

45th ANNIVERSARY SYMPOSIUM

New Zealand's Relationship with China **Past, Present and Future**

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Hunter Council Chamber,
Victoria University of Wellington,
Wellington, New Zealand



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Symposium Note

In the 45 years since the establishment of diplomatic relations on 22 December 1972, New Zealand's ties with China have gone from being a link to a largely unknown country, to one of a New Zealand's most important relationships. Xi Jinping called it a "comprehensive strategic partnership." Premier Li Keqiang said the relationship is "the best it has ever been". But questions are being asked about how far New Zealand can expect China to be the anchor for our continued prosperity. Does the next generation of New Zealanders see tensions and questions that will need to be considered and debated?

To mark this anniversary, a group of New Zealand-China related organisations will hold a symposium to reflect on the history and development of the relationship, examine its impact on New Zealand, and look at how it might evolve in the future. There will be a particular focus on the next generation of participants who will increasingly define this relationship, its politics and economics, and the growing importance of China capability and people-to-people connections to it.

Programme

8.30am Registration

9.00am Welcome

Tony Browne

Chair, Confucius Institute at Victoria University

9.05am Keynote Speaker

Rt Hon. Winston Peters

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs State-Owned Enterprises and Racing

XIE Yuan

Vice President, Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC)

9.35am The Early Years: Objectives, Expectations, Modus Operandi Speaker

Christopher Elder

Former Ambassador to China, Senior Fellow, New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre, Victoria University of Wellington

10.15am Morning tea

10.30am The Middle Years: The Relationship Deepens

Speakers

Michael Powles

Former Ambassador to China and to the United Nations, Senior Fellow, Centre for Strategic Studies, Victoria University of Wellington

Siah Hwee Ang

BNZ Chair in Business in Asia, School of Marketing and International Business, Victoria University of Wellington

11.15am Next Generation

Speakers

Nathalie Harrington, *Solicitor, Russell McVeagh*

Naisi Chen, *Board Member, New Zealand China Council Advisory Board*

Charlie Gao, *Partner, Mahon China Investment Management Ltd*

Danielle Thian, *Senior Analyst, PricewaterhouseCoopers New Zealand*

Jason Young, *Acting Director, New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre, Victoria University of Wellington*

12.15am Concluding Remarks

Professor Brian Moloughney

Professor of Chinese History, University of Otago, Associate Director, New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre

12.30pm Lunch

