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# **Rising Dragons, Soaring Bananas**

## **International Conference**

### **18 & 19 July 2009**



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*Message from NZCA Auckland Inc.*  
Welcome to Rising Dragons, Soaring Bananas

Our popular and iconic conference returns to challenge perceptions of what it means to be Chinese and celebrate the journeys, stories and identities of leading local and overseas born Chinese personalities.

This year is the fourth event in the Going Bananas cycle. We continue to build a community of interest in Chinese lives and experiences. We offer everyone a fresh way to explore and understand the impact Chinese communities make in New Zealand and on the global stage, together with contemporary papers arranged by our presentation partner, the International Society for the Studies of Chinese Overseas.

The success of any event relies on the commitment and time of a talented team. I wish to express my sincere thanks to the speakers, paper presenters, sponsors, volunteers and the Organising Committee whose tireless efforts over the past 12 months have made this conference possible.

*Kai Luey QSM*  
*Chairman, New Zealand Chinese Association Auckland Inc.*



*Message from ISSCO*  
Welcome to Rising Dragons, Soaring Bananas

The International Society for the Studies of Chinese Overseas (ISSCO) is honoured to be presenting Rising Dragons, Soaring Bananas in association with the New Zealand Chinese Association Auckland Inc. at The University of Auckland, New Zealand.

The Conference aims to examine the social, economic and cultural capital of Chinese overseas communities. We look forward to learning more about New Zealand, especially its Chinese communities, and taking this opportunity to reconnect with old friends and forge new relationships.

In particular I would like to extend my thanks to Mr. Kai Luey, Chairman of New Zealand Chinese Association Auckland Inc. and Associate Professor Manying Ip of The University of Auckland, an active Council Member of ISSCO, for making all this possible.

*Professor Leo Suryadinata*  
*President, International Society for the Studies of Chinese Overseas*

> **FRIDAY 17 JULY 2009**

**OPENING RECEPTION**

**The University of Auckland Fale Pasifika  
20 Wynyard Street, Auckland Central**

- 5.30pm Guests Arrive
- 6.00pm Welcome - Kai Luey
- 6.10pm Opening by the Prime Minister of New Zealand
- 6.30pm Message from Principal Sponsors
- 6.40pm Book Launch - Libby Wong, 2 One Act Plays: 'An Instant Patriot', 'Beat the Climate Crunch'
- 6.50pm Book Launch - Alison Wong 'As the Earth Turns Silver'
- 7.00pm Chinese Cultural Dance
- 7.05pm Drinks and Canapés
- 7.45pm Reception Ends

> **DAY ONE - SATURDAY 18 JULY 2009**

**8.00am Registration**

**9.00am Welcome - Kai Luey and Leo Suryadinata  
Opening Remarks - Mervin Singham, Director,  
Office of Ethnic Affairs**

**9.30am Keynote Address - Overseas Chinese in a New Global World**

Libby Wong traces the status of the Overseas Chinese and looks to the future against the background of the recent global credit crunch, highlighting the importance of strategic partnerships between the Chinese and the rest of the world.

**Chairperson - Susan Wong**

**Libby Wong - Award-winning writer and former  
Hong Kong Legislative Councillor**

**10.30am Morning Tea**

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**> 11.00am High Flying Bananas**

Chinese are high achievers. They make things happen both here and abroad. Movers and shakers across a variety of sectors share the personal and professional challenges they have overcome on the road to success in local and international waters.

**Chairperson - David Wong**

**Mai Chen - Founding Partner, Chen Palmer,  
Public Law Specialists**

**Don Ha - Real Estate Entrepreneur and  
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**Donald Sew Hoy - Managing Director,  
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**Sonia Yee - Writer and Producer, Radio New Zealand**

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**> 12.30pm Lunch****1.30pm Plenary Session - Yellow Peril - Early Chinese in NZ**

History holds a fountain of memories, some of which are painful and ugly. This session examines New Zealand's racial attitudes in the past towards the Chinese and the place of Chinese communities in this country's storytelling fabric.

**Chairperson - Manying Ip**

**Jock Phillips - General Editor of Te Ara,  
The Encyclopedia of NZ and former Chief Historian,  
Ministry for Culture and Heritage**

**James Ng - Eminent NZ Chinese historian and author,  
Windows on a Chinese Past**

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> **2.30pm Visually Chinese**

20 images. 20 seconds. 6 minutes. In the vein of the Pecha Kucha format, artists across various disciplines are given 6 minutes each to paint a mosaic of their creative output. Words and images collide as presenters navigate through a stream of slides with madness, dexterity and speed, communicating to an audience thirsty for the ultimate visual rush.

**Chairperson - Meilin Chong**

**Liyen Chong - Visual Artist and Graphic Designer**

**Kerry Ann Lee - Visual Artist and Designer**

**Susan Louie - Glass Sculpturist**

**Ron Sang - Architect and Art Collector**

**Peap Tarr - Urban Artist**

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> **3.30pm Digitally Chinese**

Go digital! NZCA Auckland Inc. and Auckland City Libraries have partnered to ensure history is kept alive forever. This session guides us through the Chinese Online Communities project - a significant online repository housing the stories and family memories of Chinese New Zealanders.

**Chairperson - Kai Luey**

**Sam Minchin - Digital Access Manager,  
Auckland City Libraries**

Visit Chinese Online Communities at:  
[www.chinesecommunity.org.nz](http://www.chinesecommunity.org.nz)

**4.00pm Afternoon Tea**

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> **4.30pm Creative Cool Chinese**

Creativity knows no boundaries. It disrupts everything in life and opens up a world where impossible means nothing. Make way for the new generation of visionary culture-shapers.

**Chairperson - Alistair Kwun**

**Natalie Chan - Fashion Designer and Milliner**

**Victor Huang - Animator, Weta Digital**

**Frank Liew - Blogger, Hypebeast and Founder, Qubic**

**Marcus Lui - Creative Director, The One Centre, Sydney**

**Lulu and the Puppets with special guest Willis Hsu (IFK) - in Foyer**

**6.00pm Close of Day One**

**7.00pm Dinner at Dynasty Restaurant (BYO)  
57 Wakefield Street, Auckland Central (Optional Extra)  
Special Address: John Allen, CEO, New Zealand Post**

> **DAY TWO - SUNDAY 19 JULY 2009**

**7.30am In Conversation - Breakfast with our International Speakers**

Get up early for this unique opportunity to interact with our distinguished global personalities.

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**8.30am Seminar - Using Chinese Communities Online**

**Sam Minchin - Digital Access Manager,  
Auckland City Libraries**

> **9.00am Plenary Session - Chinese Migration in a Globalising World**

Since the end of the last century, roughly 80% of new Chinese migrants have gone to developed and industrialised countries such as USA, Australia and New Zealand and 20% to Southeast Asia. This talk addresses Chinese migration generally and Chinese migrants in Southeast Asia, Australia and New Zealand in particular, focusing on their socio economic problems and process of adaptation.

**Chairperson - Manying Ip**  
**Leo Suryadinata - President, ISSCO**

> **9.30am Plenary Session - Chinese Today**

What are the current look and shape of Chinese communities in New Zealand? Leading Kiwi researchers unveil the latest insights, trends and innovations in working with Chinese communities around health, housing, businesses and settlement patterns.

**Chairperson - Wong Liu Shueng**  
**Ward Friesen -**  
**The University of Auckland, New Zealand**  
**Elsie Ho - The University of Waikato, New Zealand**  
**Paul Spoonley - Massey University, New Zealand**

**10.30am Morning Tea**

> **11.00am Falling Leaves Return Home**

The journey back to China has a spiritual dimension. It can also be fraught with tension, apprehension and loss. Speakers on this panel tell stories of personal transformation on returning to their roots.

**Chairperson - Arthur Loo**

**Clifford Kam - NZCA 2008 China Winter Camp**

**Robyn Wong - Team Services Manager,  
NZ Olympic Committee**

**Cyril Young - Court and Hospital Interpreter**

**Koreen Young - NZCA 2005 China Winter Camp**

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**12.30pm Lunch**

> **1.30pm Cracking the Glass Ceiling**

Capturing talent is a business imperative. In the workplace cultural influences are often at odds with corporate strategy and values. Panellists share their experiences of diversity in the workplace and the ingredients needed to make one's career soar.

**Chairperson - Kai Luey**

**Xiaoying Fu - Manager, Asian Markets,  
ANZ National Bank**

**Catherine Lo-Giacco - General Manager, Manpower**

**Harry Pappafloratos - CEO, Colmar Brunton**

**Rodney Wong - Commercial Entrepreneur**

**3.00pm Afternoon Tea**

> **3.30pm New Zealand Post presents The Listener/NZCA Short Story Competition**

Stories are magical. They shape a community's identity, hopes and dreams. We hear the results of the short story competition which brings exciting Chinese voices to life.

**Chairperson - Guy Somerset, Arts & Books Editor, The Listener**

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> **4.30pm Unfolding History - SS Ventnor Project Update**

In early 2009, The Ventnor Group travelled to the home marae of Te Roroa and Te Rarawa to open relations with the iwi who have cared for the remains of our Chinese countrymen since the sinking of the SS Ventnor in 1902. Presenters from the Group share the incredible stories from that weekend.

**Chairperson - Wong Liu Shueng  
Members of the SS Ventnor Project**

**5.00pm Summing Up - Manying Ip and Kai Luey**

**5.30pm Conference Closes**

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> **ISSCO BREAKOUT SESSIONS - ACADEMIC PAPERS** (see [www.goingbananas.org.nz](http://www.goingbananas.org.nz) for timetable)

The following papers will be presented during concurrent breakout sessions on Saturday 18 July: 11.00am; 2.30pm; 4.30pm and Sunday 19 July: 11.00am; 1.30pm; 3.30pm.

In Search of Chineseness: The Choice of the Ho Sisters / Louella Cheng	'Chinese Century': Past and Present Hui Kian Kwee	Ancestor God, Local God and Chinese Overseas Chee-Beng Tan
The Identities of Two Brothers: Robert Ho Tung and Walter Bosman / Louella Cheng	The Past, Present and Future of the Chinese Overseas Population / Peter S Li	Chinese in the Pacific James To
Chinese New Migrants in Cambodia: A Preliminary Study / James K Chin	Changing Chinese and Indian International Migration Wei Li	Chinese Canadians and First Nations: 150 Years of Shared Experiences / Hayne Wai
Jewish Projections on a Chinese Screen Charles Coppell	Narratives of Older Chinese New Zealanders: Constructing the Hybrid Self / Wendy Wen Li	Border, Place & Identity in the Remaking of Expatriate Communities in Hong Kong / Cangbai Wang
A Silent Invasion? Chinese Immigrants and Local Interaction in Equatorial Guinea / Mario Esteban	Maoriland and Yellow Peril Nigel Murphy	Chinese New Migrants and the Formation of New Chinatown in Tokyo / Wei Wang
Coolie Labour Compared: Indian and Chinese Indentured Schemes in South Africa / Karen L Harris	A Study on the Career Experiences of Asian Skilled Immigrants in New Zealand / Huong Nguyen	The Unique History of Chinese in Cuba Mary-Alice Waters
Exclusion Reveals Inclusion: Chinese in the Late Nineteenth Century Colonial Cape / Karen L Harris	Chinese Diaspora and the Transnationalisation of Buddhist Philanthropic Culture / Khun Eng Kuah-Pearce	Social Networks and Chinese Student Immigrants in Singapore / Ching Ching Yim
Negotiating Identity: a Comparison on Koo Chen-fu and Koo Kwan-min / Clare Tsai-man Ho	Contemporary Chinese Labour Migration to Russia: Policy & Implications / Vladimir Portyakov	The Coming 30 years - China Going Global Yit-Seng Yow
Students to Residents Elsie Ho	When "Giving" Goes Bananas: The Case of Beijing Mandarin / Robert Sanders	Chinese Culture and Dental Behaviour in Wellington Wei Zhang
Transnationalism and the Reconstruction of Chinese Identity in Australia / Christine Inglis	Local Dragons: The Contribution of Chinese Businesses to the Auckland Economy / Paul Spoonley	Professional Mainlanders in Hong Kong: Profile, Prospects and Problems / Victor Zheng

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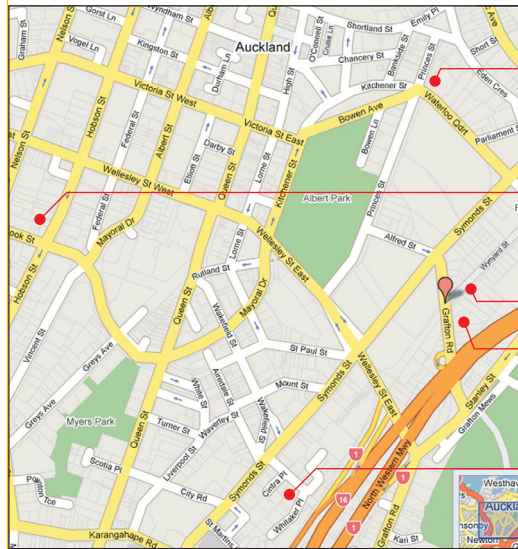
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