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For graduates and friends of Chinese Studies

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Dear Friends and Fellow Alumni

THIS newsletter brings you information about some of our activities for the last quarter of this year. Our Association aims to encourage Alumni to maintain contact with the University and with each other and to promote the interests of the Department of Chinese Studies and its students as well as scholarship in Chinese Studies. We hope that you can attend our functions. If you cannot, you are always welcome to contact us with your news and views, either by mail or through our website:
www.usyd.edu.au/alumni/networks/csaa/index.shtml.

1. AGM GUEST SPEAKER ON MORALITIES

We are looking for new council members who can help us develop programs and activities to support our objectives. This year's Annual General Meeting is a good time to come along and participate as we elect a new

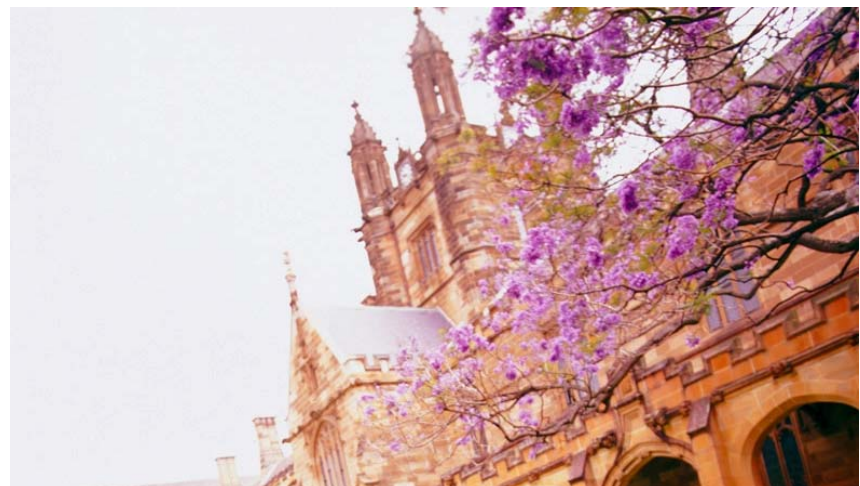
committee for the year ahead. Our guest speaker at the AGM on 8 October will be Dr Michael Paton. His address is entitled, 'The Bifurcation of East and West and the Problem with Moralities: A Southern Environmental Perspective'. The AGM and talk will be held in the Fifth Floor Meeting Room, McCallum Building, University of Sydney, 5.30 – 7pm, Monday 8 October.

Michael Paton is the Teaching Quality Fellow in the Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Sydney, Australia. He completed his Bachelor of Science (Education) degree majoring in geology at the University of New South Wales and his Bachelor of Arts (Honours) and PhD in Chinese Studies at the University of Sydney. Michael's major research interest is the history and philosophy of science in China especially focusing on *dili* (the principles of the earth) and *fengshui* (wind and water). His work and research interests in communication skills deal with their relationship to culture, critical thinking and knowledge production. He

is Vice President (Asia) of the Australasian Association for the History, Philosophy and Social Studies of Science.

2. SPRING BACK TO SYDNEY 7'S REUNION

The Association will be participating in a major Alumni event to be held at the University on Saturday 27 October, "Spring Back to Sydney". Invitations have been sent to all who graduated in a year ending in 7, from 1937 to 1997. Chinese Studies Alumni are particularly welcome to participate. Come and meet some of our new Council members! As part of the program for the day we are sponsoring a professional introduction and tasting of Chinese teas by the renowned tea expert David Thompson. Two sessions will be held in the Western Tower Room overlooking the Quadrangle at 11am and 3pm. There is no charge for entry but very limited places are available. If you are interested to attend, please respond immediately to the Alumni Office of the University of Sydney.



3. CHINESE STUDIES STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Our major project this year has been an appeal for the Chinese Studies Alumni Bursary Fund through the University's Annual Fund. China's growing economic and political influence makes it vital for Australia to have people highly educated in Chinese language and culture. And it is equally important for China to have leaders who are familiar with Australia. A university student exchange program is the ideal way to achieve this vision. We launched our appeal in May with considerable success but we still need funds to fully implement the exchange scholarship.

In case you missed our original appeal, I am including a gift form with this letter. Your gift, whatever its size, will be received with gratitude and will be put to good use.

4. ALUMNI PICNIC DAY IN NSW!

On a lighter note, I can report that a very successful Alumni Picnic Day was held on 21 July at "Paleesade", the Somersby farm of Mr Lee Chung Hou and Dr Lily Xiaohong Lee. Everyone enjoyed the occasion as you can see if you check our website. Our thanks to the Lees for their warm hospitality.

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