

UUNZ NEWSLETTER

News

UUNZ Online

Since March 23rd classes at UUNZ have been conducted online due to Covid-19 restrictions. UUNZ conducted trial runs on March 19th and 20th with Sharifah (Anne)'s English class. Vikram and Joseph set up Zoom links and provided technical support to other staff when the service was extended to all UUNZ classes.



Our Student Support Team have stayed in touch with students via email, social media and phone calls since then to provide support. A survey conducted after 3 weeks showed that students are happy with the new system – some even prefer distance learning to be maintained for as long as possible to ensure social distancing. A few, however, would like to see their teachers and friends face to face instead of through a screen. Hope everyone is keeping safe!



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Programme Approvals



This is a lovely photo (left) taken of the first class reunion of students on the revised programme with their teachers Anne and Jenny.

We are delighted to announce that UUNZ has been approved to deliver the revised version of NZCEL [New Zealand Certificate in English Language] Level 5 and in May our NZCEL Level 4 programme was also approved for delivery. A huge Thank you to Dr Graeme Sterne, Dr Jenny Yao and Anne who managed this process for UUNZ. Completion of NZCEL Level 5 allows for entry into Postgraduate Programmes while NZCEL Level 4 is for Undergraduate Entry. We will be releasing more news regarding course enrolments as the Semester progresses. Please continue to watch this space!

WSET Levels 1 & 2 Classes 2020

2020 marks the second year in which UUNZ has been delivering the WSET Levels 1 and 2 Award in Wines as part of our Vocational Training strand. Due to the Covid-19 situation this year, we have had to transition between face-to-face and online course delivery. The students have thoroughly enjoyed all classes and we have received some remarkable feedback. Thank you to our Educators: Rachel, Allen and Juming, and our UUNZ support team who have worked tireless hours behind scenes to coordinate the work. Teamwork is key! Well Done!



WSET Levels 1 & 2 Cont.



Jobs For UUNZ Students

A 2020 annual Student Job Search (SJS) report showed that, during the 2019 Academic Year, for every 53 UUNZ students that applied for jobs while studying, 67 Job Offers were received for these students. That is 1.6 jobs per student! This ranks UUNZ as having one of the highest job placement rates among Auckland Tertiary Institutions.

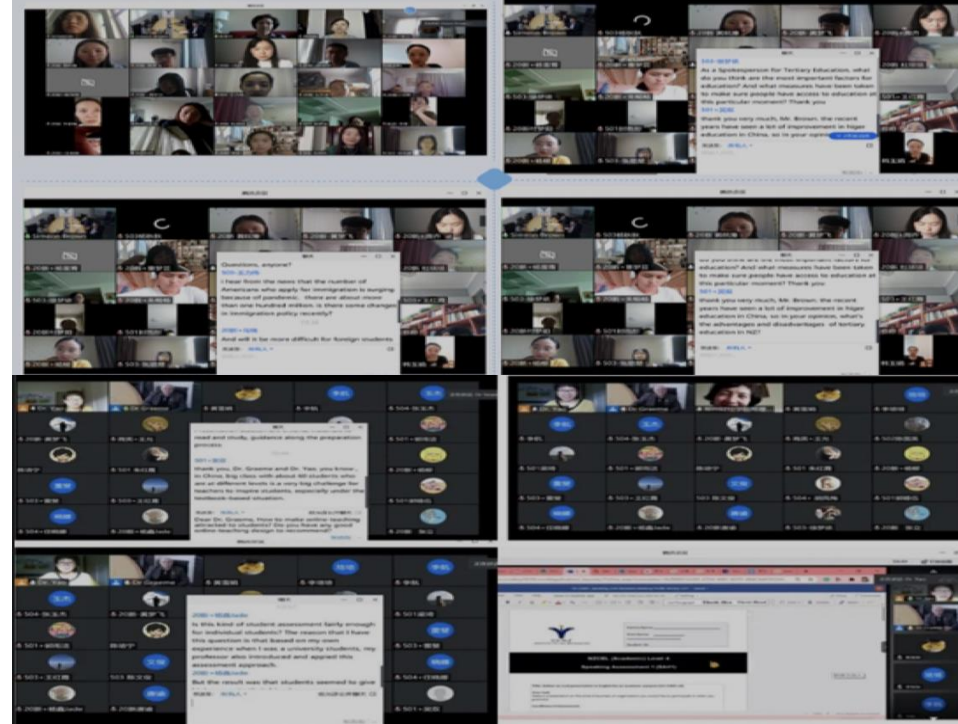


UUNZ – ZZIFE Teachers' Training Online Programme 2020

From the period between July to August, UUNZ Institute of Business (UUNZ) and Zhengzhou Institute of Finance and Economics (ZZIFE) officially launched the English Teachers' Training Online Program 2020. UUNZ CEO - Dr Jimmy Chen, COO– Dr Graeme Sterne and Program Leader – Dr Jenny Yao were in attendance at the Opening Ceremony via Zoom. This marked the second time UUNZ has conducted the training programme as part of the Vocational Training strand in partnership with ZZIFE. It was outlined that this program will allow the teachers to consistently upskill their teaching ability, maximise teaching and research outcomes and provide a robust foundation for future international expansion for the organisation.

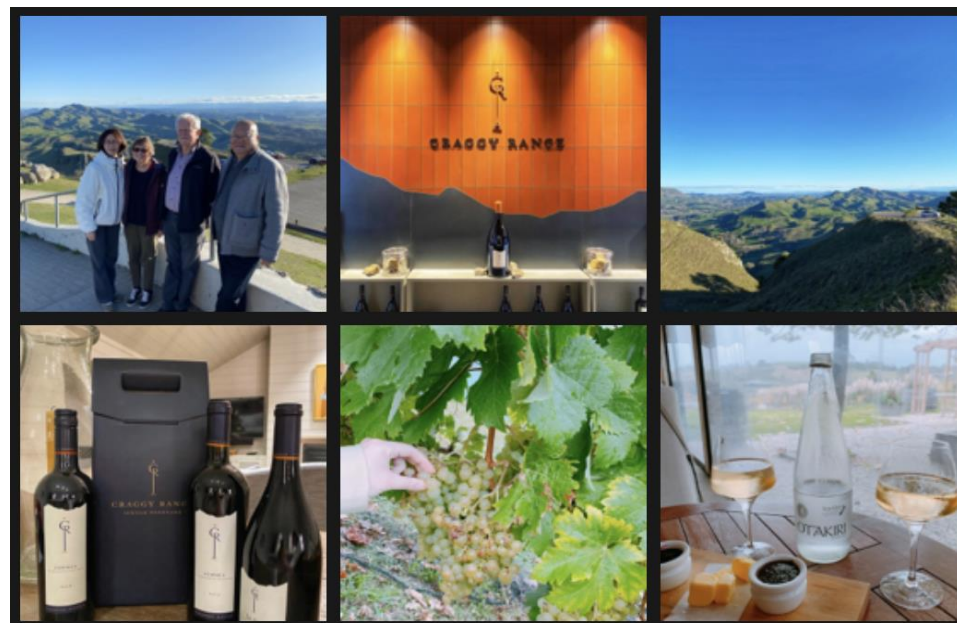
As part of the programme, UUNZ hosted several key-note speaker workshop sessions with: Mr Simeon Brown MP, Ms Sharon Stewart, Company Director of Love My New Zealand, and Marion Kepeti-Edwards, from Ngati Wai. This was delivered to an audience of 97 very enthusiastic English Teachers at Zhengzhou Institute of Finance and Economics. The sessions were hosted by Dr Graeme Sterne, COO and Dr Jenny Yao, Program Leader of UUNZ and conducted through Voov (similar to Zoom).

UUNZ – ZZIFE Programme in Action



Vocational Training: Field Visit

During Mid-July, The UUNZ Team visited the the Hawke's Bay Havelock North region to meet with David Bromwich (National President of the New Zealand China Friendship Society) to discuss Vocational Training initiatives that his organisation was currently undertaking, primarily targeting the rural areas of China and how to partner with UUNZ's Vocational Course offerings. The Team also visited several famous wineries in the region, notably, Craggy Range as part of potential interests for the WSET programme.



★ ★ ★ Updates

Editor of the Month: Dr Kay Fielden

UUNZ's Research Leader, Dr Kay Fielden has been nominated Editor of the Month for the International organisation: Informing Science Institute. She is currently the senior editor for two academic journals: Informing Science and The Journal of Information Technology Education: Research.

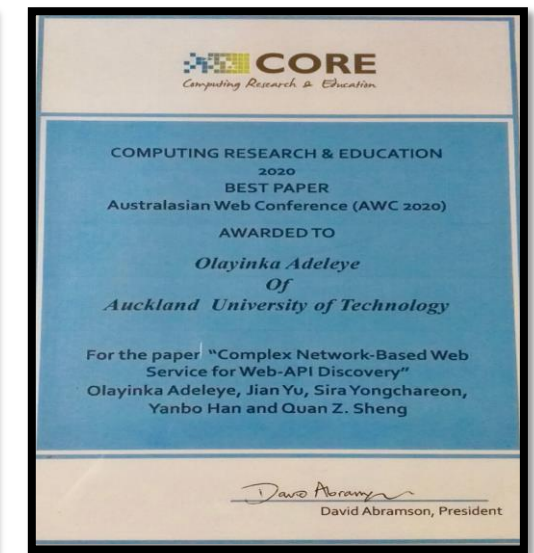
Dr Kay (Right) is also a key member on UUNZ's Research Ethics Committee and on the UUNZ Academic Board.

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Congratulations!



Research Activity Update



Congratulations Olayinka!

UUNZ lecturer, Olayinka Adeleye, produced the best paper at the Australasian Web Conference in Melbourne Australia on 5th February 2020. His paper was on Complex Network-Based Web Service for Web-API Discovery. Olayinka is currently completing his PhD through AUT University