

## Student News

### Rock Fishing Trip

On 13th October 2019, the NZCEL Level 5 class and family went on a rock fishing trip at Whatipu Beach, in West Auckland. The class had downloaded the NZ Fishing app that lets them know the rock fishing guide and limit of each shellfish. Gumboots on, paired with gloves and buckets, the students collected huge green mussels, knobbed whelks, kina and some starfish. They also saw a wild seal resting on the rocks! The class learnt a lot of new words related to fishing and marine life. It was a great Kiwi experience for everyone involved!



### Birthday Surprise from our students!

On 24th October 2019, the NZCEL Level 5 students threw a surprise birthday party for their teacher Anne with a Black Forest cake from Gateau House, Surprise!

Happy birthday to Anne and thanks to all of the students involved for their amazing planning and delicious cake!



# UUNZ

Institute of Business

### Farm Trip



On 29th October 2019, both the NZCEL Level 5 and the General English classes went to a farm trip in Waiheke Island. They were welcomed by some local farmers, Sue and Malcolm, who showed the students around their farm and introduced them to their culture. Sue and Malcolm showed their dairy cows, sheep, horse, bees, chickens and birds! The class also got to see the shearing shed and learnt the process of shearing, as well as the process of dairy farming. What's even more fun is that Sue is a dog trainer, including those for the police. When the students were at Sue's, her trained police dog, Ella, also welcomed everyone and tagged along with the students throughout the farm trip.

## Event

### End of Year Christmas Party



This year's annual staff Christmas party was held at the ground floor of UUNZ. Our staff enjoyed a lovely shared lunch together to celebrate the end of the year and the Christmas holiday. UUNZ CEO Dr Jimmy Chen and Director Catherine Zhang delivered speeches to address the achievement of the past year and our new goal for the upcoming year of 2020. We wish everyone a happy new year!

### New Year Meeting

The beginning of a new year is the time for UUNZ staff members to gather and discuss about upcoming activities and pastoral care for students. The meeting was held at the 7th floor board room on the 15th of January 2020, with members from various departments in UUNZ engaging in a meaningful and exciting session. All members involved were optimistic of the future of UUNZ.



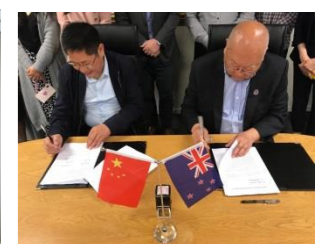
### Visiting Students from China

UUNZ would like to welcome the 3 visiting students from Zhejiang Yuexiu University of Foreign Languages for participating in a one month English study tour at UUNZ. The 3 tri-lingual students majored in Spanish in China and have exchanged a lot of insightful opinions during the class upon their arrival. It was very nice to hear about their passions in the field of linguistics and Western languages.



### New Partnership

UUNZ welcomed a delegation of the heads and representatives from Shanxi College of Applied Science and Technology from China, led by Chancellor Xinghang Song featuring the start of a new partnership between the two institutions in the field of vocational education. UUNZ CEO Dr Jimmy Chen and Chancellor Xinghang Song discussed future collaboration opportunities and Mr Song expressed their enthusiasm to cooperate with UUNZ on international strategies through encouraging the field of vocational education and exchange programmes. Both parties signed an MOU on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November 2019.



## Shared Lunch



To celebrate the exciting beginning of a prosperous new year, UUNZ arranged a shared lunch with some delicious pizzas and sushi for our staff. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the lunch and had some great expectations for the year 2020.

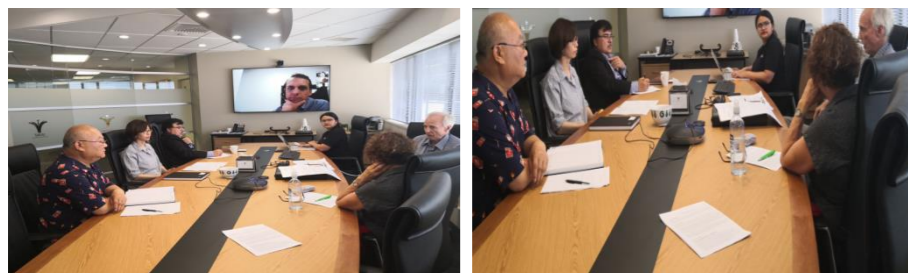
## Exchange Programme Completion



Congratulations to the 3 Shanghai Business School students for successfully completing their 6 months exchange programme at UUNZ! UUNZ wishes them the best in their future studies back in China.

## Research and Ethics Committee Meeting

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of January, UUNZ Research and Ethics committee has hosted a meeting on level 7 board room to discuss about the strategic plan on research and ethical standards.



## Career Development

One of our staff members Vikram has recently attended a career development session to learn about the latest changes in his field of expertise. He decided to share his experience with us.

“It was very interesting and a different experience to work on a real Voice Enabled application during the "Alexa skills development" workshop. I got a chance to meet with people from big companies and people itself from Amazon Australia. It was quit exciting to see how the industry is using Cloud, IOT and Voice services to automate business including rapidly growing automotive “voice enabled and self driving cars” industry and enhance user experience using emerging technologies.”

“I successfully developed an Amazon "Alexa skill" and published to the Amazon Australia skill store. This can be downloaded from amazon Australia on Alexa enabled devices.”

[https://www.amazon.com.au/DTMelite-Maori-Culture-Facts/dp/B07WX7DGJT/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?keywords=maori&qid=1566858201&s=digital-skills&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.com.au/DTMelite-Maori-Culture-Facts/dp/B07WX7DGJT/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=maori&qid=1566858201&s=digital-skills&sr=1-1)



## Academic Achievement

Congratulations to our Head of Language Department Jenny Yao for successfully completing her PHD degree at University of Auckland!

She specialised in education assessment and is also an experienced English Teacher.



## Visiting LIT

On the 19th of December 2019, UUNZ CEO Jimmy Chen and accompanying delegation visited Luoyang Institute of Technology to discuss about future collaboration and partnership opportunities. Both Institutions aimed to strengthen international links in promoting and developing more academic, cultural and research collaboration. After reaching a simultaneous agreement and to nurture better friendship and co-operation in future, both Institutions signed a Memorandum of Understanding. LIT Chancellor Mr Meirong Zhu with other delegates from both institutions witnessed the signing ceremony.

