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OLD FRIENDS REUNITED AT NZTC AFTER DECADE APART



The world is full of uncanny coincidences and recently New Zealand Tertiary College (NZTC) experienced their own.

NZTC educates a number of international students from around the globe, welcoming them to New Zealand and assisting them in familiarising themselves with their new surroundings, but an unexpected reunion of two old friends from China after ten years apart was a wholly unplanned part of the NZTC orientation week.

Wendy Zhun and Lina Wang studied English education together at the Capital Normal University in Beijing, China, from 2001 – 2005. They were constantly in touch with each other during this period, but upon graduation life got busy and the women fell out of contact as they pursued careers teaching children aged 12-18 years.

After some soul searching both women discovered that their passion lay with early childhood education, as Lina was inspired by her three year old daughter to teach young children, and Wendy by the children she dreams of having in the future.

The two women were speechless when they spotted each

other from across the room at the NZTC welcome *pōhiri*. Wendy excitedly ran to Lina, with the pair in utter disbelief that they had found themselves reunited on the other side of the world after having not seen each other for over a decade.

Although they aren't currently studying the same qualifications (Wendy is studying towards a Postgraduate Diploma in Education (ECE) and Lina is pursuing a Graduate Diploma in Teaching (ECE)), the two women are looking forward to exploring the sights of Auckland together with their families.

They have been loving the Kiwi lifestyle and culture so far, especially Wendy who is a huge fan of the outdoors with hiking being her favourite pastime. She and her husband have even joined a hiking group which meets every fortnight to conquer a new mountain.

Both women are thoroughly enjoying the friendly, laidback Kiwi culture and they continue to be astounded by how often Kiwis greet each other on the street, even strangers!

As Wendy and Lina's paths have realigned, so too have their goals, with both women aspiring to find a job in an early childhood centre and live in New Zealand with their families long term.

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NZTC explores ECE opportunities in Malaysia and Thailand



UNITAR International University

Business Operations Manager, James Ward, recently travelled to Malaysia and Thailand to assess the opportunities for NZTC to recruit students and deliver early childhood education qualifications.

James began his trip by meeting with representatives from Setset Education, one of NZTC's educational partners. He established that there is a need for early childhood qualifications in Malaysia. Setset and NZTC identified an opportunity to promote NZTC qualifications for students who wish to stay in Malaysia and study. Setset will promote NZTC qualifications studied via *NZTC Online* in their seminars presented to schools and colleges in Malaysia.

James then met with Pua Chee Ling, Director of Operations and Quah Hooi Ching, Academic Head of Dika College in Kuala Lumpur. Dika College is exploring degree options for their

diploma graduates and with 200 students graduating each year, the NZTC Bachelor of Education (ECE) would be a welcome extension to the qualifications currently offered at their college. Discussions are continuing.

James also visited UNITAR International University to meet with the National Association of Early Care and Education Malaysia. The association was set up under the auspices of the World Forum Foundation for the Care and Education of Young Children to promote early childhood education in Malaysia. The members are leading academics, managers and owners in early



Dika College graduates

childhood education. James received valuable information about early childhood education in Malaysia. The Association introduced NZTC to UNITAR International University who hosted the meeting. The university is interested in cooperation with NZTC.

James finished his Malaysian tour by meeting with Education New Zealand's Market Development Manager, Jane Goh. He presented NZTC's qualifications to her and discussed the possibility of obtaining their support. She was enthusiastic about NZTC's offerings and keen to explore the online study options for Malaysia.

James then went to Thailand where he met with Education New Zealand's Market Development Manager, Chortip Pramoolpol. She was supportive and arranged visits for James to two New Zealand education consultants - NZ Study (Thailand) and Hearts and Minds International Education. The meetings introduced NZTC to the Thai market.



The Setset team

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NZTC travels throughout India

Our Marketing Manager (India), Sanjay Jain, recently travelled around India showcasing the opportunities to study early childhood education in New Zealand with NZTC.

Sanjay visited ten cities in just thirteen working days, meeting with 51 agents (existing and new), as well as prospective students interested in applying for the October intake.

The tour was a great success as Sanjay continues to receive study applications from the people he met with during his trip.

The next visits to Indian cities are scheduled for August/September 2015.



Sanjay with prospective student Vimila



International students visit Auckland Museum

REMINDER! JULY INTAKE CLOSING SOON

Our July intake will commence on Monday 20 July 2015 with an orientation week for our new international students.

NOTE: All new students are expected to arrive in New Zealand prior to the orientation dates. Students should be prepared to fully participate in the orientation relevant to their first semester of study at NZTC.

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