. However, if a person only looks after others and seek only to be amiable, he will not have a sense of direction. His goal will eventually be lost. That's why the spirit of the horse and virtues of the goat must be applied in harmony with each other. This is our ancestor's fourth wish for us.

## **The next pair is the monkey and the chicken.**

The monkey represents agility. As for chicken, as there were no clocks in the days of old, it is needed to wake humans to start a new day. The chicken represents stability. The qualities of agility and stability must be tightly coupled together. If you have agility but no stability, your best plan will not come to pass. However, if you focused on having stability and refuse to change, you will not have a better future. When the two qualities are in harmony, on one side, there will be stability in terms of having, for example, effective system and collaboration. On the other side, there will be a release of unrelenting creativity and innovation to achieve progress. When these two qualities operate in synergy, it is one of the basic imperatives to achieve success.

## **Lastly, we have the dog and pig.**

The dog represents loyalty while the pig represents good nature. If a person is loyal but does not have a good nature, he will be blindly following others. On the other hand, if he has a good nature but does not have loyalty, he will have no people and principles to guide him. That's why whether its loyalty to a country, loyalty to a team, or loyalty to an ideal, you need to ensure that good nature is tightly coupled with and working alongside with it. In that way, you can have a deep-seated sense of loyalty that comes from the heart.

This is why the Chinese believes that the outer core must be in alignment with the inner core. At the inner core, we must have a pure heart that subscribes to high moral values. We must seek to live with ethos and positive principles. We must live up to our words and not do anything that will harm others. At the external core, we must be knowledgeable about the ways of the world. We must be wise in managing affairs around us. We need to focus on what matters in life and not be influenced by evil. We need to live with integrity and in harmony with others and the environment. We must not have any form of prejudice or seek to discriminate against anyone.

At the end of his speech, there was complete silence. They say that you can even hear a pin dropped.



## Obituaries

### Academic world was Goh's life

Leading scientist began as Colombo Plan student,

writes MIKE CREAM.

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▣ Kuan Meng Goh,  
born Kajang, Malaysia,  
May 25, 1938;  
died Christchurch,  
January 10, 2014.  
Survived by wife Nancy, sons  
David, Tony and Rodney and  
five grandchildren.



The sudden death of Professor Kuan Meng Goh has saddened the international science community. Malaysian-born, of Chinese descent, Goh had made Christchurch home since 1971. Through 40 years at Lincoln University he travelled widely and frequently. He was sought after in many countries as guest lecturer, speaker at conferences, and consultant.

His talks and publications in soil chemistry and fertility were influential in an age of deepening concern at the sustainability of food-growing practices. Goh stayed fit and trim with regular walks. So his collapse on a recent Sunday morning outing was a shock to family and friends. He died in hospital five days later.

An outstanding school pupil in Malaya (as it was then), Goh won a Colombo Plan scholarship to study in New Zealand. He did first-year science at Auckland University, then moved to Palmerston North and completed bachelors and masters degrees in agricultural science at Massey. There he met and married Nancy, a local woman also of Chinese descent. His scholarship bonded him to return to Malaya and the couple shifted there in 1962. Goh lectured at the University of Malaya for three years. He then won a Fulbright Scholarship for study in the United States. He completed his doctorate at the University of Illinois, while lecturing and doing research part-time.

He and Nancy kept in touch with friends in New Zealand and decided it was the best place to bring up their children.

Goh was offered a position with the soil bureau at the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, in Wellington,

And they moved back in 1969. He missed the interaction with students and accepted a senior lecturer position at

Lincoln in 1971. He continued lecturing and research there for 37 years. Retiring in 2008, he kept his office at Lincoln as an emeritus professor and worked, unpaid, three days a week until his death. "The academic world was his life," Nancy says. He loved lecturing and working with students. He was popular with them and many talked about his absorbing lectures spiked with lively humour. His experience as a foreign student made him a natural choice as Lincoln's international student adviser.

He met new arrivals at the airport, brought them home, helped them into accommodation and provided ongoing support. Goh became reader in soil science in 1978 and professor in 1991. He was the first Asian to be honoured with a personal chair at Lincoln.

He supervised 33 postgraduate students, including 19 PhDs. Nancy says he was proud of his students, many of whom became professors around the world. He kept in touch with them and looked forward to meeting them at conferences. His research work appeared in 302 publications, including 27 books.

His academic achievements and honours make a long and illustrious list.

They include being an external examiner for doctoral science theses for universities around the world, reviewer for more than 40 international scientific journals, fellow of many scientific and educational institutions, expert consultant to New Zealand central and local government, United Nations agencies and bodies such as the Australian Research Council.

Goh's involvement in community affairs was recognised with the award of Officer of the NZ Order of Merit in 1999.

As a Justice of the Peace he did voluntary work at court every Saturday morning for 20 years and supervised training of JPs.

He provided a gracious style of leadership to ethnic groups.

He was president of the NZ Chinese Association and secretary of the Canterbury branch. Called on to help establish an ethnic council in Christchurch, he became foundation chairman. The movement spread and when a NZ Federation of Ethnic Councils was formed, he was elected its first president. He pushed for the establishment of an ethnic affairs office in Parliament and the post of Minister of Ethnic Affairs.

How did he fit all this into his life? He didn't play golf, Nancy says. His family say Goh considered himself a blend of Chinese, Malay and New Zealander. He had a bi-cultural upbringing in Malay and Chinese, while also learning English.



# CAMBODIA CALLING

Jan 2014

By Jeffery Lowe

Cambodia is a country of approximately 15million people, with a sad past, but hopefully a better future.

It is bounded by Thailand to the west, Laos to the north, and Vietnam to the east. To the south is Sihanoukville which opens to the Gulf of Thailand. The south coast boasts white sand beaches and is the water tourists' playground. Cambodia is a land of contrasts: Rich and poor, city and countryside, beauty and squalor, friendliness and rudeness, dry dusty winters, (December to February), and wet hot summers.

During the Angkorian period 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> century AD, the Khmer empire ruled Laos, Thailand and Vietnam, as well as Cambodia, and the remains of this empire are the temples.

Since then there has been the French intervention 1863, USA bombing, (1969 to 1973), and the Khmer Rouge ( Pol Pot) period, 1975-1979 when approximately 2 million of the 8 million population were decimated in the "killing fields". Today Cambodia is a constitutional Monarchy under King Norodom Sihomoni, and since 1985, it has be led by "strong man" Prime Minister Hun-Sen of the Cambodia Peoples Party.

Because of Pol Pot's policy of killing everyone with "soft hands" or higher education, the educated class were wiped out. Cambodia is now in recovery mode, and has a young population - approximately 50 percent of the 15 million are under 25 years of age. Young people are desperate to learn English, get an education, and find a job. However while millions of people still live in poverty, the new upper class live in stately homes and drive around in the latest model cars.

To help with Cambodia's economic recovery, there are now approximately 900 Volunteer Non-Governmental Organisations working in the health, education, development and other sectors.



***Jeffrey Lowe working on a patient's teeth***  
***Day 1 to DAY 4: -STAY IN SIEM REAP***

## DENTAL AID

There are now two government and three private dental schools in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

The One-2-One Charitable Trust was set up by Dr Annie-Chen Green, a Christchurch Medical Practitioner and Dr Callum Durward, a former lecturer at the University of Otago Dental School, former Dean of Dentistry at International University (Cambodia), and now Head of the Department of Dentistry at the University of Puthisastra in Phnom Penh.



***Dr Anthony Wong working at the Mobile Dental Clinic***

Volunteers wishing to assist in the dental aid field in Cambodia, are invited to volunteer under this organisation. They can be contacted via email at [one2onecambodia@hotmail.com](mailto:one2onecambodia@hotmail.com). One of the most knowledgeable volunteers is Dr Anthony Wong of Auckland, who has now completed 5 volunteer visits to Cambodia. He invited me to join him in Cambodia this year in January

## MY VISIT

My wife Janet and I flew to Singapore, then on to Siem Reap, Cambodia. A one month Tourist Visa is obtainable on arrival at Siem Reap airport or at Phom Penh airport.



***Jeffrey and Janet with Angkor Wat in the background***



This is the tourist centre of the North. We played the tourist, by visiting the complex of Hindu and now Buddhist Temples, of which Angkor Wat is the biggest and most famous. They are situated a few kilometres north-west of Siem Reap. Next day we visited the Tonle Sap lake and the floating villages. On the other days we visited the old Market place and the replica Cambodian cultural villages. These include the Farm, Cham, Chinese, Kola, Kroeng, Khmer, Phnornng and Floating villages.

**DAY 5** – Travelled to Phnom Penh (the capital) by local bus. This took 8 hours along straight dusty roads bounded by rice fields and villages along the route. Maximum speed was 65 km per hour as the road was very congested with cars, trucks, cattle, bikes, and tuk tuks.

### **FIRST WEEK OF DENTISTRY – IN PHNOM PENH**

#### **“Seal Cambodia Project”**

The aim is to seal the first permanent teeth of up to 60,000 children in Phnom Penh and Kampong Cham over the next 3 years. In 2013, which was the first year of this project, 14,000 children have already had their teeth fissure sealed. The project has several local partner organizations providing the sealants. Each day the teams visit schools, where oral hygiene instruction is given prior to applying the GIC fissure sealants to the Grade 2 children. The Global Child Dental Fund and One-2-One Cambodia initiated this project, which is also supported by CamKids, the Cambodian Children’s Charity. Partners include the Ministries of Health and Education, the Cambodian Dental Association, the Regional Nurses School in Kampong Cham, International University, the Cambodian Buddhist Library Project and Cambodia World Family. Each dentist, dental therapist or dental student can fissure seal up to 40 children per day. In this project, everything is organized and provided – you just have to turn up to help apply the sealants.

### **SECOND WEEK OF DENTISTRY – MOBILE CLINIC**

This was located at a poor rural resettlement village called Sen Sok, 25 kms south of Phnom Penh. The mobile dental clinic was set up in the local Church Hall in the Sen Sok Resettlement area. This is a poor area of 400 disadvantaged families who have been awaiting resettlement into high rise accommodation since 2000.

A more comprehensive range of dental procedures was accomplished by Dr Anthony Wong and myself. The most common treatments were dental restorations,

(composite, glass ionomer, amalgam) and extractions. Other treatments were ART (Atraumatic Restorative Treatment), Silver Diamine Fluoride, Fissure sealing and Scale and Polishing. Oral health education was also provided.

The accompanying local Cambodian dental staff, also were instructed in resuscitation techniques. Teaching was given according to the New Zealand, DRS ABCD Level 4 curriculum.

### **WEEK THREE – MOBILE CLINIC TO SIHANOUKVILLE**

Our team of 20, included 6 final year dental students from Australia, Dr Anthony Wong, Dr Piseth, (a locally graduated Cambodian dentist), along with auxiliary staff and myself. Because of the distance, we stayed the whole week in hotel accommodation in the city of Sihanoukville, which is on the south coast of Cambodia and is the container port and beach resort area.

We based our mobile dental chairs at a primary school which had approximately 500 students. This was situated 25km north of Sihanoukville. The school was financed by a Japanese Rotary Club, and was set in the hill-tribe area. Adjacent to the school was a Buddhist monastery with young monks.

All the children who registered for dental treatment, were screened by Dr Piseth. Groups of 5 at a time were treated by the dental team. Dental students were paired off, one to be Dental operator and one to be the Dental assistant, They were supervised by Dr Wong. I did the clinically difficult cases, including the difficult extractions. Adult patients were treated in the afternoon. Approximately 400 patients were treated in that week.

### **CONCLUSIONS**

I found that our mobile dental clinic was a novelty to the villagers, especially the children. Most had never seen a practising dentist before or sat in a dentist chair. Children did not know how to brush their teeth. Many had never touched a toothbrush or used toothpaste before. Many youngsters had very badly decayed teeth due to the change to a western diet of sweet snacks, soft drink, and sugared milk.

Hopefully, this article may inspire other New Zealand dentists, to also contribute their dental skills to assist in this humanitarian cause.

While in Cambodia, visitors should take the opportunity to see the tourist highlights. Cambodia is known as the “Kingdom of Wonder”.



# NZCA Youth Leadership Conference

## 2013

*Brendan Chun*

To me, Youth Leadership Conference (YLC), held in Camp Adair on 12 – 15 December 2013, was a diamond; no matter which perspective you look at it from, it will



sparkle as it reflects the light.

I appreciated how the camp provided so much for us to enjoy ourselves and grow, regardless of who we were, where we live and whether we knew anyone else there. The program was structured so well that a plethora of diverse people was given the opportunity to bond and connect with each other – the atmosphere created was much like a family.

The fact that we could motivate, laugh and happily cry with each other proved that the relationships we had made were on a level that we could step out of our comfort zone, in order to learn more about ourselves whilst we grew as a community. There was always encouragement as we helped each other to achieve prodigious feats - for example overcoming our fear of the ropes course, or the embarrassment of the traditional

Chinese dance. Not only did each challenge help us to grow, but they also strengthened bonds within the group.

Most of all, I treasure how this experience brought me closer to my goal and I heard it did for many others as well. My goal was to rely on myself more, otherwise why should others have to rely on me? There were many opportunities for us to grow as leaders, whether it was to lead by example, motivate, or even inspire others. The chances for us to reach our goals were there and we were pushed to ‘raise the bar’, ‘step out of our comfort zone’ and face these obstacles head on.

I heard about YLC through friends and family and was encouraged to go. To be honest, I did not have a clue of what I was getting myself into and I never would have thought that I would have to step out of my normal self to do traditional dance, lose my masculinity screaming through the Burma trail, and shed tears of joy during the last morning – I honestly can not remember the last time I cried before then.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank NZCA Auckland Branch, Albert King, Raymond Wong, Nathan Chan, guest speakers (Deanna Yang, Mayor Meng Foon



and Andrew Young), the alumni leaders & facilitators, support crew and especially the delegates. This opportunity gifted to me was, by no means, one that comes by everyday. The insight given from guest speakers and the imbroglios I faced lead on to me being able to mature and gain a new, positive insight of myself as New Zealand Chinese.

YLC was a gift that assisted us in our decisions on what path or direction we wish to take. Whichever way we go, this will be remembered as one of our first steps to reaching our goals in life.



# Treasury Workshop:

## LivingStandardsNZ – 2013 Youth Living Standards Framework for New Zealand

Raymond Wong

In December 2013, I was selected to attend, with the support of NZCA, a three-day workshop in Wellington to stress test Treasury’s Living Standards Framework.

*LivingStandardsNZ* was a collaboration between the New Zealand Treasury and McGuiness Institute, which aimed to encourage informed discussion on policy around living standards in New Zealand. A key outputs of *LivingStandardsNZ* is the [2013 Youth Living Standards Framework for New Zealand](#) publication, which is available for download online.

The workshop consisted of 28 young diverse New Zealanders from around the country; all with the same purpose of embracing our past in order to engage in issues facing New Zealand’s long-term future. We actively collaborated to discuss the steps needed today to ensure that public policy is aligned with the way we want to live.

Treasury’s Living Standards Framework focused on five elements – economic growth, managing of risks, sustainability for the future, increasing equity and social infrastructure. From stress-testing the framework, we recommended the consideration of a sixth dimension – the consideration of culture. We believe that culture should be fundamentally integrated into the framework, in order to fully represent the unique diversity of New Zealand. As the sole person of Chinese descent in the group, it was a valuable opportunity to input from a New Zealand Chinese perspective.

Our concern is that not everyone starts at the ‘starting line in life’ together. Some may be more privileged, whilst some may start behind the line because of health, financial restrictions and familial circumstances. However, we are all on the same journey towards the fulfillment of dreams and ambitions.

As Sonia Sotomayor, United States Supreme Court Judge, once said, “how could I have begun a race that I didn’t even know was being run?”

People will forever remain a constant in whatever surrounding we are in. The provision of opportunities to those around us – whether it is in school, University, sporting fields or at work - requires action. It is the role of public policy to provide the foundations of equality on which paths are built. It is the role of the individual to choose their path and pursue it as they see fit. It is the role of the community, as a collective, to support and encourage.

Throughout the workshop, having the opportunity to hear and learn about other cultures’ communities, I felt a strong sense pride to be part of an active and engaging New Zealand Chinese community. I had the privilege of chairing NZCA’s Youth Leadership Conference 2013; I cannot stress enough the importance of investing in the youth of today. The difference made in the lives of many is real, such as seeing delegates come out of Youth Leadership Conference run their race with renewed vigour towards their dreams and ambitions.

And to those who do not know that there is a race to be run; it is our responsibility, as individuals and a community, to bring them to the starting line.





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## DIVERSE BANANAS, GLOBAL DRAGONS

International Conference

**FRI. 30 May - 1 June 2014**

**The University of Auckland Business School  
Level O, Owen G Glenn Building  
12 Grafton Road, Auckland, New  
Zealand**

**Going Bananas is back again this year to  
bring more special memories**

By popular demand after a five year hiatus, our iconic and unique conference returns to challenge perceptions of what it means to be

Chinese and celebrate the journeys, stories and identities of leading local and overseas born Chinese personalities

This conference is the fifth event in the Going Bananas cycle. We continue to build a community of interest in Chinese lives and experiences.

We offer everyone a fresh way to explore and understand the impact Chinese communities make in New Zealand and on the global stage.

**Please register asap for the conference to take advantage of the early bird discount by completing page 12 of this link**

[http://www.goingbananas.org.nz/PDF/2014\\_BananaConference.pdf](http://www.goingbananas.org.nz/PDF/2014_BananaConference.pdf)

**or registering online.**

The conference will follow a similar format to the previous Banana conferences with a Welcome Reception on the Friday evening at which we will launch the sequel "Destinies Divided: A Story of the Chinese Diaspora in WW1" by Meemie Phipps to her best selling novel "Memories in the Bone". However this year we are fortunate to be able to also arrange at 4.30pm on Friday afternoon with assistance from the University of Auckland Creative Thinking Board, "A Creative Conversation with Anthony Hoy Fong", the celebrity NZ - born chef and entrepreneur now working in New York.

Thereafter, in the two day conference itself, we have Mai Chen confirmed as the Keynote Speaker on Day 1 talking about "The Leadership Role Chinese NZers can play to build NZ Inc: Changing your Mindset" plus we are asking Hon Pita Sharples to be the Keynote Speaker on Day 2 to lead the discussions on Chinese / Maori relationships in a multicultural Aotearoa.

We have also arranged high profile and exciting personalities from USA, Canada, Asia & Australia and from throughout New Zealand to speak on various topics including the following :-

1. High Flying Bananas (Anthony Hoy Fong, Annie Chen-Green, John & Michael Chow, Paul Croucher)
2. Where's the Yellow Peril – Alive or Dead? - Early Settlers & Poll Tax (James Ng), Recent Settlers (Manying Ip)
3. Global Dragon Voices – David H T Wong – "Escape to Gold Mountain" (A Graphic History of the Chinese in Nth America) Daphne Lowe Kelley - Finding the Australian Chinese Voice
4. SS Ventnor Saga – The Call of the Ancestors - Wong Liu Sheung & Lynda Chanwai-Earle (Radio NZ)
5. Dragon & Taniwha Relationships - Meng Foon, Hon Pita Sharples & Mary-Anne Lee
6. Emerging Bananas Have Their Say – Tyla Nathan Wong, Jordan Hui, Alice Wang, Deana Yang
7. Bananas in the Dragon Den - Living & Working in China & Asia (Eric Chuah, Lester Khoo, Pat English, Lynnette Xu)
8. Diverse Bananas – Inter Cultural Relationships - Dr Kathie Blunt from Australia & Gar Kee Wu from NZ
9. Creative Cool Bananas –Renae Liang (Playwright), Weilun Ha (painter), J J Fong (actress), Dion Hitchens (Sculptor)
10. Asianisation of Auckland - Pro Vice Chancellor Paul Spoonley (Massey University)



Conference fees are being kept as low as possible for an international conference

Individual (Earlybird before 31 March 2014) \$160

Individual (Registration after 1 April 2014) \$190

Full time student & persons 65+ (with ID) \$100  
With 20% discount for NZCA Members

If you have any queries or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

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**NCEA (Level 3 or 4)**  
**CHINESE AWARD**  
**(2014 Award based on 2013 Examination Results)**

**INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS**

1. The main objective of the National Certificate of Education Achievement (NCEA Level 3 or 4) Chinese award is to promote the Chinese language.
2. This Chinese Award has a value of \$250 and is awarded annually to a student who sat the NCEA, Level 3 or 4 Examination in Chinese in the previous year and obtained the highest Level, grade and number of credits, if any.
3. Applicants of the award will:
  - a) Have studied in a New Zealand secondary school for at least three years.
  - b) Be of Chinese descent.
  - c) Be a permanent resident of New Zealand.
  - d) Be under the age of 20 years at the time of application
  - e) Have been a member of, or the daughter or son of a person who has been a member of, a branch of the New Zealand Chinese Association for more than twelve months at application closing date (**local branch Secretary, please confirm this**).
4. Applications must be made on the official form obtainable from your local Branch of the New Zealand Chinese Association.
5. Candidates must submit a **certified hard copy** by the Senior Dean, Principal or the Justice of the Peace of the Record of Learning showing the results (e.g. Level attained, grade and number of units if Level 3) of the Chinese Examination sat.
6. The application must be accompanied by a testimonial from your school Principal or the Senior Dean who has access to your academic record.
7. Your completed application form and the necessary documentation must be received by your local branch of NZCA by **16 April 2014 (local branch Secretary, please insert date of receipt)**, who will acknowledge receipt of your application.
8. Selection of winner of the award will be made by the Education/Cultural Sub- Committee of NZCA. This Committee will base their decision on the applicant's academic achievement as shown by the NCEA (Level 3 or 4) examination results. However, in the event of a tie between applicants, consideration will be given to school performance during the year.
9. The successful applicant will be notified via the Branches. Any queries should be made to the Secretary of your local branch.

( application forms can be downloaded from [www.nzchinese-akld.org.nz](http://www.nzchinese-akld.org.nz) )





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**NATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS  
NCEA (Level 1) or  
Cambridge International Examination (IGCSE)  
(2014 AWARDS BASED ON 2013 EXAMINATION RESULTS)**

**INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS**

1. Each Award for the above will have a value of \$250. Up to five awards will be given out annually, one award to each of five students provided each student has attained a satisfactory standard of NCEA Level 1 or IGCSE examinations in the previous year.
2. Applicants for the award will:
  - a) Have studied in a New Zealand secondary school for at least three years.
  - b) Be of Chinese descent.
  - c) Be a permanent resident of New Zealand.
  - d) Be under the age of 17 years at the time of application.
  - e) Have been a member of, or the daughter or son of a person who has been a member of a branch of the New Zealand Chinese Association for more than twelve months at the time of application closing date (**local branch Secretary, please check and confirm this**).
3. Applications must be made on the official form obtainable from your local Branch of the New Zealand Chinese Association.
4. Candidates must complete and fill in all the details as requested in the form.
5. Candidates must submit **certified hard** copies by the Senior Dean, Principal or the Justice of the Peace the following: the **NCEA Result Notification (Qualification and Achievement Summary, Standards Achieved)** sheets showing results and credits of subjects and standards achieved or the **IGCSE examination results** showing grades and numerical results of subjects.
6. The application must be accompanied by a testimonial from your school Principal or a Senior Dean, who has access to your academic record.
7. Your completed application form and the necessary documentation must reach your local branch by **16 April 2014 (local branch Secretary, please insert date of receipt)**, who will acknowledge receipt of your documents.
8. Selection of winners of the awards will be made by the Education/Cultural Sub-Committee of NZCA. This Committee will base their decision on the applicant's academic achievements as shown by the examination results. However, in the event of a close tie between applicants, consideration will be given to attainment of school performance during the year.
9. Successful applicants will be notified via the Branches. Any queries should be made to the Secretary of your local branch.

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## NZCA TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS (2014 Awards Based on 2013 Examination Results)

### Information for Applicants

There will be up to three NZCA (NCEA Level 4) Tertiary scholarships awarded annually, each having a value of \$750, to students who have completed their secondary education to the University Entrance level, in order to assist with their tertiary education.

Selection is made by the Education/Cultural Sub-Committee of the New Zealand Chinese Association. You will be advised of the results by your local Branch Association when these are received from the New Zealand Chinese Association.

Criteria considered in awarding the scholarships are:

- a) Academic excellence
- b) Leadership qualities
- c) Outstanding sporting achievements
- d) Cultural achievements
- e) Community involvement.

Any enquiries should be made to the Secretary of your local Branch Association.

### Rules Governing the Tertiary Scholarship

Applications are to be made on the official application forms (photocopies are acceptable) which may be obtained from any Branch of the New Zealand Chinese Association or the website. Applicants will:-

- a) Have studied in an New Zealand secondary school for the last three years.
- b) Be of Chinese descent
- c) Be a permanent resident of New Zealand.
- d) Be under 20 years of age on 1 January of the year following the completion of their secondary school education
- e) Have been a member of, or be the daughter or son of a person who has been member of a branch of the New Zealand Chinese Association for more than twelve months at application closing date (**local branch Secretary, please confirm this**).

Completed forms must be accompanied by a school testimonial from your Principal or a Senior Dean who has access to your school results.

You must also send in **certified hard copies** by the Senior Dean, Principal or the Justice of the Peace of all relevant documents of Examination results (e.g. Record of Learning showing scholarship results with attained, not attained or outstanding performance and any relevant completed certificate and examination results of subjects sat).

Applicants will have sat any or all of the following examinations:-

1. NCEA (Level 4) Scholarship examinations (Note: NCEA Level 3 papers do not qualify for this award).
2. Cambridge International Examinations
3. International Baccalaureate Examinations

Two referee reports to support your application are to be submitted. Enter your name and address on the two referee forms and give one to each referee. These referee reports and your completed application form must be sent directly to your local branch Secretary by **16 April 2014** (local branch Secretary, please insert date of receipt), who will acknowledge receipt of your documents.

( application forms can be downloaded from [www.nzchinese-akld.org.nz](http://www.nzchinese-akld.org.nz) )



## **Move out of the square and Be Involved !**

Imagine your son or daughter or grandchild travels overseas to further their education. No matter how old they are, you still worry about their safety and want them to be happy with their adventure. You want them to have a full experience and be successful in their studies. Mostly you want them to settle into their adopted country and experience the “local” life and enjoy the culture.

You can help in a small way to assist international students (aged 17 – 25) integrate into Auckland and settle into our community. The Auntie and Uncle programme is being set up by NZ Police and needs our community support.

Please take the time to read the material. Debbie & I will be offering our time to this programme and I hope that many of you will also. If you have any questions please contact Jessica or myself. Jessica has a deadline of mid March to get this programme up and running – and she needs our support!

## **The Uncle & Auntie Programme**

*'A Family Away From Home'*

### **Calling all Good Community People,**

- If you wish to assist our precious International Students learn the Kiwi way of life, assist them to settle in and teach them how to keep safe, the [Opportunity Is Here!](#)
- The Uncle & Auntie programme is initiated by NZ Police with support from Auckland Council.

There are currently around 90,000 international students living and studying in New Zealand, the majority of them are in Auckland, and more than half of them study at Private Training Establishments (PTEs). The PTE students are aged between 17 and 25, are new to NZ and can have little access to the support services that is offered to the under 17 year old students, that are able to live with a home-stay family or relatives.

International students have told us that when they first arrive in New Zealand they find themselves only spending time with people from their own countries or other international students. They find it difficult to get into the NZ society and wish to understand the NZ culture and way of life.

Some of the international students may acquire their residency or return to their home countries. It is important that however long they are in New Zealand that they are able to integrate into our communities and be safe.

The programme aims to:

- Connect people with each other and integrate international students into our community.
- Assist international students to understand the NZ way of life so that they can settle in safely.
- Create opportunity for mutual cultural interaction.

The criteria to be involved:

- You are keen to assist an international student aged 17 to 25 years old to settle in while studying in NZ so that they are kept safe.
- You can spare 5 hours each month – that doesn't clash with the students school time, to
  1. attend an Information Session with your international student, and
  2. spend time with your international student to take part in an activity.

To find out more about this programme please contact the coordinator:

Jessica Phuang, phone: 09-302 6421, mobile : 0274 359660 or email:  
[jessica.phuang@police.govt.n](mailto:jessica.phuang@police.govt.n)



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## Membership Form

email completed form to [membership@auckland.nzchinese.org](mailto:membership@auckland.nzchinese.org) or post to address above

<b>Membership Type</b> Please tick (✓)	<input type="checkbox"/> New Member <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal : Mem. No. [    ]		[ m ] [ f ]
<b>* Applicant</b>	* Surname	First Names	DOB
<b>Spouse/Partner</b>	Surname	First Names	DOB
<b>Dependent children under 18years</b>	Surname	First Names	DOB
<b>* Address</b>	* Street No.	* Street Name	
	* Suburb	* City	* Postcode
<b>* Contact Details</b> Please print clearly	* Home #		
	Work #		
	* Mobile #		
	* Email #		
<b>Annual Membership Fee</b> Please tick (✓)	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual                      \$ 10	<b>Payment Methods</b> Please tick (✓) <input type="checkbox"/> Make cheques payable to NZCA Auckland Inc. and post to NZ Chinese Assn Auckland Inc, PO Box 484, Shortland St, Auckland 1140. <input type="checkbox"/> Direct credit to ANZ bank account # 06 0287 0016463 00 with reference to Applicant surname and initials and date of application in particulars.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Includes spouse/partner and dependent children under 18years <input type="checkbox"/> Donations                      \$ _____ Are kindly accepted and contribute to funding our events and initiatives		
<b>Total Paid</b>	\$ _____		
<b>Volunteer</b> Please tick (✓)	I / we <b>volunteer</b> to help NZCA Auckland Inc. in the following: <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese School <input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities/Events <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising <input type="checkbox"/> Translation <input type="checkbox"/> Other please specify _____		

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / 2014





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