

UUNZ NEWSLETTER

News

Celebrating 1 year of WSET@UUNZ

The second half-year of 2019 has been amazing and is a time to reflect on good things, such as our WINE TASTING COURSE! During October, we celebrated 1 year of delivering this international certificate and it's popularity and has successfully taken place once again at UUNZ. This time the class included both Level 1 and Level 2. The students thoroughly enjoyed the wine tasting class and the class content was carefully crafted and designed by our WSET wine tasting expert Ms Rachel Wang who flew again from Shanghai to join with Mr Allen Wu our local tutor based in NZ.



UUNZ Graduation 2019

The 2019 Graduation Ceremony was again held at our annual venue, The Great Room, Cordis on Sunday 15th September. All Graduates participated fully in the ceremony, featuring an outstanding speech from Jia Mengdie, a challenge to the graduates from Dhiren Singh and a closing prayer by Tanya Chang. In his congratulatory speech, CEO, Dr Jinming Chen challenged us all to think positively - 'glass half full' and to keep pursuing knowledge beyond graduation to make a difference in the world.

Congratulations to all the UUNZ Class of 2019 Graduates!



UUNZ Staff Research Update



Dr Ahmed Al Sa'di, UUNZ's inhouse Information Systems Lecturer recently had a research paper accepted for the International Conference on Information Technology and Digital Applications in Indonesia. The title of his paper was "Utilising Usability Methods To Evaluate User Interface Design of Student Support Website" – a joint research paper with several other Academics- Rasmus Bugge Skammelsen, Qiang Ji, Aakarsh Bhogadi, Yufeng Xiang and Sathish Kumar Kuppusamy.

Congratulations to Dr Ahmed for an amazing achievement!

Happy Diwali@UUNZ

UUNZ celebrated the Diwali festival to embrace our multi-cultural community here. We interviewed one of our students Avneel Prasad to briefly explain the meaning of Diwali and what it means to him personally.

"Diwali is the festival of "light", religiously it is to fight against evil and to celebrate with families. To me, Diwali is not just the festival of "light" but also a day a day of reunion and to get rid of the bad things. It is a very essential part in Indian culture because it brings a lot of joyful experiences and we get to gather together with our families, have a big feast and share some of our stories together."



Maori Language Week

On Thursday 12th September 2019, the General English Class attended the Maori Language Week parade at Maungakiekie (One Tree Hill). It was a fine spring day with a cool breeze as the class walked up and around the hill with hundreds of New Zealand school kids, listened to speeches, and were lucky to see to some cultural performances.

For some students, it was the first time they'd ever seen a haka performed, and it was a nice way for them to learn about Maori culture in an authentic context.



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UUNZ Alumni Update

We would like to Congratulate our recent graduate Gurwinder Kaur on being offered the position of Business Performance Analyst at Auckland Council. Gurwinder came in to thank UUNZ for the support provided. She recommended the courses she studied at UUNZ as very hands-on and practical.



Shaoxing University Exchange Program

UUNZ warmly welcomed a group of 24 Exchange Students from Shaoxing University, China in August 2019 for a 2 week English Study Tour in Auckland. The students explored the greater Auckland upon their arrival and UUNZ hosted a personalised welcome ceremony orientation for the students to help them settle down and adjust comfortably to the campus and new environment. During their stay, the students visited the Sky Tower, One Tree Hill, Western Springs and other local attractions. At the end of the exchange program, UUNZ invited The National Party Associate Spokesperson for Tertiary Education, Mr Simeon Brown MP to present the certificates of participation to the exchange students in a short but meaningful closing ceremony.

We wish them all the very best in their future endeavours!



Shanghai Business School Exchange



On 17th of August 2019, a delegation of 6 teachers from Shanghai Business School visited UUNZ for a 1 week Exchange Training Program.

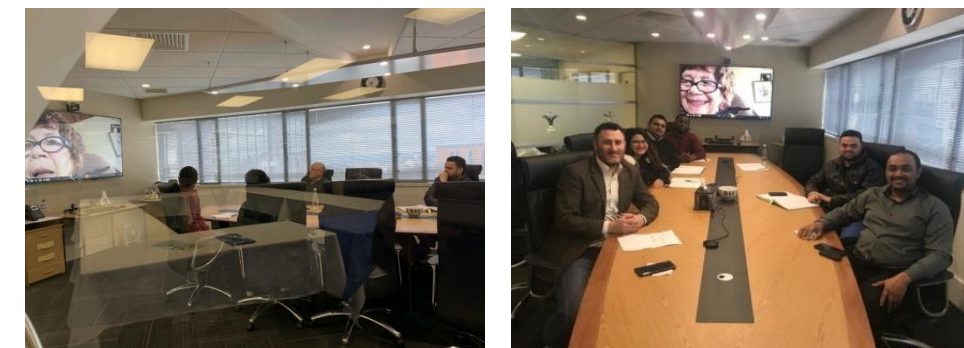
70th Anniversary of the PRC

On 1st of October 2019, UUNZ CEO, Dr Jinming Chen was invited as a guest of honour by the Chinese Government to attend the Celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the People's Republic of China at Tiananmen Square, Beijing. The Anniversary was commemorated with a grand military parade as the highlight to mark the most important event in the National Calendar of China.



UUNZ In-house Research Team Meeting

On 13th of September 2019 the UUNZ in-house Research Team Meeting was held on the 7th Floor Board Room, chaired by Dr Kay Fielden, Research Leader at UUNZ. All members engaged in a meaningful session and were enthusiastic to express their desires to maintain a healthy research environment at UUNZ.



Sanmenxia College of Social Administration and UUNZ Signs MOU



On 26th of September 2019, UUNZ CEO Dr Jimmy Chen and accompanying delegation were hosted by President of Sanmenxia College of Social Administration, Ms Qinhong Li. Both parties signed a partnership MOU marking the start of a future relationship between both Institutions in the fields of International Education and Vocational Training.