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## President's Report, February 2015:



### A New Year – Year of the Goat:

On behalf of the Committee, I wish you all a very Happy New Year, a year which has begun strangely for Australia and a little flat for the global economy. However, we have a lot to look forward to this year.

We have this year an environmental tour which will showcase China's modern, industrial green footprint and what she is doing to combat the twin problems of pollution and climate change. China has already made big strides in green technology, but there is still a long way to go. Whilst China leads the field of research and development (R&D) of new, green technology, there is still an enormous amount of problems in a country with such rapidly-expanding middle-class growth and the proliferation of modern industries. Therefore it will be a real privilege to see and meet those at the forefront of leading green technology in the People's Republic. If this interests you (and it should interest us all in terms of keeping the planet alive!), get in touch with Ross Gwyther(see detail on page 7) and secure a ticket for the September event. Bookings close March, so be quick.

On our domestic side, we are putting together a program for events this year and shortly you will hear from us about lunches, dinners and cultural activities. In the meantime, have a wonderful, happy and prosperous New Year.

Anthony Leong



## Consulate Chinese New Year's reception



On Wednesday 11 February, Mr Song Yemin, Consul General of the People's Republic of China welcomed guests to the annual Chinese Spring Festival reception. Mr Song's address included developments in the Australia China economic relationship highlighting the Australia China Free Trade Agreement. Guests were greeted by the Chinese lion dance and later entertained by colourful dancers young and a little older.

The gardens and stage were beautifully decorated with flowers and red lanterns and the perimeter

of the gardens were laid out with a sumptuous buffet meal that was enjoyed by all the guests.



ACFS Committee members enjoyed the kind hospitality of the Consulate. Jan Everett from the Hobart ACFS and National Director also attended the reception.

The reception also provided an opportunity to catch up with Consulate staff and members of other Chinese organisations and to access the Consulate building to view the lovely works of art.



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## Fyfield family book donation ceremony

Members of the ACFS Victorian Executive attended a ceremony on the 11 January 2015 to honour the donation of books and documents from the estate of Professor John Fyfield to the Xin Jin Shan Chinese Language and Culture School in Mount Waverley.



The Fyfield family was represented at the ceremony by four generations and his daughter, Jane made the presentation on their behalf.

Jane explained that Professor Fyfield amassed a collection of documents, photographs and manuscripts on modern Chinese history. His passion commenced with his first visit to China in 1972, which invigorated his interest in “all things Chinese”.

He had many visits to China and taught “his version” of history and culture in universities there.

The family was happy to find a new home for the collection where it would be appreciated and put to good use.

Winston Xu accepted the donation on behalf of the school and presented the family with a certificate of appreciation. He hoped the donation of photographs, books and manuscripts would promote multiculturalism and friendship between China and Australia.

Anthony Leong, ACFS Vic Branch President, expressed his appreciation for Prof. Fyfield's teaching work in China. He noted how teachers are revered in China and wished the same happened in Australia. Anthony thanked the Fyfield family and the school for assisting to bridge the cultural gap.

Kevin Hu, Principal of the school and Monash academic Dr Zhichang Xu also expressed their appreciation for the generous gift.

Derek Fyfield informed the gathering that he had developed a website with many of his father's photographs and also thanked ACFS Vice-President Tower Liu for his technical assistance. These are at [www.china-in-pictures.com](http://www.china-in-pictures.com).

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## To celebrate Chinese New Year



The Melbourne Symphony Orchestra's annual Chinese New Year concert brings together great works from the Western and Eastern traditions under the helm of Award-winning Chinese composer and conductor Tan Dun. The Melbourne premiere of *Nu Shu: The Secret Songs of Women*, is Dun's thirteen-movement work based around a series of 'micro films' derived from field recordings capturing the musical life and spirit of Nu Shu women in China. This shares the program with key works from the

Western classical repertoire including Ravel's *Bolero* and arias from Puccini's *Turandot* and *Gianni Schicchi*.

When: Saturday 28 February 2015, 6:30pm

Price range\*: \$25 – \$139 \*Booking fees may apply

Venue: Hamer Hall

Booking: <http://www.artscentremelbourne.com.au/whats-on/classical-music/chinese-new-year-concert?m=performances>

## 2015 'Cultures of China: Festival of Spring'

Consulate Melbourne of the People's Republic of China, in conjunction with Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council and Hubei Association with host "Cultures of China: Festival of Spring".

'Cultures of China: Festival of Spring' Spring Festival was launched in recent years in Oceania, North America, South America, Europe and Southeast Asia. The Festival presents the Chinese culture as a welcoming, civilized, proud and global country, along with the colourful and profoundly traditional culture that impacts people from all around the world.

The line up that is coming to Melbourne includes China Oriental Performing Arts Group, Tang Biao (Guangdong Dance Theatre), Li Si sound (Guangdong Dance Theatre) and the renowned world famous singer and magician, Li Ning. Traditional cultural dance and double jujitsu, Dai dance will leave an unforgettable impression on the audience and the Voice of China Zhou a very talented singer.

Beautiful stage lighting & stage design with rich visual effects will add more beauty to the evening.

Venue: Palais Theatre, St Kilda

Time: Saturday 28 February 2015

Show: 7:00pm - Venue Opens

7:30pm - Show Start

8.50pm - The End

All times are approximate and subject to change by the artist.

Price: For free ticket enquiries contact 0458 888 588

Fees and charges Event website: <http://mobile.acesse.com/newyear2015>

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# International Chinese Arts Festival



## Festival Reception

6:30pm, 6th March 2015, Happy Receptions  
199-203 Union Rd, Ascot Vale VIC 3032



## Opening Ceremony Performance

7:00pm, 7th March 2015, Collingwood Town Hall  
140 Hoddle St, Abbotsford VIC 3067



## Chinese Arts Exhibition

8th-15th March 2015, Pacific Arts Centre  
125 Adderley St, West Melbourne VIC 3003  
Opening ceremony: 2:30pm 8th March 2015



## Closing Ceremony Concert

7:00pm, 15th March 2015, Melbourne Town Hall  
90-120 Swanston Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

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### What to expect

Traditional Chinese music, Peking Opera, Kunqu, dancing, martial art, Melbourne Opera, painting, calligraphy, folk art and many more!

Experience Chinese Arts and Culture in 10 days with local and international artists!



More details:



# A Golden Age of China

**Qianlong Emperor, 1736–1795**

**National Gallery of Victoria International - 180 St Kilda Road**

**27 Mar 15 – 21 Jun 15**

*Qianlong Emperor, 1736–1795* tells the story of China's foremost art collector Qianlong Emperor, one of China's most successful rulers and fourth emperor of the Qing dynasty (1644–1911).

This exhibition provides an unprecedented opportunity to explore a rich concentration of more than 120 works from the Palace Museum's art collection, which is built on the imperial collection of the Ming and Qing dynasties and holds some of China's most rare and valuable works of art in its collection.

The Qianlong emperor's long 60-year reign (1736–1795) was a particularly fascinating time in China's history. During his reign, China was the wealthiest and most populous nation in the world. The Qianlong emperor studied Chinese painting, loved to paint and particularly loved to practice calligraphy. The Emperor was also a passionate poet and essayist and over 40,000 poems and 1300 pieces of prose are recorded in his collected writings. Aside from his own art practice, Qianlong combined his passion for collecting art with his role as preserver and restorer of the Chinese cultural heritage. He also embraced the arts of other cultures, European, Japanese and Indian. Giuseppe Castiglione, an Italian Jesuit brother, exerted a great deal of influence in the arts of the court academy of the Qianlong emperor.

The exhibition includes a lavish display of paintings in silk and paper, silk court robes, precious-stone inlaid objet d'art and portraits of the Qianlong emperor, empress and imperial concubines; paintings of hunting scenes, court ceremonies and private lives of the Qianlong emperor and paintings of the emperor as scholar and art collector. There will also be a sumptuous display of ceremonial weapons of swords, bows and arrow, a chair made of antlers' horns; silk court robes and ceremonial hats, amongst other ceremonial and palace treasures.



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## 2015 China Environmental Study Tour

Despite major pollution problems over years of incredible growth, China is now making great progress in sustainable energy production, leading many countries across the globe. See for yourself some of these exciting developments.

### OVERVIEW

Join our study tour to China in September 2015, conducted by the Australia China Friendship Society.

This 10-day tour includes:

- Visits to projects and facilities
- Discussions with officials developing and implementing environmental policies
- Meet scientists, engineers and academics who design, plan and implement green initiatives.

### HIGHLIGHTS

The tour will cover wind and solar farms, eco parks, sustainable buildings and industrial zones in Beijing, Tianjin, Baoding and Shanghai over 9 days. Tour size will be 15-20 persons and we aim to include some prominent Australian representatives in the environment movement. There will also be opportunities to explore cultural and historic sites in Beijing and Shanghai including Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City.

### INFORMATION

Register your interest early to ensure a place.

Package tour price \$3975 (\$200 discount for f/t students) including airfares from each Australian capital city, all internal travel, twin share 4\* hotel accommodation, meals as per itinerary, single entry China visa fee. Exclusions: Tipping of tour guides and drivers, personal expenses and travel insurance (strongly recommended).

All expressions of interest to fill in the form attached and submit it by 20th February 2015. An application form will be sent to you by 25th February 2015

Deposits to be paid by 1st March, with final bookings to be made by 30 March 2015.

More details available at [www.acfs.com.au](http://www.acfs.com.au)

For more information, please email Ross Gwyther: [rgwyther@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rgwyther@optusnet.com.au) or phone 0408 782 983.

## THE AUSTRALIA-CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY'S AIMS

Cultivate friendly relations with the people of China by fostering the study of China's history, language, culture, social and political structure.

Promote mutual understanding through friendly exchanges between the people of China and Australia. Strengthening ties with travel, the exchange of ideas, information and trade between the two countries.

To seek to clarify misunderstandings between the peoples of China and Australia, which may arise from the misrepresentation of information.

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