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Director's Message

It has been almost two years since the China Centre's formal launch in April 2009. Since then, we have worked hard to build a research centre aimed to

- ▶ become a key platform for international scholarship on contemporary China, and produce research of international quality;
- ▶ generate research and professional activities that are significant for New Zealand society and serve its interests;
- ▶ pool nation-wide resources together and make them more widely available for quality research, teaching and study on contemporary China;
- ▶ promote and facilitate international scholarly exchange and collaboration that would benefit quality research and teaching on contemporary China and general understanding of China in New Zealand;
- ▶ develop a cost-effective model of building and running a research centre under the current tertiary education environment.

Two years is not too long, but we believe the programmes, projects, events and activities the Centre has put in place, organized, hosted, or developed are showing early signs of outcomes in these key areas. We have seen a higher level of scholarly interest and activity in research, teaching and study on contemporary China at NZ universities; a higher level of activities in student and staff exchange with Chinese universities and research collaboration with international scholars on contemporary China; a greater awareness and interest in wider NZ society on contemporary China; and a significantly higher level of policy debate, and knowledge sharing on contemporary

China among public sector organizations, the private sector and the academia.

The work of the Centre would not have been possible without the commitment and support of Victoria University; members of the Advisory Board; the Centre's NZ partner universities particularly their representatives to the Centre; associate institutions in China; organizations, groups, and individuals throughout New Zealand; and of course, China scholars across New Zealand from various disciplines.

I look forward to working with all of you for another year of exciting and valuable programmes and activities.

Xiaoming Huang
10 October, 2010





2010 at a Glance

The year 2010 has been a year of the Centre's substantive development in programmes and projects; engagement and reaching out with key stakeholders and the wider NZ society; and establishment of the model of the Centre's operation in events organization, programme management, funding, and collaboration among NZ University members and international partners.

In the first two years of the Centre's work, we have established the **Wellington Conference on Contemporary China, China Business Symposia, and China Forum** as three major programmes of research, public engagement and scholarly publication. In the past 15 months, we have organized and hosted three major international conferences, three China business symposia and a dozen of roundtables, forums and public lectures which have been well received in Wellington, around New Zealand and in the international community of China studies.

The Centre has started on building of the **Network of China Scholars in New Zealand, a China Business Information Database, and the National Online System of Access to Information on China** (NOSAIC). All three components will eventually become part of the large online information system on contemporary China in New Zealand.

The Centre has developed effective **partnerships** and working relationships with its NZ University Members, key stakeholders in the public and private sector, and international partners, through working together on conferences, symposia, roundtables, forums; and on programmes and projects such as scholarships, degree programmes, student and staff exchanges.

We have established five areas of **research**: business and marketing, political economy, international relations, law, and culture and society, and two types of **publications**: books published by international presses out of our international conferences; China Papers out of presentations from our conferences, symposia, roundtables and research by researchers associated with the Centre.

The China Centre has led the efforts to develop resources and opportunities for **China studies and research at NZ universities**. We have done this through developing scholarships, special degrees and courses on China, support teaching staff recruitment, setting up student and staff exchange programmes with Chinese universities, and research fellows programme at Victoria University.

While we have been making good progress, there are areas where we would like to see more work to be done. We hope to enhance work in the years to come to engage more closely with China scholars at different NZ universities, making resources and opportunities for China studies and research more widely available across NZ universities; to develop research and activities in areas of law and society, and to engage with the wider NZ society and the China studies community across Tasman.





1. Conferences, Symposia, Forums and Roundtables

The China Centre intends to develop the annual Wellington Conferences on Contemporary China as a key platform through which the Centre pursues itself as a recognized research centre in the international community of China studies; organizes its regular research projects; and brings international scholarship on contemporary China to New Zealand.

In the past 15 months, we have organized three major international conferences that brought in international scholarship and expertise to New Zealand to research, debate and publish on a key issue in contemporary China studies.

In each of these projects, a team of leading international scholars were assembled. There was intensive individual research and collaborative work among project members before the conference and further research and collaboration after the conference, leading to publication of their work by an international publisher. The conference is a point in the project where research outcomes were presented, discussed, debated and disseminated.

1. Wellington Conference on Contemporary China 2010, "China and India: The End of Development Models?"

On 13-14 April, this year, we held the second Wellington Conference on Contemporary China. The conference examined what the growth and development experiences of China and India mean for the large debate on models of economic growth, development, and modernization of the developing world. The Centre co-hosted this conference with the University of Canterbury and the Asian Studies Institute of Victoria University. The 15 invited international speakers to the conference are international leading

scholars on growth models and



Governor General of New Zealand, His Excellency The Hon Sir Anand Satyanand addressed the conference

China/India studies. They include:

- Professor Pranab Bardhan, Economics, UC Berkeley;
- Professor Wing Thye Woo, Economics, UC Davis;
- Professor Zhenglai Deng, Political Theory, Fudan University;
- Professor B. Sudhakara Reddy, Development Studies, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research;
- Professor Srikanta Chatterjee, Economics Massey University
- Dr Bruce Gilley, Political Science, Portland State University
- Professor Fu Jun, Political Economy, Peking University;
- Professor Sheng Kaiyan, Economics, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences;
- Dr Bo Zhiyue, Political Science, National University of Singapore;
- Professor Dilip K. Das, Economics, Conestoga College;
- Professor Lei Guang, Political Science, San Diego State University;
- Dr Marek Hrubec, Global Studies, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic
- Professor Badrinath Rao, Law, Kettering University;
- Professor Hans G Danielmeyer, Science, Lubeck University.



Professor Pranab Bardhan of UC Berkeley and Professor Wing Thye Woo of UC Davis delivered keynote speeches. Five panels and 15 invited international speakers had two days of intensive discussion and debate on aspects of growth and development models of China and India: development models, strategy and sustainability, society and culture, growth and regime types, institutions of growth and development.

2. International Conference: “China’s Ascent: New Superpower or New Global System?”

The second international conference the China Centre organized this year was held on 25-27 June in Dunedin. We co-hosted this conference with the University of Otago as the 45th Otago Foreign Policy School.

The conference, opened up by Minister of Foreign Affairs Hon. Murray McCully, brought together 16 international scholars



Professor David Shambaugh of George Washington University delivered keynote speech at the conference

on China to examine the impact of the rise of China on the international system. Five panels looked at China and international politics, the media and environment, China and international economy, and China and regions. Among the invited conference speakers are leading international scholars on China’s international relations, including:

Professor David Shambaugh, George Washington University’

Professor Sam Zhao, University of Denver;

Professor Jin Canrong, Renmin University of China;

Professor Shen Dingli, Fudan University;

Dr Marc Lanteigne, University of St Andrews;

Professor Gerald Chan, Auckland University;

Dr Jian Yang, Auckland University;

Professor Guihong Zhang, Fudan University;

Professor Ian Taylor, University of St Andrews;

Professor Pan Rui, Fudan University;

Professor Peter Robertson, University of Western Australia;

Dr Dirk Nabers, GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Hamburg;

Dr Nicholas Khoo, Liverpool University;

Associate Professor Anne-Marie Brady, University of Canterbury;

Dr Katherine Morton, Australian National University;

Professor DU Youkang, Fudan University

Dr Marco Buente, German Institute of Global and Area Studies.

The China Centre also organizes China Business Symposia as a key programme to facilitate engagement of the academia with the public and private sector and the wider NZ society for China knowledge sharing, skill building and on China issues that are interesting and relevant, and are of particular policy and operation value to New Zealand.

This year, we have organized two China business symposia that brought academics, business community and government policy makers on key issues concerning NZ business and economic relations with China.

3. China Business Symposium: Internationalisation of New Zealand Services and Service-related Industries into China and India



The first China Business Symposium this year was held on 13 April, co-hosted with the FRST-funded Victoria University research project, “Building a sustainable competitive advantage for New Zealand service firms in Asia: Spotlight on China and India.”



From left to right: Associate Professor Val Lindsay, VUW; Jo Pennycuik, Managing Director Redesign Interior Architecture; Grahame Morton, Head of China Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Professor Srikanta Chatterjee, Massey University; Chris Lipscombe, Ground Zero, Professor Fu Jun, Peking University.

The symposium addressed the question of how New Zealand and New Zealand firms can improve the level of engagement and performance in these markets, particularly in high-value sectors, such as services and service-related industries. The panel featured expert input from the New Zealand business community, government sector, and academics from NZ and international universities.

4. *China Business Symposium: Managing Business Relationships and Risks in China*

A major China Business Symposium is to be held in early December, co-hosted with the New Zealand China Trade Association with the support of New Zealand Trade and Enterprise.

This symposium will bring together latest academic research on the topic and practical business experiences. It will provide exporters and potential exporters to

China an opportunity to benefit from academic research and seek to apply it in their business dealings in China. It will benefit the academics from the actual experiences and outcomes of New Zealand exporters.

The symposium will be a one day event in the AUT North Shore Campus in Auckland where the topics will be explored in turn by academic and practical speakers, with substantial time allocated for panel discussion, debate and questions.

The China Centre organizes roundtable forums, public lectures, seminars to bring the academia, public sector organizations and the private sector together to discuss and debate public policy issues on China that are interesting and relevant to NZ society.

Here are some of the roundtables and forums this year.

5. *China and International Climate Change Negotiations*

The Centre and the Institute of Public Policy co-hosted “Roundtable on China, Climate Change and the International



At the Roundtable are Professor Jonathan Boston of the Institute of Public Policy (on the right), and Chinese Climate Change Chief Negotiator, Ambassador Yu Qingtai (in the middle).

Negotiations for a Post-2012 Agreement” in May in Wellington. China’s Chief Climate Change Negotiator, Ambassador Yu Qingtai, and NZ Climate Change Ambassador Adrian Macey, along with representatives of the public sector, private sector as well as



academics from both New Zealand and China discussed the two countries' perceptions, policies and negotiation strategies on climate change.

Dr Zeng Shaojun, of the China Centre for International Economic Exchange (CCIEE) and Tshinghua University in Beijing, Yang Aillun, of Green Peace China, and Dr Katherine Morton, a specialist on China and the environment from Australian National University provided in-depth analysis of Chinese climate change issues.



The Roundtable was held along with a series of public seminars by invited speakers for the event.

6. Leadership in Trade Policy: New Zealand China Free Trade Agreement Senior Policy Forum

With the support of the MFAT through New Zealand Embassy in Beijing and China's Ministry of Commerce, the China Centre and China Executive Leadership Academy Pudong (CELAP) co-hosted a senior level policy forum on "Leadership in Trade Policy and NZ-China' Free Trade Agreement" on 13-14 May, 2010, in Shanghai.

NZ Minister of Trade Tim Groser and Chinese Deputy Minister of Commerce Yi Xiaozhun delivered policy speeches on the role of the FTA in NZ-China economic relations and in the strategy of international trade and economic relations of their own country to an audience of about 100 senior local Chinese government officials. The ministerial session was followed by a session of academic



Professor Xiaoming Huang delivered speech at the Forum.

presentations on policy leadership and NZ-China Free Trade Agreement, by Professor Wang Xinkui, Director, Centre for WTO Studies in Shanghai, and Professor Xiaoming Huang, Director of the China Centre.

7. Roundtable: "New Zealand-China Relations: National Interests, International Structure and Domestic Constraints"

Along with the Otago Foreign Policy School, the China Centre organized a roundtable discussion on the domestic conditions and dynamics of NZ-China relations on 25 June 2010 at University of Otago.

With panellists from both China and NZ and from the public sector, private sector, the academia, and the media, the panel explored the forces and factors that have been driving NZ-China relations and



debated the questions as whether NZ-China relations have been too much driven by trade and business interests and whether education and knowledge is enough for the challenge NZ is facing in dealing with China in all fronts.

8. Roundtable: The Rise of China and

Panellists speaking at the Roundtable (from left to right): Professor Shen Dingli of Fudan University, John McKinnon of the Ministry of Defence, Journalist Colin James, and Charles Finny of the Greater Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce .



implications for Regional and Global Governance

About 120 academics, members of local policy community, government officials, and members of the diplomatic community attended a roundtable in Wellington on 28 June, 2010, by a group of senior visiting China scholars from China and the United States on "China's Rise: Implications for Global and Regional Governance".



Professor Rob Rabel of Victoria University chairs the roundtable with panellists (from left to right): Professor David Shambaugh of George Washington University; Professor Jin Canrong of Renmin University of China; Professor Shen Dingli of Fudan University; and Professor Sam Zhao of University of Denver.

The roundtable was co-hosted by the China Centre with the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs. The panel provided audience with insightful but contending views on the rise of China and its implications, and stimulating and interactive discussions with the audience.





2. China Studies in New Zealand

1. The Confucius Institute at Victoria University of Wellington

After more than two years of work, the Confucius Institute at Victoria University of Wellington was formally launched on 19 June 2010. The establishment of the Confucius Institute was a project of partnership between Xiamen University



and Victoria University. The China Centre played an instrumental role in the initiation and development of the project.

Visiting Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping and Victoria University Vice Chancellor Professor Pat Walsh launched the Confucius Institute at Victoria University.

While the Confucius Institute will be an independent entity on its own, its work and functions are complementary to those of the China Centre. The Confucius Institute at Victoria University aims to promote the understanding and appreciation of Chinese language and culture in the Wellington region and throughout New Zealand. Tapping into the rich cultural resources and opportunities that the University and the national capital have to offer, it aims to promote and facilitate artistic, cultural and intellectual exchange between China and New Zealand, contribute to the research environment for Chinese studies, to disseminate knowledge and to increase

sensitivity of one of the world's most fascinating and important civilizations amongst New Zealand students, scholars, and the general public.

The Confucius Institute will operate as a project-based organisation, promoting Chinese language and culture study in New Zealand through educational programs, cultural activities, exams, conferences, events and scholarships.

2. Network of China Scholars at New Zealand Universities

The China Centre aims to develop research collaboration, and sharing of resources, skills and opportunities among China scholars in NZ universities. To that end, the China Centre has started the project to develop a Network of China Scholars at New Zealand universities.

As the first step, we have launched a VUW chapter of the network with around 30 scholars. This chapter aims to promote and facilitate academic work and research links relating to China among VUW scholars. We also developed a business chapter among China scholars in the area of business and marketing across NZ universities. We hope this chapter will be a useful mechanism for cross-university collaboration in research on economic and business aspects of China. We now have 53 members in this chapter from all major universities in New Zealand.

3. Scholarships and Study Programmes

The China Centre has helped NZ universities and Victoria University in particular, to establish and develop programmes and projects for study, exchange, teaching and research on China at New Zealand universities.



The China Centre assisted Victoria University in establishing a double master degree programme in international relations and public administration with **Peking University**. This programme allows students from the two universities to undertake their first year of master's study at their home university and then to do their second year at the other university. At the end of the two-year programme, students will receive two masters' degrees, one from Victoria University and one from Peking University.

To support the Victoria-Peking double degree programme, the China Centre also assisted the establishment of the **James Bertram Scholarships** with funding from donations by NZ businessman Rodney Jones. The James Bertram Scholarships have been established to encourage a broader understanding by young New Zealanders of China related issues and to encourage and support young New Zealanders in gaining an increased awareness and understanding of China and its importance in the contemporary world. More specifically, it provides generous scholarships for students who undertake the two-year double master degree programme between Victoria University and Peking University.

The China Centre has continued to support the **China Field Study programme** between Victoria University and China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL). This programme provides an opportunity for students from one of the universities to undertake three week in-country study programme as part

of their home university course programme.

Each every other year, about 25 undergraduate students from Victoria University go to Beijing for a three week field study as part of their summer course at Victoria University. In the three weeks, students participate in lectures in English on Chinese politics and government, law, economics, culture and society and, diplomacy and international relations, and in site visits to government ministries, NGOs, factories, villages, party organizations, the court, etc. CUPL students have a reciprocal programme in Wellington.

The China Centre assisted to have established a **PhD and MA Scholarships**



CUPL students met with (clockwise from top-left) the Governor General of NZ, Green Party MP Keith Lock, Labour Party MP Grant Robertson, and were at the Supreme Court.

programme with the China Scholarship Council (CSC). This scholarship programme support 20 PhD and 5 MA students from China every year, mostly from the China Centre's partner universities in.

5. NOSAIC

National Online System of Access Information on China (NOSAIC) is a key project of the China Centre. Its aim is to develop a national integrated system of information on China.

At this stage, we envisage that the system will build a database that provide



China Field Study (Class 2006) visited Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (left) and the Temple of Heaven (right)



a central point of online access to books, journals, conference papers, surveys, research professional materials on China ever published on China.

The initial work has been already taken and the main work of the project is scheduled to take place in the summer of 2010-2011 with collaboration among the China Centre, VUW library and the School of Engineering and Computer Science, with work by postgraduate students partially funded by VUW summer scholarships.

6. China Business Information Database

A China business information database (*ChinaBizKiwiSee*) has been under planning. The primary objective of this database is to create an on-line platform that combines business information needs with academic research findings and business consulting links, and also facilitate networking between academics and business practitioners who are interested in doing business in China.

We will continue to seek funding to support the *ChinaBizKiwiSee* initiative to meet the information and networking needs of business practitioners in tackling the China market.



3. Research and Publications

The China Centre seeks to be a primary facilitator and a platform for dissemination of scholarly research on contemporary China in New Zealand. The China Centre's research and publication strategy is slightly different from conventional research institutions. We seek impact of our research through three different ways. **Books** for international scholarship, published by international publishers out of our Wellington Conferences, will be our key publication programme. Presentations, conferences, roundtables, seminars, public lectures, and forum for NZ audiences would be published as China Papers. Videos of presentations on the Centre's website from the events organized by the Centre will be the third form of publication.

This year we will have the volume from last year's Wellington conference to be published by Routledge in November. We are working to get the two more from this year's conferences to be published next year.

The Institutional Dynamics of China's Great Transformation, a volume out of the China Centre first Wellington Conference on Contemporary China in 2009, to be polished in November by Routledge.

China and India: The End of Development Model? a volume from second Wellington Conference on Contemporary China in 2010, working with Palgrave.

Becoming A World Power: China and The International System, a volume out of the international conference in Dunedin in 2010, working with Rowman & Littlefield.

The **China Papers** are a working paper series produced by the China Centre gathered from the presentations from the conferences, seminars, roundtables and public lectures organized by the China Centre and research by researchers

associated with the China Centre at NZ universities. We will be publishing this primarily in electronic form. We will have around 20 papers up on our website by the end of this year, with more to follow.

Michael Powles, *Pacific Perspectives on the Rise of China*.

Xiaoming Huang, *The Global Economic Crisis and the China Phenomenon: The Asian Development Model*.

Sheng Hong, *Zhongguancun as a Case Study on Mechanisms of Institutional Change*.

Bi Jianhai, *A Case Study of PRC Policymaking on Institution, Formation and Borrowing: Taiwan during the 1995-96 Taiwan Crisis*.

Katie Lynch, *Congruence of the Voting between Permanent Members: China and the Security Council*.

Yujun Feng, *The Interplay of Power, Rights and Interests: Law and Economic Analysis of Urban Housing Demolition and Relocation in China*.

Dingping Guo, *Institutional Accumulation and Gradual Substitution: The Dynamics of Developmental Democracy in China*.

Harry Harding, *China and International Relations*

CS Bryan Ho, *Village Elections and the Institutionalization of Legitimate Authority*.

Yong He, *Propaganda vs. Promotion: The Political Economy of CCTV*.

Xiaoming Huang, *Efficiency Institutions and China's Great Transformation: A Research Framework*.

Xiaoming Huang, *India's China Problems: Perceptions, Dynamics and Social Security*.

Nathan Attrill, *China: The Next Monetary Hegemonic Power: Determinism and Free Will in the International monetary System*.

Keun Lee and Wang Rui, *Science and Technology Institutions and Performance in China: The Semi Conductor Industry*.

Qiang Li, *State Capacity, Democratic Principles and Constitutional Order*.



Postmodern State-Building in Post-Totalitarian Society.

Lily Harper-Hinton, *Chinese Women: Move but not Leap Forward.*

Weisen Li, *China's Road to a Rechtsstaat: Rule of Law, Constitutional Democracy and Institutional Change.*

Fei-Ling Wang, *China's Evolving Institutional Exclusion: The Hukou System and its Transformation.*

Katharina Schlick, *Fishery Agreements in view of the South China Sea Conflict: A Regional Cooperative approach to Maritime Conflicts and Territorial Disputes.*

George Miram, *The Changing Relationship Between Chinese Nationalism and Foreign Policy: Some Suggestions for a Peaceful Rise.*

Upcoming Papers

Gavin Romaine, *Informal Relationships Between New Zealand SMEs and Sub-National Officials in China.*

Jinzhu ZHOU, *Assessing the Economic Impact of North-South Free Trade Agreements - China-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement and China-Australia Free Trade Agreement.*

We have put **videos** of the presentations from the roundtables, seminars, symposia and public lectures the Centre organized up on our website. We plan to make this more systematic in the future.



4. Engagement

The China Centre engages with its stakeholders, partners and constituencies on several fronts. Such engagement fulfils the mission and purposes of the Centre and meets the Centre's interests in building our research community, serving the interests of NZ society in China knowledge, information and opportunities, and seeking sustained support for the Centre's work from the wider community.

Our first area of engagement is among the **New Zealand University Members** and their China scholars and programmes. We have been able to organize our major events and activities in collaboration among NZ university members.

The conference on China and India was a collaborative work between Victoria and Canterbury. The second international conference on China and the international system was co-hosted between Victoria University and Otago University.

We co-hosted the Wellington symposium with Victoria's FRST Project on Services Success in Asia "the symposium on Internationalisation of New Zealand Services and Service-related Industries into China and India".

AUT is also involved in this year's China Symposium in December. The China Centre has worked with Victoria's Institute of Public Policy, Centre for Strategic Studies, Asia Studies Institute, NZ Centre for International Economic Law, Otago's Foreign Policy School for various events and activities. Even with the NZ universities where we don't have formal partnership, individual academics from these institutions have actively participated in our conferences and research activities.

The second area of engagement is with key **stakeholders in the public and private sector**. Much of the Centre's

programmes and events have involved various public and private sector organizations. We have not only made our work useful and interesting to these organizations, but also, through our work, brought the public sector, private sector and academia together on their common interests in China.

We have organized this year's China Symposium with the NZ-China Trade Association and the New Zealand Trade and Enterprises. We have worked with MFAT and NZ Embassy in Beijing in particular in co-hosting the Senior Policy Forum on leadership in trade in Shanghai in May.

Our "China and Climate Change Roundtable" in May had the participation of the governments of NZ and China, as well as private sector organizations such as Business NZ and Green Peace.

The Centre participated in Track II dialogues organized by Asia NZ and NZIIA. Public sector and public sector organizations were well represented at the conferences and symposia we organized. We have provided policy roundtables and seminars with senior visiting China academics to engage with the policy sector and Track II sector in Wellington.

The third area of engagement is **international**. The nature of the China Centre makes it particularly important to engage with the international community of China studies, and academic institutions and scholars in China. The Centre has set up partnership with a significant number of key universities and research institutions in China when it was established. They include:

- Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)
- China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL)
- Fudan University



Renmin University of China (RUC)
Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences (SASS)
University of International Business and Economics (UIBE)
Xiamen University (XMU).

Partnerships with these institutions provide support and opportunities for students and staff exchange, and research collaboration and resource sharing.

Over the past year or two, we have continued to develop our international support and network. The speakers at our major conferences are mostly international leading scholars in the area. On occasion, we also host short visits of resident fellows from Chinese research institutions whose work contributes to the work and programmes of the Centre.

Beyond general partnership with academic institutions in China, the China Centre has sought to institutionalize collaboration with Chinese academic institutions for specific purposes.

The New Zealand Research Centre of Xiamen University was launched in March 2010 as part of the partnership and collaboration between Victoria University and Xiamen University. The Xiamen Centre of New Zealand Research aims to become a national research centre in China on New Zealand with a focus on contemporary issues in social sciences economics, political sciences, law, and sociology.

The China Centre has played a significant role in the establishment of a NZ Research Centre and we hope this will provide a useful platform for us in working with Xiamen University on comparative research of NZ and China.

Besides this, we have developed working relations with the China Executive Leadership Academy, Pudong (CELAP). After the joint Senior Policy Forum in May, we are looking to work on some joint research projects in the years to come.

One priority area is research on China's development model.

A MOU with the China Centre for International Economic Exchange, a premier national think tank in China, is a plan in progress. We have worked together with this high profile think tank on the Climate Change Roundtable in May, and we look forward to having high-impact forums and public lectures with them in the future. We hope this agreement will provide a platform for NZ engagement with China at senior policy level.

We also have a formal partnership agreement with Fudan University's Centre for Contemporary China Studies. This partnership will significantly enhance the relationship between the China Research Centre at Victoria University and the China Research Centre at Fudan University. The agreement sets up a range of programme and projects to be carried out between the two centres in institutional cooperation, joint conferences and research projects, students and staff exchange, resource sharing, and advance training programmes.

And last but not least, we have a long relationship with China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL) and they have proposed to set up a research centre for working with us. We are also working with the Law School of Victoria University to improve the work of the Dan Chan fellowship programme between the Law Schools of Renmin University and Victoria University. This is where we hope to gain support for our work to promote studies of Chinese law and legal system in New Zealand.



5. Agenda and Plan for 2011

While continuing to improve and enhance our regular programmes and projects, the Centre will particularly work on three areas in the coming year.

1. Promoting China Research and Studies in NZ Universities

One area of the Centre's work is to further enhance its research activities and capacity, particularly through associated and collaborative work among China scholars at NZ universities. We hope to do so through introduction or improvement of the following programmes and projects:

Research Fellows programme We will identify 15-20 principal China scholars with their key interests and research activities on contemporary China. We intend to make these scholars more closely associated with the Centre, with their research projects, activities, funding and research outcomes. The Centre shall provide real benefits for them to associate their work with the Centre. The scholars can in turn provide the Centre with research agenda and activities, and expert base for the Centre's engagement with wider NZ society.

China Studies in NZ Programme We will work to make scholarships on China study, China field trips, China related research opportunities and fellowships in one NZ university available to other NZ universities. We will also engage postgraduate researchers with research on China to involve with the Centre's programmes and projects, and make their research available and accessible through the Centre.

Public Lectures Series and Visiting Fellow Programme We will give more clear structure and propose for the programme of visiting scholars from China, making their research projects and

activities valuable to the Centre. We plan to invite high profile China scholars and practitioners from overseas to give public lecture tours to NZ universities. The Centre will work with other organizations and groups on funding and resources given the significant costs of this project.

China Papers Series We will more systematically develop the programme, to include conference papers, visiting fellow's contributions, and works of China scholars (academics and postgraduate researchers) at New Zealand universities as a way of promoting China studies in New Zealand and China knowledge sharing with wider New Zealand society.

2. Engagement with wider NZ society

While we have significant achievements in this area, the Centre will further develop projects and activities with significant benefits for economic and social development of New Zealand.

We will work closely with the **Confucius Institute** to reach wider New Zealand society for their interests in China information, knowledge and expertise.

We plan to conduct a **National Survey on New Zealand's Perceptions and Attitudes toward China**. Similar ones have been done in Australia and the United States this year, and this would be useful and timely for New Zealand.

We will further develop the project of **China business information database**. This database is to create an on-line platform that combines business information needs with academic research findings and also facilitates networking between academics and business practitioners who are interested in doing business in China.



We will complete the first stage of the **NOSAIC** project that will provide a central point of access to publications on China published in New Zealand.

3. *Broaden Sources of Funding for the Centre*

The model of a national China Centre is getting recognized as well in other countries, notably in Australia, and attracts great funding support from government and foundations. The projects and programmes we plan to do require greater funding support than we have. We intend to pursue financial support mostly from external sources:

- New Zealand government: inter-government ministerial funding scheme or support for individual projects;
- Other public and private funding sources that have interested in promoting China studies and building of China knowledge, information and skills in New Zealand;
- Engage with target research by individual China scholars with funded research projects at New Zealand universities;
- Collaboration (e.g. co-hosting) with other organizations as a cost-effective way of organizing the Centre's events and programmes.
- Institutional funding

4. *Major Events and Programmes for 2011*

- Symposium on *New Zealand, Australia and China's Rise*, 11-12 April, 2011 in Wellington, with the Centre for Strategic Studies, the Lowy Institute, and the Australia Centre for China in the World;
- Wellington Conference on Contemporary China 2011: *Growing*

Pains and Growth Paths: China and Japan in Modern Economic Growth and Development, with Auckland University's Asia Institute, August 2011;

- National Survey of New Zealand Perceptions and Attitudes toward China
- China Business Symposium 2011: Annual Symposium on NZ-China economic and business relations, December 2011.

Other Possible Events

- Conference on comparative legal system and land rights in China and New Zealand, possibly with Renmin University and CUPL;
- Conference on the new management movement and comparative public sector reforms in China and New Zealand.





Appendix I The Advisory Board

Current Members of the Advisory Board (in alphabetical order)

Gareth Chaplin, New Zealand Trade and Enterprises
Stuart Ferguson, New Zealand-China Trade Association
Charles Finny (Chair), Victoria University of Wellington Council
Richard Grant, Asia New Zealand Foundation
Yvonne Lucas, Ministry of Economic Development
John McKinnon, Ministry of Defence
Graham Morton, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Professor Neil Quigley, Victoria University of Wellington

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Appendix II The Centre's Vision and Purpose

The New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre provides a national platform for China-related capability building and knowledge sharing among tertiary institutions, the business community, and public sector organizations in New Zealand for effective engagement with China.

- The Centre provides a collaborative forum for and national leadership in the promotion of research relating to contemporary China, and enhances collaboration between the universities across their diverse expertise on China to ensure a more efficient and effective network of provision across the universities.
- The Centre facilitates capability building, skill development and knowledge transfer on China between tertiary education organizations and their stakeholders to ensure the relevance and benefit of university research and teaching on contemporary China to the wider New Zealand society.
- The Centre supports research collaboration, scholarly communication and academic exchange with Chinese research institutions, and promotes research and teaching on China in New Zealand within the international community of China studies.

