

# ACFSWA NEWSLETTER

Australia China Friendship Society – WA Branch (Inc)

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**Winter 2011 Edition**

### Upcoming Events

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 12 noon****National Day Dinner \$35.00**

Ming Restaurant 7454 Gt Eastern Hwy Mundaring

Includes talk on Fujian tour by Dr Neville Green

Bookings contact: David Kininmonth 9478 3384

**Nov. 6-14, 2011****Shanghai CPAFFC delegation visit to Australia**

The purpose of their visit is to further promote concrete cooperation and exchanges between our two organizations and to explore cooperation possibilities in the area of sister city relations, inter-middle school exchanges.

If you would like to be involved in entertaining these visitors, contact Roz Hanley

**15<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

Paper cuts to be displayed in Perth Town Hall

As part of Cultural Year of China in Australia

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### Membership Fees to Rise

The society is gradually running out of money, so it has been decided to raise the membership fees. Fees have not been raised for some 10 years. The new fee structure for 2012 ( current fees in brackets) would be:

Individual	\$30.00 (20)	Family	\$40.00 (25)	Family Concession	\$25.00 (15)
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**Committee** meets third Monday of each month at Australia-Asia House, 275 Stirling St. Perth

## *President's Report*

Due to the travel arrangements of several committee members the June meeting was cancelled

On May 26 your committee attended an excellent dinner at the Chinese Consulate as the guests of Consul General, Madame Wang Yiner who was previously at the Melbourne Consulate. It was a wonderful evening with lively conversation on a range of topics. The Consul General was keen to learn more about each member present and as the evening progressed we learned that she is a much travelled person who was present at the consolidation of our Sister State relationship with Zhejiang province in 1987. Before her appointment to Perth, Madame Wang was a member of the Melbourne Consulate.

This meeting was followed by an invitation to meet informally with Ambassador Chen Yonglong, on his brief visit to Perth. The Ambassador is currently Vice President of the People's Institute of Foreign Affairs (CPIFA) in Beijing. Between 1998 and 2001 he was on the Chinese Embassy staff in Washington DC and was successively Ambassador to Jordan and Israel. Accompanying him was Mr Zhang Min, also of the CPIFA and currently the Director General of the Department of North American and Oceanic Affairs.

During June, Fran Kininmonth, Roz Hanley and I joined up with the Tasmanian ACFS Tour to Fujian Province. 2011 is the 30 year commemoration of a sister state relationship with Tasmania and the final evening of the Fujian tour at Fuzhou we were guests at a banquet hosted by the local government. The tour of the province was excellent, with the province and therefore many of the places we visited not on one of the usual tours of China.

The death of Edie Hoy Poy at the age of 84 meant the end of a legend. Edie was a lady honoured by the government and the Chinese community. She devoted many years of her life to helping the elderly in the Perth Chinese community. The president, on behalf of the ACFS (WA) added a condolence message to the Chung Wah condolence web site, with Roz Hanley and myself representing the society at her funeral. It was a beautiful service. In addition to leading figures of Perth's Chinese community, the mourners included a representative from the Chinese Consulate, (to whom a letter of appreciation has been forwarded) and past & present politicians.

## *Trademark Infringement Continues Despite Crackdown*

By Zhou Wenting (China Daily 29/07/2011)

BEIJING - Trademark infringement at home and abroad has continued unabated, officials of the State Administration for Industry and Commerce said after concluding the largest-ever national campaign of intellectual property protection.

"Adidas, Nike and Louis Vuitton are the biggest victims of trademark infringement among foreign brands in China," Fu Shuangjian, deputy director of the administration, told a conference on Thursday.

Industrial and commercial agencies nationwide have filed and investigated more than 6,000 cases that violate the rights of 11 foreign high-profile clothing and bag trademarks, including Adidas, Nike, Louis Vuitton, Gucci and Prada, in the campaign that ran from October to mid-June, Fu said.

The agency in Tianhe district of Guangzhou, Guangdong province, ferreted out a storeroom containing nearly 20,000 pieces of famous foreign leather goods with a value of nearly 100 million yuan (\$16 million).

Electronic gadgets fill another domain heavily bombarded with trademark infringement. Industrial and commercial agencies have filed more than 2,200 cases that violate the rights of seven well-known trademarks, including Nokia, Samsung, HP and Canon.

"It is typical unfair competition to put famous logos on fakes. We will continue to crack down on the proliferation of the phenomenon after the campaign," said Ning Wanglu, a senior fair-trade official with the administration.

Suspected unauthorized Apple stores were found in Kunming, capital of Yunnan province, and in Chongqing municipality this week. Officials said they are in contact with local watchdogs, who are investigating the violators.

Meanwhile, infringement and preregistration of Chinese trademarks overseas are also a serious problem, officials said.

"A total of 28 well-known Chinese trademarks, including Huawei, the world's second-largest telecom solution provider, suffered preregistration in Africa," said Xu Ruibiao, a senior official with the administration.

Xu said one of their priorities in recent years is to assert the rights of Chinese trademarks globally, and they have successfully avoided 52 names of Chinese businesses being preregistered as trademarks in Canada and the trademark of "Confucius Institute" being preregistered in Costa Rica.

Xu said the most important subject of trademark protection is the registrant, and they recommend international registration as a better protection for their brands to more Chinese enterprises.

The government will also provide legal advice for businesses, filling them with means to assert their rights in case of infringement, because many are not knowledgeable in this respect, Xu said.

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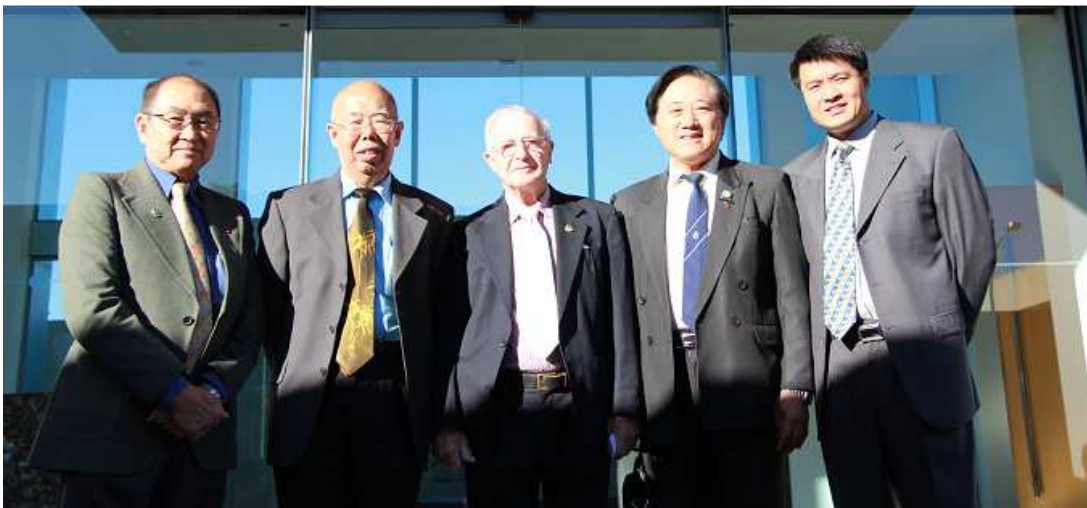
## *Visit From Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs (CPIFA)*

Ambassador Chen Yonglong, the Vice President of CPIFA, and Zhang Min, the Director General of North American and Oceanic Affairs Department of CPIFA, paid a three day visit to Perth in May. Members of the committee were honoured to meet him over morning tea on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2011. Ambassador Chen was previously the CPR ambassador to Israel and Jordan at different times and among his many current portfolios, is membership of the National Expert Committee for Climate Change.

Ambassador Chen spoke on the importance of people to people diplomacy. He opined that public perception is often being led by the media. Overnight our view of peoples from other countries can be changed by media coverage. In most cases it is not the people who have changed, but some action of the foreign government, that the media can emphasise to increase its user base. On a day by day basis our attitude is often changed, depending on how the report of an incident is biased.

He said that there are 4 major structural differences between any two countries. In understanding the basis of our differences, we can better understand and appreciate each other. Without actually comparing our two countries, his pro forma for understanding provides a mechanism for each of us to understand where others are coming from.

1. History: Each country has developed over time from different beginnings and been shaped by many influences.
2. Government: There are many forms of Government with the same name. Some nations need to adopt alternative forms as they develop, and face new challenges. Our democracy is different to the United States, and China's is different to the Republic of North Korea. But do we understand the differences
3. Strategic Structural Differences: The natural resources of a nation affect both its development and how its citizens view citizens of other nations.
4. Democratic verse Harmonic Work Ethic: The attitude of each nation peoples to their lot. Satisfaction will lead to more internal peace.



From Left Kok Fu Chang, Ambassador Chen Yonglong, Dr Neville Green, William Chi, and Zhang Min

## *2011 Shanghai International Youth Interactive Friendship Camp*

The branch has helped sponsor two Western Australian youths to attend this International forum for Children in Shanghai.

On 2 June Fran Kininmonth and Dr Neville Green attended the assembly at Mount Lawley Senior High School, to present the first of the money awards (\$100) to Matt Parry. The second presentation to Jacob Merideth-Bell, at a Yum Cha held at a Francis Street Restaurant on 2 July.

They were joined on their travels by Chris Zhao of the Northern Territory. Our thanks to the Treasurer Roz Hanley, who met Chris at the airport and entertained him for several hours, before he met up with Jacob and Matt to go to Shanghai as a group.



From Left, Chris (from Darwin), Matt & Jacob  
About to go - Don't they look smart in their ACFS shirts?

## Fascinating Times in Fujian Province

By Fran Kininmonth

(Fran joined the Fujian Province 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour organised by the ACFS's Tasmanian Branch from 9 June to 20 June 2011. Readers may remember it was advertised in the Special AGM Bulletin circulated to members in March. There were three other people from WA on the tour, our President Dr Neville Green, his wife Mary, and Roz Hanley our Treasurer. This is an extract from her trip notes)

Our tour bus drove up, up the green, steep valleys around the beautiful Yongding county, located in the southern area of Fujian Province. Some half an hour after leaving the Visitors' Centre behind us, we glimpsed what we'd travelled to Fujian Province to visit-the UNESCO World Heritage Hakka Tulou. Cameras were instantly clicking, "Did you get a good shot?", "Have another shot as we go up & around the corner", "I got a good shot then." "Can we stop?"

Jennifer, our guide, quickly told us that opportunities to photograph these historical buildings were not far away. "No worry! No hurry!" Her favourite mantra resulted in a small ripple of laughter. Soon our first photo stop arrived, with the lookout sighted to give a full view of a group of the round earthen buildings, nestling into the gentle contours of the valley below.

The Tulous- "Ancient Castles of the Orient"- have an extremely ancient history, "commencing from the Song & Yuan Dynasties" until the present century. The earliest known group in this valley, Tianluokeng Tulo Group, consists of four round buildings of three to four levels, depending on the fall of the hillside. In the centre, acting as a link for them with connecting bridge-like staircases, is the square "Buyun" Tulou, built in 1796. This group is situated with an affinity to a hillside at the back and a stream at the entrance. "Where there is water there is sanity" is an old proverb of the area. .

We quickly alighted from the bus and made our way to the edge of the curved stone lookout. My reaction to the sight of these yurt-like shaped buildings was one of surprise. They were so strong & solid, very firmly fixed into the earth where they'd been built, yet there was also, it seemed to me, an air of unreality....they were so unlike anything else I'd seen in my earlier travels to China. A light mist which disappeared & re-appeared, drifting around the valley below, also added to the atmosphere- a most worthwhile, unique & tranquil destination.



View of the Hakka Houses

One of the people from Bruny Island, (another scarcely known outstanding, scenic Australian beauty spot) collected us together for a group photo and soon we were off to closely look over the group. These buildings are "of unusual design, decoration style and construction methods". They appear to use an early technique of rammed earth technology- "loess-like, fine river washed sand, lime, glutinous rice, brown sugar, bamboo splints, spruce twigs" to construct these three to five storey buildings.

Their external appearance gave no inkling to the internal arrangements of several floors. A circular solid, sandstone-



The touring party with Hakka Houses in the background

From this view of the houses gained a clear understanding of how the Americans, with their mind-set during the 1980's space satellite coverage of China, had come to think these were missile launching sites. Further investigations by some of their agents sent to Fujian Province, 'bought them back to earth' about these "cultural secrets". Even today they are not widely known in their own province or other parts of China, let alone the tourism world as a whole. Fortunately, or maybe unfortunately- observing the clearing & modern tourist facilities already proliferating in this area- the UNESCO's World Cultural Heritage ranking is gradually changing this situation.



External View of a Hakka 'Mud' Castle

like mass of a rammed earth building presented itself, just before crossing the stream and approaching the solid, high castle-like wall, with only four to five small openings spread along the vast face. On the ground floor- usually a small, separate building of similar materials- was located the families' ancestors' temple. Either end may have a well, for men OR women of the Tulou. Several of the Tulous have the ground floors of the main structure dedicated to their businesses; in others this area will house the families' kitchens and some poultry. Here, many businesses were for sorting, blending and tea-tasting activities. (Much of the area has cultivated terraces for tea growing.) Other partitioned areas held paintings, a wide variety of souvenirs, delicate tea-sets and musical instruments- several of the people appeared to be quite musical & enjoyed singing.

Higher storeys of wooden construction, were divided into areas of small rooms for the many families, frequently from several generations, who lived within the walls. I noticed that almost all of the rooms had bolts & locks on the doors. The top floor also often housed pigeon lofts- supposedly to provide both eggs & poultry for eating. Today, apart from the people in the business areas, most of the other occupants appeared quite elderly; looking after a few young children, the chooks or assisting with helping with sales & entertaining those of us who were tea tasting or buying the musical instruments. Some people started to arrive home from the fields & tea terraces about the time we were leaving.



Inside a Hakka -Tulous

All too soon it seemed, Jennifer started to pass the message around that it was time to leave. And so we departed, happily knowing that tomorrow would bring more time to again visit more of these "solemn and mighty" castles of the Yongding county.

Apart from the visit to the Hakka Houses, our tour of Fujian Province meant a well- chosen and varied journey around a province that is rarely visited by Western travellers to China. The province is located in the south-eastern, coastal region of the country. Directly east, some seventy kilometres off the mainland, is Taiwan. Hence there are many a relationship of a family, historical & business nature between these two places. On one of our days in Xiamen, the point of our arrival in the minor city the province, we saw part of this connection when we unexpectedly observed & enjoyed the colourful costumes, spirit characters and ceremony of an annual, special procession; celebrating an earlier warding off of foreign enemies trying to invade the area.

Another historical experience was at the end of a picturesque drive around the coast to visit the Hulishan Fortress. We wandered around the fortress city walls, built in 1894, complete with officers' quarters, ex-ammunition depots AND the oldest and largest 19<sup>th</sup> century coastal cannon. This monster has a "total length of 13.13 metres, with a shooting range of 7 030-19 760 metres", an example of "28 Krupp Cannon", which in 1937, demonstrated its power & accuracy by sinking the Japanese destroyer "Wakatake Maru", thus inflicting heavy loss to the enemy fleet.



The Big Gun

The afternoon of our visit we had to be satisfied with only the afternoon's pageantry of some marching & colourful flag waving, which preceded the firing of the giant grey, steel cannon.

Our last day in Xiamen saw us visiting Gulangyu, the island home of our guide, Jennifer. There are only ferry connections & no cars or buses are allowed, so we were warned that there was a lot of walking to be done. And umbrellas too, were at the ready, as the approach of the typhoon season was making itself felt, with high humidity and some tropical showers. This island has a very interesting history attached to some of the buildings we were to visit. Xiamen (formerly Amoy, in the times of the Opium Wars) was one of the foremost Treaty Ports. As a result consulates of

many western powers of the day-Britain, France, America, Germany-to mention a few, were built on the island, along with Christian churches and hospitals. The island situation was chosen, in part, because it was felt that in the case of attack, these buildings and personnel, would be easier to protect than on the mainland.

The rest of this fascinating trip will have to wait until the next newsletter, as the editor can' make more space available in this edition.

## *A Chinese idiom and its story*

### ***Break the Camp Cauldrons and Sink the Boats*** [note 1] (pofu-Chenzhou)

*After slaying his superior General Song Yi for his inaction, Xiang Yu astonished the whole State of Chu with his might and power and established his name among all the principalities that were fighting jointly against the Qin Dynasty [2]. He then put twenty thousand troops under the command of Dangyang Jun [3] and General Pu. He ordered them to cross the Zhang River to rescue the prince of the State of Zhao who was at that time besieged at Julu [4]. After a small victory, Chen Yu [5] asked for reinforcement from Xiang Yu who then took all his troops to cross the river.*

*Soon after the crossing, Xiang Yu ordered his troops to sink all the boats, break all the camp cauldrons and cooking apparatuses, and burn all the tents and living quarters. The men were also asked to bring with them food enough for three days. All this was to show that they were fully determined to fight a last battle and no thought of coming back alive.*

*As soon as Xiang Yu's troops arrived at the battle scene, they surrounded the army of Qin's general Wang Lian and engaged them in nine battles. After they succeeded in cutting off the enemy's food supply lines, Xiang Yu beat his opponents completely, killing Su Jiao and capturing Wang Lian.*

Notes:-

1. An idiom - meaning to cut off all means of retreat, to fight for very existence.
2. *Qin Dynasty 221 – 206 BC.*
3. Referring to General Qing Bu.
4. To the southwest of Pingxiang County, Hebei Province, not the present-day Julu County.
5. A native of Daliang, a general under the prince of the State of Zhao.

*[A Chinese idiom and its story] and [Adopted by Kok Foo Chang from Shi Ji (Historical Records)]*

Read more about Xiang Yu @ <http://www.pureinsight.org/node/3246>

### ***Chinese History is filled with battle stories showing how wisdom can overcome power.***

Most of Xiang Yu's battles were actually won by his protégé Han Xin. Starting as a lowly guard for Xiang Yu, Han Xin became general under Liu Bang and achieved outstanding victories repeatedly within just a few years. He was the major figure in deciding the outcome of the war between Han and Chu. Quai Tong praised this all-powerful military figure as: "A rare brilliant strategist." His principle of maneuvering troops was highly praised by the later military strategists.

In May of 206 BC, the Han army won a major victory against Lord Zhang Han's army based near the city of Hangzhou. The road there had been destroyed. Han Xin openly sent many soldiers to repair the road. Lord Zhang Han learned about it and rested his guards down thinking that the Han army wouldn't be able to mount an attack until the road was repaired. However, Han Xin quietly led troops along an old back road near Nanzheng and came out of the town of Chen Cang. Lord Zhang Han's army was totally surprised and was destroyed by the Han army. Because of the victory, Liu Bang was able to establish himself as one of the three rebel leaders.

A year later, Han Xin led army to attack the country of Wei. Wei's Lord Bao put a large number of troops along the east bank of the Yellow River. In light of Wei's troop strategy, Han Xin put a large number of ships at Linjin, on the opposite side of the river, pretending he would attack by crossing the river by ships. Meanwhile he quietly had temporary equipment built for crossing the river using wooden frames tied together with ceramic vases. The troops crossed the river upstream and made a surprise attack. The unexpected emergence of Han's troops behind the Wei army caused it to be overwhelmed.

In 202 BC, Chu and Han faced each other in a decisive battle at Gaixie (today's Binan, Anhui Province). His troops faced 100,000 of Chu's troops. Han Xin ordered the midsection of his troops to withdraw slightly and to avoid the vigorous drive of the Chu's troops. He then spread both wings out to carry out flank attack and then ordered the midsection troops to push forward. The strategy completely surrounded Chu's troops. At night, Han Xin ordered his troops to sing Chu's hometown songs from all sides. Chu's troops lost their fighting spirit and were annihilated.



Mask of Xiang Yu used in Chinese Opera



## *The Consul General Hosts the ACFSWA Committee*

The Consul General invited members of your committee to dinner on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2011. The date coincided with the birthday of our Vice President Dr Wally Frick. The committee apprised the consulate of this and a suitably decorated cake was arranged.

The Consul General entered into the spirit of the occasion, which resulted in a very relaxed evening, with the exchange of experiences and ideas.



Dr Neville Green presents Consul General Wang Yiner with a bouquet of Western Australian wildflowers



Consul General Wang Yiner improves ties in WA with a birthday gift to Dr Wally Frick



Neville helps Wally fit his new tie



Happy Birthday Wally (the cutting of the cake)  
From Left kok Fu Chang, Zhang Hong, Dr Wally Frick, Fran Kininmonth,  
Consul General Wang Yiner, Roz Hanley & Dr Neville Green

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