

## New Zealand Principals' Delegation to China 2024

### Objectives:

This Delegation is sponsored by the Centre for Language Education and Cooperation (CLEC) and is tailored towards the needs of New Zealand Principals and tertiary education leaders. The trip will provide participants with first-hand experience of contemporary Chinese society and Chinese culture. Participants will have the opportunity to broaden their cultural understanding through a variety of activities, such as visiting local schools and meeting Chinese officials. The trip also will assist participants to gain insight into the professional and educational environment in China.

**Dates:** Saturday 6 April 2024 – Friday 19 April 2024

### Programme:

School visits, seminars on Chinese culture, meetings with Chinese educators, sightseeing in Beijing, Wuhan and surrounding rural areas.

### Eligibility:

Principals (or Deputy Principals) and tertiary education leaders from New Zealand schools or Tertiary Education Institutes currently offering, or planning to offer, Chinese language in the school curricula are eligible to apply.

Please note: partners of participants' are not able to join the delegation this year due to the requirements of the trips' sponsors.

### Costs and Expenses:

All expenses in China including domestic travel, accommodation, group meals etc. will be covered by Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST). International airfares and any NZ internal travel expenses will be the responsibility of the applicant's school. Any other personal expenses during the trip will be the applicant's responsibility.

The Confucius Institute at University of Canterbury will organise group flights. In previous years, the Confucius Institute has also assisted with visa applications, however, the process for visa applications has now changed and visa applications are to be lodged electronically. Thus participants need to take care of their own visa application. Please refer to the suggestions regarding visa applications below.

### Closing Date:

The application form and other attachments must be completed by **5pm Friday 10 November 2023** and submitted by email to [qianhua.yu@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:qianhua.yu@canterbury.ac.nz) or [confucius-institute@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:confucius-institute@canterbury.ac.nz)

Tel: 03 369 3383 or by mail to:

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For further information and application form, please go to link:

<https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/arts/research/ci/programmes/>



### **Suggestions for China visa application:**

**Visa Application:** Visa applications can be made through the following website:  
[consular.mfa.gov.cn/VISA/](http://consular.mfa.gov.cn/VISA/)

- ❖ Begin by reading through the Guidance tab on the page and following the instructions.
- ❖ 2 x photographs are required; these can be obtained at Divinegon Tech in Church Corner.
- ❖ You may apply 1 month before your planned travel date, no earlier than 3 months. The application process may take longer for some occasions.
- ❖ Please fill in the application carefully. Mistakes can hold up the application process and result in rejected applications. It is important all information in the application matches the information on your passport.