CONGRATULATIONS to “HANYU QIAO” Competition WINNERS and CONTESTANTS

Winners and contestants of the 7th Hanyu Qiao “Chinese Bridge” Chinese Proficiency Competition for Secondary School Students, held at The Confucius Institute, UWA (Claremont campus) on 10th May 2014.

Upcoming events:
“Bring a Friend” Yum Cha 15th Sept ~ details page 10
Confucius Institute Open Day 27th Sept ~
www.confuciusinstitute.uwa.edu.au

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ACFS WA President’s Report

Gian Wong JP

First of all, I want to thank the members of the ACFS who have entrusted me with the opportunity to carry on the good work done by past Presidents of ACFS, the Committees and the Members.

Since its inception in the 1950s, ACFS has fostered friendship between Australia and China helping to establish understanding between the two countries. In this time China has experienced massive changes in the social, political and economical sectors. Our friendship has remained as strong as ever.

Roz Hanley, Director of ACFS representing Western Australia, has again this year put in a tremendous effort. As the National Tour Organiser, Roz has been busy with the planning of two ACFS tours for 2015. Leading up to the very successful June ACFS National Conference held in Darwin, Roz spent much time liaising with Friendship Associations in Beijing and Shanghai regarding attendance by their delegations. Roz assisted with the negotiations for two Mt Lawley Senior High School students and their chaperone to attend a youth friendship camp in Shanghai.

Technology such as email, the internet and video conferencing has made it possible for us to communicate with our Chinese friends almost instantly. Our present Committee has drawn up plans to boost cultural and educational links with China. We also plan to provide awards in recognition of excellence achieved by high school students studying Mandarin/ Han Yu in Western Australia.

We also have been asked to actively participate in the activities of many Chinese organisations in Western Australia throughout the year. The position of ACFS is unique because we are a national organisation with branches throughout Australia and our links with Friendship organisations in China are strong and of very long standing.

In May this year, ACFS hosted a dinner at the Tabella Italian Restaurant to welcome the newly appointed Consul-General of China to Western Australia, Dr Huang Qinguo. Deputy Consul-General Dr Liu Yutong, Consul Mr Liu Jian and Vice-Consul Mr Li Jiangwei also attended. It was a very enjoyable evening and the food was excellent.
In July our ACFS Winter Social Evening was attended by more than 90 friends and members of ACFS. A big thank you to the team of talented line-dancers, Mr Louis Puga the magician as well as Karaoke singers. I must also thank all our ACFS Committee members who worked so hard to make the evening a success.

ACFS has plans to work together with the Confucius Institute of the University of Western Australia to promote the teaching of Mandarin in Western Australian Schools. We have been invited to help celebrate the Confucius Institute Day at the University of Western Australia on the 27th Sept 2014 and a marquee will be provided to ACFS to promote our Society within our community.

Our members, Mr Terry Willis and his wife have been great friends with the China Southern Airlines trainee pilots in Merredin. They have offered assistance and friendship to these young trainee pilots for many years, helping them to enjoy the Australian way of life while training to be commercial pilots in Western Australia. Terry and his wife have been invited to China many times to visit the students, now commercial pilots they helped and mentored. ACFS is trying to link up with the China Southern Airlines trainee pilots at Jandakot Airport, Perth and extend our friendship and social activities.

That is all for my first president report. Once again I want to thank the Committee and all members of ACFS for working so hard to promote friendship between our country Australia and China.

**“Bring a Friend” Yum Cha Social**

Date: Saturday, 13th September. Time: 10.30am  
Place: Royal Chinese Seafood Restaurant  
91 Aberdeen Street Northbridge  
Cost: $25 per person, including Chinese tea.  
RSVP: by 5th Sept to Chance Zhang on 0409 907 444 or ACFSWA 0411 586 807.  
Email: acfswa@gmail.com
“Chinese Bridge” Chinese Proficiency Competition for High School Students. 10 May 2014

Anita Chong

Eighteen candidates from Perth high schools competed in the 7th High School students Hanyuqiao Competition selection held at the Confucius Institute at UWA.

Perth Chinese Consulate Deputy Consul General, Dr Liu Yutong, Confucius Institute Director Fan Hong and Zhang Jieqi, President of the Chinese Language Teachers’ Association of WA spoke and wished the candidates success in the competition and achieve their Chinese Dreams.

Candidates competed in a speech presentation, a cultural performance and a written cultural test. The high standard of speech and performances presented by the candidates delighted the audience.

Winners
Jachee Kim of Rossmoyne came first, followed by Maksim Bacovic of Mt Lawley Senior High School. Suzie Yang of Churchlands Senior High School and Sarel Stainaure of Rossmoyne Senior High School came equal third.

The four competition winners competed with candidates from SA, ACT and NT in Adelaide on June 19 & 20 for places in the World High School Hanyuqiao to be held in China in November.

Photographs courtesy of The Confucius Institute.
“Chinese Bridge” Chinese Proficiency Competition for University Students - Australian Finals. 24 May 2014

Competition Theme: “My China Dream”.

Anita Chong

Thirteen candidates from South Australia, ACT and Western Australia Universities competed on 24 May to select Australian finalists for the 13th Hanyuqiao Competition for Foreign University Students, hosted in Changsha this July.

The semi-final competition was attended by UWA Pro Vice Chancellor International, Mr Iain Watt, Mr Xu Xiao, Minister Counsellor for Education of the Embassy of P R China, Consul-General Dr Huang Qinguo, PRC and Winthrop Professor Krishna Sen, Dean of Faculty of Arts, UWA.

The candidates were tested in three areas: a written and a quiz on cultural knowledge, a prepared speech and a cultural performance.

Candidates spoke about their Chinese dreams and presented a variety of most entertaining cultural performances. These included singing, erhu solo, Kungfu and tea ceremony.

Michael Boyd and Eion White, both of Australian National University, won first and second place to qualify as Australian finalists to compete in the world University Students Hanyuqiao in Changsha in July.

Mr Xu Xiao, Minister Counsellor for Education of the Embassy of PRC (seated centre - front row) with student finalists and guests. Photograph courtesy of The Confucius Institute.

How did our Australian Finalists fare in Changsha? An update features in the next newsletter edition!
Australia China Friendship Society Limited - National Conference 6 to 8 June 2014

Report by Roz Hanley - ACFS WA Delegate

The Conference was hosted by the Northern Territory Branch and held at the Novotel Hotel, Darwin. There were representatives from the 6 member ACFS State Branches. Representatives from China included delegations from China PAFFC*1, Beijing PAFFC, Shanghai PAFFC and Darwin’s Sister City Haikou, Hainan Island.

During the evening of 6th June, the conference was formally opened at a reception held at the NT Parliament House. It was hosted by the Hon. Peter Styles MLA, Minister for Multicultural Affairs and the Hon. Adam Giles MLA, Chief Minister of NT was a speaker who warmly welcomed the conference delegates to Darwin.

The Bill Morrow Lecture was presented by Dr Fred Mitchell, a long-time member of the NT Branch.

The following morning, the conference began with a welcome by Shu Qin Li, ACFS NT President and this was followed by a welcome speech from the Hon. Katrina Fong Lim, Lord Mayor of Darwin.

Speeches were also given by the leaders of the delegations from China and Presidents of local business and Chinese community organisations. Austin Ashe, former Administrator and Chief Justice of NT, and former President and patron of NT Branch, gave an interesting speech which covered the history of the Chinese in Darwin.

The ACFS General Meeting commenced after lunch and was opened by John Breheny, the outgoing National President. Reports were tabled by the National Executive and Office Bearers together with reports from Branches.

Newly elected ACFS Ltd Board of Directors and Office Bearers are:

Immediate Past President: Mr John Breheny, Director (Vic)
National President: Dr Ross Gwyther, Director (Qld)
Vice President: Mr Chaplin Hsiong, Director (NT)
Vice President: Ms Jan Everett, Director (Tas)
Company Secretary: Mr Norman Hung, Secretary (Qld)

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*PAFFC - People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries.
In General Business, motions were tabled and the following were supported:
• Foster interaction with the New Zealand China Friendship Society.
• All Branches consider involvement in youth exchanges and scholarships.
• Develop sponsorship guidelines.

Other matters discussed were the Society’s website and a proposal to publish an ACFS national booklet that would include Branch information.

The next National Conference in 2016 will be hosted by the Tasmanian Branch.

Two ACFS tours were proposed for 2015.
1) Architectural Tour, May 2015. Led by an Architect, who will provide expert information regarding the places and buildings visited. The itinerary will include Hong Kong, Shanghai, Suzhou and Beijing.
2) An Environmental Study Tour, Sept. 2015. Led by ACFS National President, the tour group will travel to Shanghai, Beijing and Baoding in Hebei Province in order to visit current environmental projects being conducted or environmental initiatives in place.

The Conference dinner was jointly hosted by the Hon. Peter Styles MLA, Minister for Multicultural Affairs, and the ACFS NT Branch. During the evening, Ms Chen Yi, the delegate from Beijing PAFFC gave a speech and presented the Minister with a beautiful Chinese painting.

The final event of the Conference was a multicultural concert organised by NT Branch members who also participated in the concert. A wonderful finale to the conference!
National Conference ~ Conclusion:
The Branch President Shu Qin Li and her committee had planned an interesting sightseeing program for the invited delegations from China. The delegates were very well entertained by the members and some accompanied the Shanghai and Beijing delegation on the one day tour to Kakadu National Park.

Congratulations to the NT Committee and Branch members for organising a very successful conference. The hospitality provided to the interstate and overseas delegates was excellent. It was a wonderful opportunity for the NT Branch to showcase the Society's activities in the Darwin community.

Recent News:
Farewell Mr Li Jiangwei, Warm Welcome Consul Mrs Li Hong & Congratulations Tierney!

We bid a fond Farewell to Protocol Officer of the Chinese Consulate in Perth, Vice-Consul Mr Li Jiangwei who completed his three year term of service in Perth on 31st July, 2014, with a successful commencement to his new posting in Ghana, Africa.

To continue the strong working relationship between the Chinese Consulate in Perth and ACFS WA, Mr Li was eager to introduce his successor, Consul Mrs LI Hong to the ACFS and invited ACFS WA Secretary, Teresa Moy and ACFS National Body WA State Director, Roz Hanley for a preliminary contact exchange meeting with Consul Mrs Li, during her recent arrival in Perth.

A very Warm Welcome to Consul Mrs LI Hong, who will manage Protocol Affairs, with a special interest in developing Sister-State relations. Consul LI hails from Shanxi Province, and is very keen to meet further with ACFS and assist the Society in Friendship work.

Wishing Best Success to Tierney McPartland, selected by ACFS for a scholarship at Shanghai Normal University, September 2014 to July 2015.
**ACFS TOUR - MAJESTIC CHINA**

**Beijing, Datong, Xian, Shanghai**

**Trip highlights:** Yungang Grottoes, Hanging Temple, The Great Wall, Terracotta Warriors

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<td>Mon Melbourne - Beijing Fly with China Southern Airlines to Beijing departing at 11PM</td>
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<td>21 Oct 2014</td>
<td>Tue Arrive Beijing Upon arrival, met &amp; transferred to your hotel. Stay at Presidential Hotel for the next four nights. Rest of the day free at leisure to relax.</td>
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<td>22 Oct 2014</td>
<td>Wed Beijing Start at Tiananmen Square, take a stroll on this largest public square, visit Mao’s Mausoleum. Explore the magnificent Forbidden City with hundreds of halls and galleries. This afternoon visit the National Museum of China. (B/L/D)</td>
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<td>23 Oct 2014</td>
<td>Thu Beijing Today experience the highlight of your holiday as you climb the Great Wall, one of the seven wonders in the world. This afternoon visit the Ming Tombs and its exhibition halls. (B/L/D)</td>
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<td>24 Oct 2014</td>
<td>Fri Beijing Wander in the Summer Palace, the summer retreat for the Emperors, with the largest imperial garden, Explore the old residential areas known as Hutong when your rickshaw winds through the small alleys. (B/L/D)</td>
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<td>25 Oct 2014</td>
<td>Sat Train Beijing - Datong This morning tour the iconic Temple of Heaven, visit the Cultural Community Centre and School. After lunch transfer to the station and take the fast train to Datong. Transfer to Datong Hotel for 3 nights. (B/L)</td>
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<td>26 Oct 2014</td>
<td>Sun Datong Visit the Yungang Grottoes, a masterpiece of Chinese Buddhist Caves. (B/L/D)</td>
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<td>27 Oct 2014</td>
<td>Mon Datong Tour the incredible Hanging Temple with a history more than 1,500 years, it features Buddhism, Taoism and Confucianism. After lunch, visit Yinxian Wooden Pagoda. (B/L/-)</td>
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<td>28 Oct 2014</td>
<td>Tue Datong - Xian Free at leisure, later transfer to station for overnight on board, 4 berth soft sleeper. (B/L/-)</td>
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<td>29 Oct 2014</td>
<td>Wed Xian This morning arrive in Xian, transfer to your hotel to freshen up, then continue to tour the iconic Wild Goose Pagoda, walk on the ancient city wall. Stay at Garden Hotel for three nights. (-/L/D)</td>
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<td>30 Oct 2014</td>
<td>Thu Xian Today marvel at the Terracotta Warriors, one of the greatest archaeological discoveries in 20th Century. Visit the Provincial Museum. Tonight enjoy the spectacular Tang Dynasty Dinner &amp; Show. (B/L/D)</td>
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<td>31 Oct 2014</td>
<td>Fri Xian Free at leisure. (B)</td>
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<td>1 Nov 2014</td>
<td>Sat Xian - Shanghai Free at leisure till transfer to airport for flight to Shanghai. Upon arrival transfer to Holiday Inn Zhabei for 3 nights. (B)</td>
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<td>2 Nov 2014</td>
<td>Sun Shanghai Stroll along the Bund, appreciate the art-deco buildings. Walk in the back streets of the old town, wander in the classic Yu Garden. Browse the fine Shanghai Museum and visit the Jade Buddha temple. Tonight watch the acrobatic Show. (B/L/D)</td>
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<td>3 Nov 2014</td>
<td>Mon Shanghai Free at leisure. (B)</td>
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<td>4 Nov 2014</td>
<td>Tue Shanghai Enjoy some free time at leisure until transfer to the airport for flight home. (B)</td>
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<td>5 Nov 2015</td>
<td>Wed Melbourne Arrive at Melbourne airport at 09.40AM.</td>
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**Tour cost:** $3,600 per person

**Booking terms and conditions apply.**

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**Not included:** Travel insurance, Tipping (approx $60 per person) and personal expenses.

Perth Departure enquires: Roz Hanley, ACFS National Tour Organiser

Phone: (08) 9397 5741  Mobile: 0403 244 634  Email: hanley@iinet.net.au
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Place: Royal Chinese Seafood Restaurant
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Cost: $25 per person, including Chinese tea.

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Email: acfswa@gmail.com

Membership Application/Donation Form

Membership year: 1st January to 31st December.

Please send this slip with your remittance / EFT notification to PO Box 62 KELMSCOTT WA 6991

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