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NZCA Ak / Future Dragonz was recognised for its outstanding efforts in promoting cultural diversity at the **New Zealand Diversity Awards** in Auckland in August 2012. The award acknowledges the innovation and leadership behind the events Future Dragonz delivers to build Auckland's Chinese young professionals' community. Presented by the Human Rights Commission, the annual awards commend 12 organisations that have contributed to strengthening race relations in Aotearoa New Zealand.

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On john's mind



HOW TIME FLIES ! how many times have I used this phrase? But when you cast your mind over the last 2 – 4 weeks What ave you done ? Where did you go ? Who did you meet ? Where did you dine ? Close your eyes and cast your mind back once again to try to recollect the past events . Quite a task to recall only some of the highlights of your past months.

I have just come back from 28 days in China and 7 days in Hong Kong ,now sitting here gathering thoughts on what to write in this Newsletter. (the China Trip was suppose to be a break) Between the 100 of Kilometres of walking / climbing and Kilograms of Food I still feel washed out ! Home now to replacing the light bulbs, fix leaky plumbing, mowing lawns and cleaning out the Goldfish aquarium. Back to the real world. At the time I am writing it is only obscenely 44 days away from XMAS.

Editor

Clockwise: Guilin , Yangzhou , Longji Rice Paddies, Xian, Jiuzhaigou



So Merry Christmas to ALL !



Photos @jk



chairmans message

The warmer weather has now arrived so this means that its time for the annual NZCA Auckland Christmas

BBQ. A great opportunity to bring families and friends together to celebrate the festive season. And a time to reflect on the year past and to look forward to the up coming New Year.

Reflecting on the past twelve months it has been a very busy time for Auckland Branch. Your committee has done a great job in organising all types of events for the community.

The biggest commitment was the bringing together of the wider NZCA National community in April for the 64th Annual NZCA Easter Tournament with over 800 participants competing in over 12 sports. Auckland Branch won the Overall Tournament Trophy for the first time in 4 years.

The Women's group under the new leadership of Myra Lowe and her committee have carried on the work done by Gillian Young and is growing from strength to strength. They had an exciting calendar of events in the past 12 months and have more planned for the New Year ahead.

Our FutureDragonz group has been very busy this year and has culminated in receiving an Ethnic Diversity Award from the Office of Ethnic Affairs- this is the second such award that Auckland Branch has received which is a great reflection on the work that groups within the branch do in making NZCA Auckland one of the leading ethnic community organizations in New Zealand.

The Senior lifestyles group in conjunction with the Auckland Chinese Community Centre has grown in

numbers and have been enjoying a weekly get together at New North Road socializing and regular outings.

2013 will be a busy year for Auckland branch - we will host the annual NZCA Leadership Development Conference in February, a contingent from the Branch will contest the annual Easter tournament in Christchurch and in December we will hold the 2nd NZCA Youth Leadership Camp.

Amongst these iconic events we will also have our annual dinners and day trips and other activities. If there are any activities that you would like the committee to organize please let us know and we can see what we can do.

On another note the New Year brings a fresh election for positions on the committee and I welcome people who are interested and committed to help move forward NZCA Auckland Branch to be a leading ethnic community organization within the Auckland Super City. You may ask why you would want to join the committee; I would like to share my personal reasons for being on the committee. I want to give back to my community by carrying on the good work that has been done by people before me and to make sure that the organization is in a strong position for my children to be part of.

NZCA is important for us now, and for future generations of New Zealand Chinese. If you are interested I am available to answer any questions that you may have.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my committee for their tireless work and commitment, and finally wish all our members and their families the best for the festive season and the New Year. I hope to see many of you at the Christmas barbeque on Saturday 2nd December at Taylors Road.

NZCA Auckland Annual Volleyball Tournament 2012

This year's tournament was held on Labour Weekend on the 20th and 21st October where there is continued growth and interest in the sport with teams from Auckland, Wellington and Hawkes Bay! There were eight men's teams, five women's teams and nine mixed teams, over 100 participants at the two day event. The standard of volleyball continues to grow, since the tournament first started in 2007. Many big spikes, blocks and digs throughout the tournament, provided the supporters with a spectacular mixed & men's final! Although there was no 'final' for the women's competition – it was a round robin competition – the final results were dependent on 'points count-back' for all teams.

This year the focus for the event is to encourage player participation & enjoyment. This was achieved through the NZCA sponsorship of three referees for the tournament and the support provided for the food refreshments for all participants at the event. The tournament was a huge success, with increase in participation numbers this year and other regions making the journey to Auckland to enter the event. Let's make it another successful event in 2013!



Women's Winner: Wellington (presented by David Wong – NZCA Auckland Inc)



Mixed's Winner: Wellington (presented by David Wong – NZCA Auckland Inc)



Men's Winner: Mix Powers (presented by David Wong – NZCA Auckland Inc)

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DRAGON 100

The Dragon 100 forum run by the Dragon foundation based in Hong Kong, is a unique opportunity for young Chinese leaders from around the world to meet, network and learn a little bit about a topic chosen by the foundation.

With a hundred young Chinese leaders from 15 different countries gathering together for a week, there is a lot of potential for friendships to grow and seeds planted for future partnerships and change. With this in mind, it is unfortunate that the forum fell short of expectations.

The theme of the forum was economic development in Tianjin and Hong Kong and while the plenary sessions in Hong Kong were informative, the various tours through China seemed to me to be more about making an appearance and taking photos than actually learning about economic development.

Perhaps it was the fact that I didn't speak much mandarin or because I didn't have the time to read China's 12th five year plan that was emailed to us the morning we left Hong Kong for Beijing, but as we visited one exhibition hall after another and saw yet another huge diorama of the city and its planned developments, the only thing I learned was that China does things on a scale far bigger than NZ could ever imagine.

Of course it was not all bad. With hours spent on the bus, there was opportunity to really connect with the other delegates and spend quality time getting to know each other and exchange stories and perspectives. Although it might have been nice to have mixed up the buses a bit, keeping the groups together made it simpler logically and allowed for quality over quantity.

I had hoped to learn more about what China's plans were for economic development and in particular, I was interested in what was being done to bridge the income disparity between rich and poor and China's plan for sustainable and environmentally friendly growth. Unfortunately, all I saw were plans for more buildings and infrastructure without much information about

where the people and money to fill and run those buildings would come from.

Although Dragon 100 is funded by the Dragon Foundation, it is not just a 'free trip.' Many delegates have also made financial and time commitments to attend so it is disappointing that so much of the time was spent doing tours like Chinese tourists, especially when so many delegates could not understand any mandarin.

It is good then, that although we spent a large amount of time on the bus on tour and on ceremony and publicity, there was also time set aside for cultural exchange and information sharing sessions where delegates shared their own personal projects. This is where the value of the forum was for me. It was in these sessions and during the various personal conversations that I got the most out of the forum. Meeting people of like minds, hearing about the different projects and stories of each person and making those friends is what made the trip worth while.

Yong Ly

Dragon 100 2012 Report

Introduction

I never imagined that I could learn so much about China in just eight days, and yet I did it on Dragon 100 2012. The whole Leadership Forum was very well organised and structured so that every single day I spent in Hong Kong, Tianjin and Beijing made me feel like I had accomplished so much and learnt so many valuable lessons from the people around me.



Hong Kong

Although it wasn't my first time in Hong Kong, I really knew nothing about this Special Administrative Region of China apart from its famous shopping and tourist attractions. The Hong Kong Science Park tour on Day 2 showed me the innovative and environmental friendly sides of Hong Kong. We visited the self-sustainable "green building" – Green 18, which had its own state-of-art solar energy system, water recycling system and a green roof top garden. It was a truly eye-opening experience to see a park just dedicated to innovation and technology and I felt very inspired by the creativity of other dragon descendants.

When the learning curve became steep was when we attended the four plenary sessions in Hong Kong by Ms Bonny Wong, Mrs Fanny Law, Ms Victoria Tang and Prof. Yeh Gar On. My personal favourite was the first plenary session by Ms Bonny Wong, Director of West Kowloon Cultural District Authority. Ms Wong gave a comprehensive overview of the project history; how the government asked for the opinion from the public, how architects around the globe were asked to put forward their own unique design for the West Kowloon reclaimed land; why the authority had chosen its current plan; how the cultural district will be divided between cultural, residential and commercial use, and finally, what Ms Wong is currently doing with the project and where to go on from now. The plenary session was both informative and engaging and it was very interesting to see Hong Kong – a place renowned to be a spending heaven and financial hub to be so focused on the cultural development of its young people as well. I cannot wait to see the completed project and walk along streets that are alive with artistic vibe and creativity.

Tianjin

The moment I stepped out of the plane in Tianjin I knew this was a city with many stories to tell. On the bus to our hotel, I can see the whole city

stretching out before my eyes. There were no tall buildings squeezing besides each other like they did in Hong Kong and endless people hustling along the streets; rather I could see far into the distance and those odd residents that I do see every now and then were just sitting in little groups casually fanning and chatting their way through the day in their suburb's leisure area. It was a very different culture.

The objective of Dragon 100 was to focus on innovation and development in Tianjin in the context of China's 12th five-year plan. Places that we saw innovation included Tianjin Planning Exhibition Hall, Chinese Museum of Finance and Tianjin Yicoo Creative Industrial Park. At the Exhibition Hall I marvelled at the planning and originality of Tianjin's city planners. The commentator showed us an interactive city plan model that was more than 100m² big and explained that most of these buildings on the model were not there 10-15 years back. She proudly pointed out to us where her house was at and I can just feel that she was very pleased to be living in Tianjin amongst so much action.

Not only that, innovation was also seen in Yicoo Park when we visited a violin-making site. To call it a "site" might be over exaggeration. The whole process takes place in a little room on the second floor of the building. When you walk in you can see bottles of chemicals and colourings lined up on the window seal, half-finished and uncoloured violins hanging on a string across the room and an elderly Chinese man with thick glasses sitting behind one of the four tables working on a piece of the violin model under the lamp. We learnt that a typical violin takes about a month or so to make and depending on the material they can cost from \$10,000(RMB) to \$50,000(RMB). It was amazing to see so much craftsmanship and art in such a small room. If the elderly man was walking on the street I would not be able to tell that so many high quality violins were made by his very own hands. He might just be what the Chinese idiom meant – still waters run deep (深藏不露).

To fully appreciate Tianjin's rapid development under the five-year plan it is important to understand Tianjin's past. On one hand we experienced Tianjin's very own old-aged grandeur and patriarchal family life at Shi Family Grand Courtyard; walked along the riverbanks of Tianjin University where many famous people such as the poet Xu Zhimo, the economist Ma Yinchu, the engineer Shu-tian Li and the leader of Guangzhou Uprising Zhang Tailei graduated from. And on the other hand, we visited the Tianjin Economic Technological Development Area and the Free Trade Zone that were all products of the government's recent effort to develop Tianjin into an important trading harbor of China.

I really enjoyed my four days in Tianjin. The whole city is an intriguing mixture of history and innovation. On one side of the road you may see a historical building with huge open courtyards where little hawker stalls are lined up selling candy art, rice cakes and Tianjin mahua; while on the other side of the road you see a modern skyscraper and car-parks full of brand new cars. In taxis we always hear the taxi driver's radio station tuned into Beijing opera or traditional Chinese crosstalk and it just very much felt like China; the China that I vaguely remembered. Compared to Beijing who had been modernized so much and becoming increasingly multicultural, I feel Tianjin had better preserved the Chinese culture, the traditional way of doing things and the old arts.

Beijing

The highlight of the day in Beijing was a visit to the Tiananmen

Square. Even a dry hot summer day could not stop locals and tourists alike from visiting this momentous landmark. Compared to Hong Kong, Beijing city lacked an air of salesmanship and modern charisma but possessed a strong sense of authority and rationality. Compared to Tianjin it was busier and more multinational. Walking around

Tiananmen Square and looking up to Chairman Mao's portrait, I could not help myself but imagine what it must have felt like on 1st October 1949, when people packed this place to

hear of Chairman Mao's declaration of the Establishment of the People's Republic of China – the uncontrollable excitement and anticipation of the final, great and glorious peace and independence.

Conclusion

When it was time to leave it was hard to say goodbye. The eight days forum had given me so much knowledge and insights into China that it was just unlike anything that I had imagined before I started the journey. From Hong Kong to Tianjin to Beijing, not a day had gone by unfulfilled, and along the way I met some really amazing people that I know I will always remember and keep in

touch with. The forum would not have happened without the Dragon Foundation and its volunteers. I really appreciate all the time and effort they had invested in us



and at the same time I am thankful for this opportunity the New Zealand Chinese Association had given me to nominate me for this forum. The forum is one-of-its-kind that was just right for young people like me who have grown up overseas to learn more about their roots and see with their own eyes how China is like. I will never forget Dragon 100 2012

Report on NZCA Lawn Bowls Tournament

4 September 2012

On behalf of NZCA Auckland Inc, I would like to express my thanks to all the players who turned out to participate in our tournament. A smaller turnout this year, with many of the regular players, both from Auckland and out of town, taking advantage of the break before the new season starts in September by travelling overseas.

A superb sunny day with just a hint of a breeze, the players all went out full of enthusiasm - the weather promises much for all these keen bowlers who play regularly in competitions over the summer months.

We enjoyed the hospitality and wonderful facilities at the Epsom Bowling Club – their newly laid carpet greens are proving to be a hit with the surface for “all weather” bowls

Congratulations to the prizewinners –

1st - Sidney Chan and Paul Lau

2nd - Chris Ng and Vincent Wong

3rd - Mow Tan and Monique Tse

4th - Tim Chan and Norman Ng

Spot Prizewinners -

Game 1: 1st Toucher Ray Lowe and Sidney Chan

Game 2: 1st Toucher - Virginia Yiu and Vincent Wong

Game 3: 1st Toucher Paul Lau and Michael Wong

I would like to express my sincere thanks to NZCA Auckland for their continuing support for this tournament – now in its ninth year. NZCA

Auckland Inc is delighted to sponsor this tournament and we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

On behalf of NZCA Auckland I wish you a successful summer season of Bowls.

Virginia Chong



1st above



2nd above

3rd below



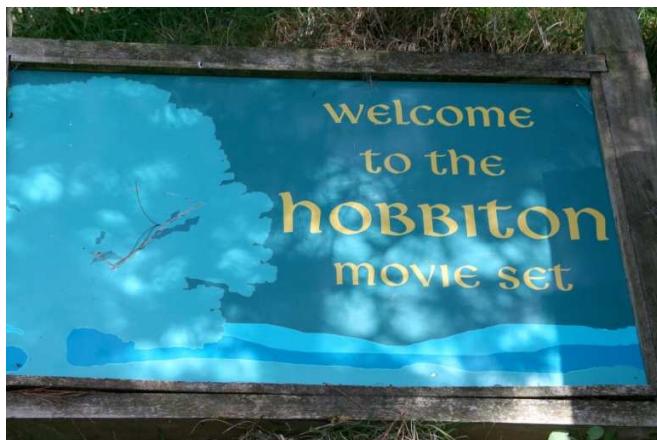
HOBBITON

Fifty plus people young at heart embarked by bus on a journey to "Middle Earth" i.e. [Matamata], the re-created film set of Tolkien's Hobbiton.

The original set built from polystyrene and untreated wood was to never be a permanent set and was completely demolished the day after filming was finished.

However so great was the demands from here and overseas from people wanting to visit Middle Earth that the Alexander family whose farm it was, and Peter Jackson thought it could become a great NZ tourist attraction so plans went ahead to re-build the set.

The large oak tree in front of the lake was cut down from elsewhere and artificial leaves were individually wired to the dead tree, for after all you can't have a pine tree which is a Southern hemisphere species in a shire which is typically English!. We wandered around and the vast set and took numerous photos in front of the many Hobbit holes built into the hills. We couldn't actually go inside as the doors didn't open but everything, the landscape, scenery and buildings were true to Tolkiens description of the Shire. The Party tree, party field, mill, bridge, pub, stable and market, fields where crops were growing and BAG END [Bilbo and Frodo Baggin's home] were all there.



When we visited in mid Sept. there was still a lot of unfinished work to be done for the official opening

in Nov. to coincide with the premiere of the film in Wellington, and it really warrants another more leisurely visit, because as we were such a large group and it was over a vast area we split into two groups and went in different directions because of time constraint, and we had been walking for over two hours.

A great vote of thanks to Connie as we didn't partake of THE SHIRES CAFE lunch but she in her inimitable way produced a repast worthy of any outdoor picnic except it started to rain and we went to the church hall.

The Alexander farm also runs about 13,000 sheep and they do their own shearing, and about 500 Angus beef cattle

EW



NZCA Womens Group

We have had a great time over the past 3 meetings. As usual it's a time to catch up with friends over a cuppa and delightful afternoon teas, and for learning new things.

On Saturday 18th August 2012, 1.30pm it was Mooncakes. Traditionally eaten during the Mid-Autumn Festival and offered to friends or during family gatherings while celebrating the festival.

Jessie Kum who has had over 20 years experience making Mooncakes demonstrated how easy it was to make them. She had for sale Red bean paste, Lotus bean paste with or without salted egg yolks



On Saturday 15th September 2012 Judy Pine gave a talk and demonstration on how to make personalised greeting cards. She has been making cards for many years and showed some of her work - greeting cards included Birthday, Anniversary, Christmas, Wedding, Baby, Get Well etc. Judy gave ideas on creating decorative cards using beads, buttons, earrings, serviettes; recycle old cards and also where to purchase materials.

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Ethnic Conversations – connecting with the ethnic communities in Auckland

Bevan Chuang

The Ethnic Peoples' Advisory Panel for the Auckland Council have been established for more than one year. The Panel has already provided feedback on a number of major issues, including the Auckland Plan, Long-Term Plan, Economic Development Strategy, Dog Policy, Commercial Sex Industry Policy, the Local Government Amendment Act and more, on behalf of the ethnic communities.

The Panel, made up of 12 people representing the views of Auckland's 180 ethnic communities was set up to advise the Council on ethnic issues, key council strategies and policies. In order to be better informed, the Panel hosted the first public meeting in August to gather the views of the community; and in addition allow the Panel to engage and connect with the communities.

The community welcomed the opportunity and wanted more engagement with the Panel, and understand that there are resources constraints. The community is also concern with social, youth, and economic issues, and is keen to look at how the Panel and the Council can work on these issues.

The variety of ethnic communities, from established to recently arrived, gave an opportunity for everyone to learn from each another. I want to personally thank Richard Leung and Virginia Chong for attending the event and sharing their knowledge with the participants.

We are delighted to see that some of our recommendations are taken on board. The Auckland Council have recently launched the Economic Development Strategy at the Novotel Hotel Airport. Ethnic businesses and communities are acknowledged as an important fabric to Auckland's economic development.

August has been a busy time for the ethnic communities in Auckland. The Indian, Pakistani and Korean

communities have celebrated their national days, the Hong Kong community celebrated their identity with the Hong Kong Festival and the Taiwanese Community celebrated their 2nd New Zealand Taiwanese Film Festival. The Human Rights Commission organised their annual Diversity Forum at the Aotea Centre, which is the last Diversity Forum for Race Commissioner Joris de Bres.

As the weather gets warmer, there will be many more ethnic festivals and celebrations in the next few months. We have the most Mid-Autumn/Moon Festivals in Auckland this year. It is delighted to see that ethnic cuisines are getting mainstream features. The September issues of Cuisine featured a story about mooncake of which you can find an abstract online. I am delighted to have the opportunities to help my friend Virgil Evetts for compiling the article.



This year the Massey University will host the *Pathways to Metropolis* Conference in late October. The Pathways conferences began in the 1990s as a way of communicating research results from

publicly-funded programmes to a range of audiences, particularly those in government departments. More recently, Pathways has represented a partnership with the Labour and Immigration Research Centre at the Department of Labour (DoL) and the Integration of Immigrants Programme (Massey University/University of Waikato) (IIP). This year's conference is focused on Immigration Issues and Futures. Camille Nahkid and I are proud to present at the Conference on the pathway of the Panel.

民族對話 – 與奧克蘭的民族社區連結

莊家欣

今年梅西大學將在十月底主辦Pathways to Metropolis研討會。此研討會在1990年代開始做為與不同觀眾溝通有關公共資助的研究，特別是對政府部門。最近這研討會與勞工部的勞工與移民研究中心和梅西大學和懷卡淘大學的Integration of Immigrants Programme合作。今年的研討會焦點在移民議題和未來。很高興我將與Camille Nahkikd在研討會上發表有關小組的過程。

奧克蘭市政府的民族事務顧問小組已經成立超過一年多。小組代表各民族對重要事務，如奧克蘭計劃、長期策劃、經濟發展策略、狗政策、商業色情行業政策、地方政府修訂法等。

由12人成立的小組代表奧克蘭180多個不同的民族為市政府提供有關民族事務的顧問、市政府主要的策略和政策等。為了更了解事情，小組在八月時舉行了第一個公眾諮詢來籌集各方意見，也讓小組成員跟各社區聯繫。

社區成員感激擁有這個機會並希望可以常與小組成員接觸。社區比較關切社會、青年人和經濟事情並希望知道小組和市政府如何在處理這些事情。

不同的民族社區，從已生根的到剛來的，給大家一個互相學習的機會。我本人感謝梁嘉南和楊惠芳的參與和跟所有參加者分享了他們的知識。

我們很高興看到我們的意見被接納。奧克蘭市公所最近在Novotel Hotel Airport發表了經濟發展策略。民族商家和社團被肯定為奧克蘭經濟發展中重要的一環。

八月對於奧克蘭的民族社團為忙碌的一個月。印度、巴基斯坦和韓國慶賀了他們的國慶日；香港社區舉行了香港

節；台灣社團也舉辦了第二界紐西蘭台灣電影節。人權委員會也舉辦了年度多元性討論會，也是種族專員Joris de Bres最後一個討論會。

天氣越來越暖和也代表在未來數月有更多的民族

節日和慶典。今年奧克蘭有歷年來最多的中秋慶典。很高興看到主流媒體刊登民族菜餚。九月份的Cuisine刊登了一篇有關月餅的故事，大家也可在網上看到。我很感激有這麼一個機會幫助我的朋友Virgil Evertts匯編這文章。



Beef Jerky

(Gnau yook Goon}

- 1/12 kg flank skirt
- 2/3 cup worcester sauce
- 2/3 cup soy sauce or teriyaki
- 1 Tbsp honey
- 1/2 tsp chilli powder [optional]
- Trim meat of any excess fat and place in freezer to firm up for one or two hours
- Slice meat with the grain into long strips
- Mix all the ingredients together and marinate 4 to 6 hours or overnight
- Remove meat from marinade, pat dry
- Set dehydrator at 60 degrees and dry for 8-10 hours
- If using the oven leave door ajar for moisture to escape {fold a small towel or tea towel over the door}
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High-profile local personalities from across New Zealand have been invited to share their professional and personal leadership journeys in the creative arts, media, academic, community and business sectors.

Some of our confirmed presenters include:

- Meng Foon, Mayor of Gisbourne
- Mai Chen, NZ's top constitutional lawyer
- Professors Manying Ip, James Liu, and Jilnaught Wong
- Life coaches Albert King & Alison Fisher

Encompassing the themes of Leadership, Identity and Community, the conference is aimed at those who are interested in personal and professional growth and anyone who wants to explore their identity and their potential as young leaders in their respective communities.

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The Muddy Olympians

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Did you know that only six mountain bikers have ever represented New Zealand at the Olympics, and our very own **Robyn Wong** features in a new book written by the Kennett Brothers called the Muddy Olympians.

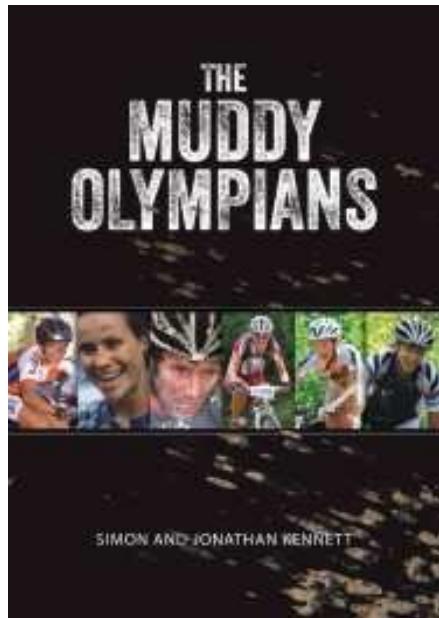
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Winson Fong – LDC 2011 **participant, LDC 2013** **organising committee** **member.**

New Zealand Chinese Association Leadership and Development Conference 2011 was a place where I connected with likeminded individuals to discover my identity, potential, and unique voice. The Conference was captivating, intriguing, and influential. I learnt success was being the person you want to be, and living the life you want. Subsequently, the rules for success were simple - hard work, sacrifice, dedication, and discipline.

Meng Foon provoked an interesting question in his presentation “What special attributes do I have, that nobody else has?” Meng Foon elaborated that once I have answered this question, present my attributes and capitalize on opportunities that will emerge. Fluent in English, Cantonese and Maori, Meng Foon was inundated with opportunities.

For so long, I have failed to answer this question! “What special attributes do I have, that nobody else has?”

For guidance, Meng Foon recommends:

- Never give up;
- Do not be afraid to ask questions;
- Build relationships;
- Be real with people and outcomes; and
- Work towards no work;

Andrew Young shared his life story with heartfelt passion. He communicated his story with such sincerity; I almost had a personal cry. I resonated with Andrew when he visited his grandparent's village in China. In 2006, I was subjected to array of emotions when I visited my grandparents' village. The experience was harrowing and sobering. Discovering my oriental origin left me melancholic and wordless. This exploration broadened my character, strengthened my identity, and made me appreciate family values. Without this humbling experience, I wouldn't be the person I am today. I can only imagine the hardship and sacrifice my ancestors faced during their time. Through my ancestors' drive and determination, I am fortunate to live a privilege life in New Zealand.

Powerhouse Mai Chen was a phenomenal addition to the Conference. Her presence was entertaining, electrifying and very compelling. She commanded the room with

conviction and delivered thought provoking ideologies. I left the room flabbergasted with a renewed energy to achieve. Five pieces of knowledge I gained from Mai Chen:

- 1) “If you want a job done, give it to a busy person – others don't have the time”
- 2) “One of the great pleasures in life is to achieve things people say you cannot do”
- 3) “You can't build a reputation on what you're going to do”
- 4) “If you're in a bad situation, don't worry, it'll change! If you're in a good situation, don't worry, it'll change. The only certainty is “change”
- 5) “Women are like teabags - you never know how strong they are until they're put in hot water”

From Mai Chen's session, I believe my personal philosophy is the greatest determining factor in how my life works out. I must develop an intense burning desire to have the life I want. Only then will I find the energy and internal drive to overcome all the obstacles that will arise along my journey in achieving my goal. Subsequently, the size of my success is determined by the size of my belief. If I think I can or cant, either way I'm right huh? I'm the only person who creates my reality. I DON'T DO BORING NO MORE!!!

Blue group, I had a blast contributing to our infamous puppet show. I hope you guys had fun working with my ISTJ personality. It was most fun making that oriental hat with plait! “Awkward turtle” followed by puppet making was most gratifying. Was a joy making people smile ear to ear :-) Hope everyone enjoyed our efforts.

Vikki sent this by the way blue team,:
“I loved your preso seriously I couldn't stop cracking up! It was hilarious! Who's the genius that thought up the puppet show idea? Straight up, if it was purely judged on the performance at the presentation, you guys would have won it 'cos it was sooooo creative!!!”

In summary, I can't do anything about the length of my life, but I can do something about it's width and depth. If my actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, I am a leader.

Please remember:

- 1) “Be a good listener. Your ears will never get you in trouble”
- 2) “If you don't know what an extrovert is thinking, you haven't been listening”
- 3) “If you don't know what an introvert is thinking, you haven't asked”

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A Wonderful Surreal Visit of Beijing during China's 2013 Golden Week

I did what I was told not to do and I loved it!!! I was not to be in Beijing during **China's Golden Week** of public holidays covering the Mid Autumn Festival and China's National Day celebrations. 1.3 billion people would enjoy eight days off work. I was warned of vehicular paralysis, celebrative chaos, of "People Mountain, People Sea" meaning that I would struggle to see anything.

For reasons untold, my family and I arrived on Saturday 30 September, the first day of the week long holidays. The Dragon had beckoned us to visit. The airfare on SIA was only an extra \$50 from Singapore to Beijing and the flight afforded us with window seats

and two more seats!!

At Beijing Airport, goodness, it was quiet. Except for those on our flight, the airport was almost empty!! Where's everyone? It was unreal!!! There were no queues!! On driving into the city, there was no traffic!!!

People had taken off on their holiday.

I couldn't believe that I had arrived in the bustling megapolis of about 18 million people. The skies were



blue and the sun smiled What a lovely welcome!

With accolades to our wonderful tour guide, Catherine Lu of Catherine Lu Tours, (voted no 1 private tour guide of Beijing on Tripadvisor), we visited the' Must See' sites of Beijing. At the entry to Tinnamen Square and the Forbidden City , we captured the essence of the Golden Week. The crowds did not bother us. We were prepared for it. Yet the picture below shows some quiet spots.

In the week, we explored in awe and wonder, the



Forbidden City, the Summer Palace, the Lama Temple, the Temple of Heaven, the hutongs, the amazing Mutianyu section of the Great Wall, Jingshan Park , Beihai Park, the Art District, the Bird's Nest, The Cube and more.

The photo on the left of the Bird's Nest is as we saw it, standing majestically against the clear BLUE sky. In the Golden Week, we had not experienced what we were warned prior to our visit of chaos and gridlocks. Instead, we felt the crowds at certain points were no greater than what we'd be with at the Chinese New Year Festivals in Auckland. We had seen images of the huge crowds at Badaling, but look at my photo at Mutianyu. We saw what we wanted to see and in

comfort, thanks to our guide Catherine Lu. It was an amazing Golden week of experiences and special memories which this page can't fill.

Vivian Chow



Chengdu Panda reserve photo@jk



Roads leading up to Huanglong : above
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