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Editorial

What is good governance? This month we celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen. Her reign reaches the 60th anniversary and is still going strong. In China, the Hu Jin Tao/Wen Jia Bao leadership is due for a review in October. For all Lion Clubs and Districts, June/July is their annual Changeover time.

This year the Lion Clubs International Convention is held in Busan, Korea from 22 to 26 June. The District N5 Changeover is held on 7 July at the Paramatta Leagues Club. The Sydney Chinese Lions Changeover is scheduled for 11 July at Zilver Restaurant. Not all office-bearers of the Club will be changed though, as many are re-elected. Good governance is having right-on-time Changeovers and the luxury of the option of re-appointing the same people.

We wish to thank all the members of the 2011-12 Board for their contribution in help make the Club accomplish a fruitful year. At the same time, we wish to congratulate all the members of the 2012-13 Board for their new office. We encourage each and everyone of them to diligently fulfill their elected port-

folios and to enthusiastically participate in Club meetings and activities.

With the advent of the new Lions year, a new round of annual membership fee of \$150 per member is now due. Please either send a cheque or deposit the amount directly to the Club's bank account: A/C # 197614021, A/C name: The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc, BSB: 012 071 at your earliest convenience.

Congratulations are in order to Lion Dr. Anthony Cheung, Zone Chairman and Past President of our Club, on his taking up of the elected office of Second Vice District Governor of District N5 from the 1 July 2012. Bravo!

The other Clubs in or out of the District: Sydney Innerwest, Sydney Pacific, Sydney Northwest and others will be having their respective Changeovers as well. All these we are obliged to attend and support. Fellow Lions please help to support these functions by signing up to attend some, if not all of them.

The planting project of 500 trees at the Dundundra Falls Reserve has been successfully completed. As previously men-

tioned we have extended the deadline for tree subscriptions to the end of June 2012. Further support from N5 Lions Clubs and individual Lions is more than welcome.

The Teal Ribbon Scholarship 2012 will be presented to the winner(s) at the Sydney Chinese Lions Changeover Dinner. So fellow Lions, don't miss out on the Sydney Chinese Lions Changeover Dinner at Zilver Restaurant on Wednesday, 11 July 2012. RSVP: Lion Bill Wong at wjw2086@gmail.com or mobile 0407 266 896 by 28 June 2012.



Sydney Chinese Lions and Guests at June Members Meeting

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Message from International President

Dear Lions,

When I took office at the international convention in Seattle last July I did not think that I could ever be more proud to be a Lion. I was mistaken. Over the past year all that you have accomplished to make our world a better place has inspired me and made me prouder than ever.

I would say that it borders on the miraculous!

I have always believed that Lions can change the world but this year we did so literally. By planting more than 9.7 million trees we have changed the very face of and altered - for the better - the basic processes that sustain and renew all life on Earth.

A single tree can absorb as much as 48 pounds of carbon dioxide each year and produce enough oxygen to support two human beings. At maturity, the trees planted by Lions will be removing more than 20,000 tons of carbon dioxide and adding enough oxygen to the atmosphere to support almost 17 million people!

We have succeeded in keeping more members within our organization and I believe that following the [My Club, My Family](#) guidelines has helped keep more of them engaged and enthusiastic about their service to others. I have met with more than 10,000 club presidents and seen countless clubs working hard for their communities but also having fun, creating friendships and strengthening the bonds among family members.

I think of Lions Clubs International as the world's biggest family and I hope that the spirit of family unity will be a defining trait of our organization for years to come. Please do all you can to make it so.

I began my year as international president by declaring what I believed. I believed in you and I believed that Lions working together with passion, persistence and creativity could achieve what others believed impossible. I leave the presidency feeling confident that "we" believe those things, both as individual Lions and as an organization. The successes of the past 12 months have proved it.

It is because of your hard work, perseverance and innovative thinking that we have made the 'impossible' possible, and I appreciate all of it. Thank you for all you have done and for the gifts you have given to all humanity. Let's keep up the spirit; we still have a few more weeks to work together.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the [international convention in Busan](#).

Sincerely,

Wing-Kun Tam
International President 2011-2012



**International President
Wing-Kun Tam**

***Sydney Chinese Lions are privileged and honoured to have inducted
International President Wing-Kun Tam as Associate Member on 26 June 2010***

Message from the Chairperson of Lions Clubs International Foundation

Dear Lions,

I am amazed and proud of all that Lions Clubs International Foundation has accomplished this past year with your help. The clubs and projects that Judy and I had an opportunity to visit while I was Chairperson showed us just how much our Foundation gives hope and needed services to people around the world.

Through our commitment to help [eliminate measles](#), Lions and LCIF are responding to the challenge set forth by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to raise US\$10 million. By now, you should know the impact a single vaccine can have for a child - it can save the child's life and prevent serious complications that come with measles for just US\$1.

I thank our [generous donors](#) who have contributed to the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative. As the year ends, there is still work to be done to meet the Gates Foundation's challenge grant. In the upcoming Lion's year, I urge everyone to make a donation or hold a fundraiser for measles. We can help save 157 million children alongside our partners. What an accomplishment that will be!

Our other programs also have a significant impact around the world. As LCIF's flagship youth program, [Lions Quest](#) not only added new countries this year, teaching even more students positive life skills; it also gained new partnerships, like the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and tested new programs, like Out-of-School Time.

Our [SightFirst](#) program expanded its reach through SightFirst China Action III, now addressing issues like eliminating blinding trachoma and improving low vision services. LCIF also continues important sight saving work with partners like Bausch + Lomb, Johnson & Johnson and the World Health Organization. With these partners, we work to combat childhood blindness.

The Foundation's [disaster relief](#) efforts show that Lions not only respond to immediate emergencies, but are also there as long as it takes to help give disaster victims their lives back: a new nursing school was completed in Haiti two years after an earthquake; a new school was built in Louisiana, USA, seven years after a hurricane; and needed relief continues to be provided in places like Japan one year after an earthquake and tsunami, and in Thailand after severe flooding.

It has been an honor to serve as your Foundation's Chairperson, and as a Lion. I thank you all for your support.

Serving together today for a better tomorrow,

Sid Scruggs III
Chairperson
Lions Club International Foundation



International 2nd Vice President Joe Preston Inducted as Associate Member of Sydney Chinese Lions

At the 95th Lions Clubs International Convention at Busan in June 2012, Sydney Chinese Lions have the honor and privilege of inducting International Second Vice President as their sixth Associate Member. The Induction Ceremony was conducted at a joint meeting of Sydney Chinese Lions and their Twin Club, San Francisco Chinatown Lions. Lion Preston was invited to the meeting as a Guest of Honor. Other Guests of Honor included Mrs Joni Preston and PID John Walker of Arizona.

To date, Sydney Chinese Lions have 6 Associate Members. They include International President Wayne Madden, Immediate Past International President Wing-Kun Tam, International First Vice President Barry Palmer, International Second Vice President Joe Preston, Past International President Sid Scruggs III and PID Tapani Rhako of Finland.

ESSAY COMPETITION

TO CELEBRATE THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF AUSTRALIA-CHINA DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

The China Studies Centre of the University of Sydney is organising a young person's essay competition to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Australia-China diplomatic relations.



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The competition is designed to encourage Australian and Chinese young people up to the age of 25 to engage with each other and thereby strengthen mutual understanding and ensure future collaboration between the two countries.

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

- The theme of the essay should be 'The Australia-China relationship and its future'.
- You can submit one essay only, written in either Chinese or English.
- The maximum character count for the Chinese essay is 2000 characters. For the English essay, the maximum is 2500 words.
- For both for the Chinese and English essays, one First Prize will be awarded, along with two Second Prizes, and two Third Prizes.

HOW TO APPLY

- Applicant can download the application form from www.sydney.edu.au/china_studies_centre
- Completed application form together with the essay should reach the China Studies Centre email csc.events@sydney.edu.au on or before 15 August 2012.

ESSAY ASSESSEMENT PANELS

- A separate panel of experts will judge the Chinese essays and the English essays. Each panel will consist of five members drawn from universities, chaired by a leading member of the China Studies Centre.
- The decision of assessment panels will be final.

AWARDS

- For both the Chinese and English essays, First Prize is a cash award of A\$3000; Second Prize is A\$2000; Third Prize is A\$1000. All winners who attend the competition award ceremony will receive a travel allowance of A\$1000, as well as a visit to the University of Sydney, and their essay will be included in the brochure of *the 40th anniversary of Australia-China diplomatic relations essay competition*.

The China Studies Centre will inform the competition winners individually around mid-September. Winners will also be invited to participate in the competition's award ceremony and cocktail reception in Sydney on 13 November 2012, where they can share their essays and thoughts with guests and media on this very happy occasion.

Confirmed guests of honour for the award ceremony include the Governor of New South Wales, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, also Chancellor of the University of Sydney; and the University's Vice-Chancellor, Dr Michael Spence.



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慶祝中國—澳大利亞建交 40周年徵文比賽

澳大利亞和中國在很多不同的領域都有着良好的合作關係。為了加強兩國年輕人彼此的了解，悉尼大學中國研究中心在中澳建交40周年之際，現舉辦一個以「中澳關係未來發展」為主題的大型中英文徵文比賽，歡迎所有25歲或以下澳大利亞及中國的青少年參加，一起見證這歷史性的一刻。



徵文比賽詳情

- 參賽文章需以「中澳關係未來發展」為主題，文章題目則不限。
- 每名參賽者只可提交一編中文或英文文章。
- 中文文章字數上限為2,000字，英文文章字數上限為2,500字。
- 設中英文兩個組別，每組設冠軍1名、亞軍2名、季軍2名。

報名方法

- 參賽者可於中國研究中心網址 (www.sydney.edu.au/china_studies_centre) 下載報名表格。
- 填妥之報名表格連同參賽文章必須於2012年8月15日前電郵至 csc.events@sydney.edu.au。

評判團

- 設中英文兩個組別評判團，各由五位資深大學教授學者組成。悉尼大學中國研究中心將邀請其他大學教授擔任評判，而評判團主席則由悉尼大學中國研究中心教授擔任。
- 徵文比賽賽果將由評判團作最終決定。

徵文比賽獎品

- 包括現金獎（冠軍澳幣三千元/亞軍澳幣二千元/季軍澳幣一千元）、所有出席頒獎典禮的獲獎者將另外獲得澳幣一千元旅遊津貼、獲獎文章被編入慶祝中澳建交40周年徵文比賽特刊內、及參觀悉尼大學校園。

悉尼大學中國研究中心將於九月中旬各別通知徵文比賽獲獎者，並將邀請其親臨悉尼參加將於2012年11月13日舉行的頒獎典禮及酒會，與嘉賓、媒體分享獲獎文章及感受。（頒獎典禮主禮嘉賓包括新南威爾斯州總督，悉尼大學榮譽校長瑪麗·巴什爾教授閣下及悉尼大學校長邁克爾·斯賓塞博士。）



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We Serve

The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. is a member of Lions Clubs International, an international non profit community service organization, upholding a common motto "WE SERVE". Today, there are Lions clubs in 206 countries and geographical areas all over the world. In District 201N5, which covers the Sydney area and Norfolk Island, there are some 76 clubs with around 1,750 members. Amongst these, there are around 7 Chinese-based clubs. Sydney Chinese Lions is the first of these Chinese-based clubs chartered in April 1995.

Over the past sixteen years, under the leadership of President Mei Cheng, Past President Dr Anthony Cheung and other Past Presidents, in conjunction with the relentless effort of its members, and on top of all these, the generous donations and sponsorships received from the community, the club has donated over \$500,000 to a number of charities including Lions Clubs International Foundation, the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia, St John (NSW), the Australian Red Cross, Care-Flight, the Sir David Martin Foundation, the Fred Hollows Foundation, Westmead and Concord Hospitals, the Children's Mobility (Hart Walker) Foundation and the Elderly Australian Chinese Homes. Thousands have reaped the benefits. The club is also mindful of encouraging young adults to participate in humanitarian services, hence, between 2003 and 2011, it has been offering its humanitarian scholarships. In 2009, they set up the Sydney Chinese Lions Teal Ribbon Scholars Scheme to promote and facilitate experience sharing between medical doctors and medical personnel of the People's Republic of China and Australia.

Visit us at our Award Winning Website
www.sydneychineselions.org.au

Upcoming Events

| Function | Venue/ Dress Code | Date & Time | Cost per person |
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| District Changeover LCI District 201N5 | Parramatta Leagues Club | Saturday 7 July 2012 7:00 for 7:30pm | \$50 per person |
| Sydney Chinese Lions Changeover 2012 <i>(Club Meeting on Wednesday, 4 July cancelled)</i> Sydney Chinese Lions | Zilver Restaurant Chinatown | Wednesday 11 July 2012 7:00 for 7:30pm | \$50 per person |
| August Members Meeting Sydney Chinese Lions | Zilver Restaurant Chinatown | Wednesday 1 August 2012 | \$30 per person |
| District N5 Convention LCI District 201N5 | Lithgow | November 2012 | Free Registration Travelling, etc, extra |