28 October 2003

The Honourable Alexander Downer MP
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister

On behalf of the board of the Australia-China Council, I am pleased to submit the Council's annual report for the period 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003.

Yours sincerely

John Yu AC
Chair
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Members of the Australia-China Council in Shanghai with Australian Foreign Minister, Mr Alexander Downer (centre), presenting an Australia-China Council Award to Professor Huang Yuanshen (Mr Downer's right), President of China's Australian Studies Association.
Chairman’s Message

In May 2003 we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Australia–China Council. Our 25th anniversary followed the December 2002 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Australia and the People’s Republic of China. Over the past 25 years the Council has played an important role in broadening the range of exchanges between Australia and China beyond traditional areas of official contact. In the 2002–03 financial year, the Council launched new Youth Exchange, Australian Studies and Residency initiatives. The Council also presented a second set of Australia–China Council Awards to people who have made significant contributions to the bilateral relationship and the inaugural Alice Tay Human Rights Award.

It has been an eventful year for China with a change in leadership which started at the 16th Communist Party Congress in November 2002 and was completed at the 10th National People’s Congress in March 2003. The new leadership was immediately confronted with a major outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). The impact of SARS on China, Hong Kong and Taiwan resulted in the cancellation of some Council projects, but overall these were only minor disruptions to the Council’s programs.

Regular high-level exchanges demonstrate the strength of the Australia–China relationship. In 2003, our Prime Minister visited China and President Hu Jintao visited Australia. During their respective visits, both leaders commented on the importance of cultural exchange and people-to-people contacts.

The rapid increase in trade between our countries and in the numbers of Chinese students and tourists visiting Australia is changing the nature of the relationship. The steady inflow of Chinese-speaking migrants—Chinese is now the second most widely-spoken language in Australia after English—also impacts on the relationship’s dynamics. The role of the Council in promoting people-to-people relations is evolving to complement these changes as we focus on new areas where we believe more encouragement is needed in promoting contacts between and knowledge about our two countries.

Over the past year the Council has expanded more of its programs to cover all of greater China. In 2003, the Council started a new Young Business Scholars in Taiwan Program to complement the Young Business Scholars in China Program. In an expansion of our successful Beijing Residence Awards program, in 2002 the Council offered the first Taipei Residence Awards based at the Taipei Artist Village. This new award provides Australian artists with the opportunity to pursue Taiwan-related projects and establish contact with Taiwanese in similar fields. A reciprocal agreement
assists Taiwanese artists to visit Australia. In November 2003, the Council will also start new residencies in Shanghai and Hong Kong.

In 2003, we reviewed and consolidated the Council’s two biggest program areas, Youth Exchange and Australian Studies in China. The two Youth Exchange programs that promote the study of Chinese in Australian high schools were renamed the China Experience and Year in China programs.

The Council conducted a review of its administrative processes in 2002 and decided to move from organizing its work through committees to a program structure with various Council members responsible for each program. The Council’s 2003–06 Strategic Plan, included at the back of this report, has individual program strategies and an outline of the Council’s funding policy. To improve the quality of its annual reports, the Council has adopted a new performance information framework with an outcome and outputs structure. In order to publicise better the Council’s activities, we have expanded the Council’s web site to provide more information about our programs.

I thank Council members for their contribution to the Council’s work over the past year through giving their time generously to participate in meetings and selection processes for the Council’s programs. The development of Council initiatives and implementation of Council decisions depends on our Secretariat and I thank the Secretariat Manager and Project Officer for their dedicated work over the past year. I also thank other officers in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Australia’s Embassy in Beijing; Consulates-General in Shanghai, Guangzhou and Hong Kong; and the Australian Commerce and Industry Office in Taipei for their support.

John Yu AC
Chair
Council Overview

The Australia–China Council (ACC) was established by an Executive Council Order in 1978 and reports to the Minister for Foreign Affairs. The Order-In-Council outlines the ACC’s purpose and functions (Appendix D). The ACC’s aims and objectives were restated in the 2003–06 Strategic Plan adopted by the Council in November 2002 (Appendix C).

Australia–China Council Mission Statement and Key Objectives

To broaden and deepen relations between Australia and China by:

• Fostering in Australia and China greater awareness and understanding of each other’s countries.
• Developing and expanding the areas of contact and exchange between Australia and China and their people.

Key objectives are to:

• Initiate, develop and support activities consistent with the stated objectives, strategies and priorities within the Council’s program areas (Appendix C).
• Stress ACC-initiated programs and activities, rather than requests for one-off funding, giving priority to promoting Australia in China.
• Promote complementarities between the Council’s different program areas.
• Maintain some flexibility so as to support new initiatives brought to the Council by other bodies.
• Provide seed funding to projects most likely to produce continuous benefits.
• Monitor, review and modify programs as necessary to ensure the best match between outcomes and Council objectives.
• Complement, rather than duplicate, the activities of other institutions active in Australia–China relations.
• Comply with all Australian Government financial requirements.

Membership

The 1978 Order-in-Council and subsequent amendments provide that the ACC shall consist of a Chair and no less than four other members. Members are appointed by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
Council members are drawn from various sectors of the Australian community. Members are selected to ensure over time the Council is broadly representative of the community and that it also reflects specific areas of expertise and experience relevant to the development of Australia–China relations.

The Chair of the Council may be appointed for up to five years and other members for terms of up to three years. Members may be re-appointed.

**Members of the Australia–China Council as at 30 June 2003**

**Chair:**
Dr John Yu AC, Chancellor, University of New South Wales—appointed as member for three years from 30 June 1997 then appointed as Chair for three years from 11 October 2000.

**Deputy Chair:**
Ms Dinah Dysart, visual arts writer, editor and curator, Sydney—appointed as member for three years from 4 February 1998 and re-appointed as member for three years from 27 September 2001.

**Members:**
Mr John Allen, Carlisle Partners Pty, Sydney—appointed for three years from 4 February 1998 and re-appointed for three years from 27 September 2001.

Mr Robin Chambers, Senior Partner, Chambers and Company, Melbourne—appointed for three years from 11 October 2000.


Professor John Fitzgerald, Asian Studies Program, La Trobe University, Melbourne—appointed for three years from 16 February 2000 and re-appointed for three years from 6 March 2003.

Ms Peggy Lau Flux, Company Director, Adelaide—appointed for three years from 11 October 2000.


Professor Kam Louie, China and Korea Centre, Faculty of Asian Studies, Australian National University—appointed for three years from 27 September 2001.
Mr David Sadleir AO, Business Consultant and former Ambassador to China, Victoria—appointed for three years from 30 June 1997 and re-appointed for three years from 11 October 2000.

Professor Alice Tay AM, President, Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, Sydney—appointed for three years from 11 October 2000.

**Resignations**

Dr Alan Thomas, Deputy Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—appointed for three years from 4 September 2000 and resigned in early 2003 to become Ambassador to China.

**Programs and Program Coordinators**

In August 2002 the Council decided to move from organizing its work through committees (the former Culture, Education, Business and Chairs committees) to a program structure with various members responsible for each program as program coordinators. In 2002–03 the Council had the following programs and program coordinators:

**Youth Exchange**
Coordinators: Ms Dinah Dysart and Mr John Allen

- Young Business Scholars in China
- Young Business Scholars in Taiwan
- Year in China (Young Scholars)
- China Experience (Short Term Study in China)

**Australian Studies in China**
Coordinators: Professors John Fitzgerald and Kam Louie

- Competitive Projects Funding
- Output Awards for Australian Studies Centres
- Book gifts for Australian Studies Centres and the Shanghai Library
- Book prizes
Residencies and Awards
Coordinators: Ms Dinah Dysart, Ms Peggy Lau Flux and Dr Thomas Chiu

- Beijing Residence
- Hong Kong Residence
- Shanghai Residence
- Taipei Residence and Exchange
- Australia–China Council Arts Fellowship
- Alice Tay Human Rights Award
- Australia–China Council Awards

Culture, sport and heritage
Coordinators: Ms Dinah Dysart and Mr David Sadleir

- Literature, performing arts, visual arts and sporting activities

Publishing and media
Coordinator: Professor Kam Louie

- Publications, internet projects and media activities

Commerce, science, technology and environment
Coordinators: Mr David Sadleir, Mr Robin Chambers and Mr John Allen

- Research, workshop activities and special programs

Special projects
Coordinator: ACC Chair

Audit Committee
Ms Peggy Lau Flux, Mr Robin Chambers and Dr Thomas Chiu

Australia–China Council Secretariat

The ACC Secretariat is part of the East Asia Branch of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. During most of the reporting period two departmental officers staffed the Secretariat. The Secretariat implements Council decisions and administers Council programs, funding and activities. The Secretariat liaises closely with other parts of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; the Australian Embassy in Beijing; the Consulates-General in Shanghai, Guangzhou and Hong Kong; and the Australian Commerce and Industry Office in Taipei.
At 30 June 2003 the Secretariat consisted of:
Mr Broughton Robertson, Manager, May 2002 –
Dr Dana Nielsen, Project Officer, August 2002 –

The Council would also like to acknowledge the work undertaken by:
Ms Diane Russell, Special Projects Officer (May 2002—November 2002)

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Report on Performance

Introduction

The Australia–China Council (ACC) is funded through the Australian Government’s Discretionary Grants Program. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade administers the Council’s funds and reports on the administration of these funds in its annual report.

The ACC has published annual reports since its establishment in 1978. In order to improve the quality of its annual reports, in February 2003 the Council adopted a new Performance Information Framework. The new outcome and outputs structure is outlined in the table on the following page.

This report does not provide figures for expenditure calculated on an outputs basis as many of the programs and activities contribute to more than one output. All expenditure is listed in the Financial Statement at Appendix A. A graph of program allocation is at Appendix B.

The objectives and strategies for each of the Council’s programs are outlined in the 2003–06 Strategic Plan at Appendix C.
### Outcome and Outputs Structure

**Outcome**

Australia's national interests advanced through the promotion of mutual understanding between Australia and China and broadening and deepening areas of contact and exchange.

**Effectiveness Indicators**
- Positive contribution to the bilateral relationship
- Closer people-to-people links
- Productive interaction in designated areas

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<td>Foster China knowledge and skills in Australia.</td>
<td>Broaden and deepen areas of bilateral contact and exchange, particularly in areas demonstrating Australian expertise.</td>
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**Quality Measures**

| Feedback from target groups on ACC activities in China. | Feedback from target groups on ACC activities in Australia. | Feedback from target groups on the extent to which ACC activities enhance bilateral contact and exchange. |

**Quantity Measures**

| Number of Chinese directly exposed to ACC education activities. | Number of Australians directly exposed to ACC education activities. | Number of new stakeholders engaged in the Australia–China relationship. |
| Number of publishing and other outputs promoted through ACC programs. | | |
Output One – Promote in China an understanding about Australia and its values

The Australian Studies program is the Council’s main vehicle for Output One. A report on Australian Studies programs and projects during 2002–03 is followed by reports on activities under other Council programs targeting this output.

Australian Studies Program

In 2002, the ACC reviewed and re-focused its Australian Studies program. The main changes to the program are discussed under the sub-program headings below and more details are available on the Council’s web site. Australian Studies Centres in mainland China and Taiwan are supported through this program. 2002–03 was a transition year with some Australian Studies funding spent under components of the earlier program such as studentships, fellowships and infrastructure funding.

In order to provide better service to the network of over a dozen Australian Studies Centres in China, in 2002–03 the Council tendered for a contractor to manage the 2003–04 program. The Council awarded the contract to a consortium of universities led by the Australian Studies Centre at the University of Queensland and which included Melbourne University’s Australian Centre.

Measuring Output

The impact of Council activities in China tends to be long rather than short term. Over the past decade Council funding has helped increase the quality and quantity of China’s Australian Studies publishing as well as increase the number of graduate and undergraduate students of Australian Studies. In 2002–03, Australian Studies Centres in China:

- published more than 90 articles in academic journals;
- published 11 books;
- had over 30 academics researching and teaching Australian Studies;
- taught at least 44 PhD/Masters Students writing Australian Studies theses; and
- taught more than 2000 university students doing courses in Australian Studies.

The ACC’s publications web page (www.dfat.gov.au/acc/publications/) provides links to the web sites of Australian Studies Centres in China and has a 2002 survey of Australian Studies Centres in China, written by graduate students at Beijing Foreign Studies University and funded by the Council.
Competitive Projects Funding

In 2002, the Council incorporated the former Fellowship and Scholarship programs under Competitive Projects funding. This enlarged program offers funding to Australian Studies academics and graduate students in China who wish to pursue innovative and collaborative Australian Studies projects. Around half of the funding has been designated for projects that require research in Australia, with preference for collaborative projects with Australian institutions and for projects resulting in Chinese language publications. The Council adopted new bilingual application forms, funding conditions and acquittal forms which are available on the ACC website.

The 2002 Competitive Projects funding round attracted 34 applications. The applications covered a diverse range of Australian-related topics, including research and publishing on medicine, literature, and activities such as an Australia–China Council—East China Normal University English language competition in Shanghai. The Council is also using Competitive Projects funding to promote Chinese language publishing on Australian topics, both in print and on the internet. A list of 2002–03 Competitive Projects is provided at Appendix A.

During this reporting period, the Council also funded the Director of the Nanjing University Australian Studies Centre and a graduate student from the Beijing Foreign
Studies University Australian Studies Centre to visit Australia on a Fellowship and Studentship respectively.

**Australian Studies Centre Output Awards**

Over the past two decades, the Council has helped promote a strong network of Australian Studies Centres in Chinese tertiary institutions. The Council has previously assisted some of these centres with infrastructure funding. Starting in 2003, the Council is instead providing assistance through Output Awards with the level of funding determined primarily by the various Centres’ research and publishing, teaching, and professional and community activities over the previous academic year. During the reporting period, the Council developed Output Awards application forms and informed Australian Studies Centres about the new process.

The Council encourages the development of new Centres in China and was pleased to welcome the new Inner Mongolia University Australian Studies Centre in 2002. In addition, two other Australian Studies Centres, at Nankai University and Renmin University that did not receive assistance in the previous year, were also provided with infrastructure funding.

**Book Prize**

In 2002, an Australia–China Council Book Prize was awarded to Professor Du Xuezeng of Beijing Foreign Studies University for his original work *Australian Language and Culture*.

In 2002, the Council decided to establish two book prizes to be awarded biennially, one for the best translation and one for the best original work. The 2003 book prizes for books published in 2002 and 2003 is advertised on the Council’s web site and will be awarded in January 2004.

Participants at China’s 8th International Conference of Australian Studies held at Anhui University, Hefei, Anhui Province in November 2002.
**Australian Studies Conference**

The Council provided funding for the Eighth International Conference on Australian Studies hosted by the Oceanic Literature Institute at Anhui University, in Hefei, from 14 to 16 November 2002. The theme of the conference was "China–Australia Relations: Looking Back and Forward", and it attracted participants from many institutions in China and Australia. More than 80 delegates, including a Council delegation, attended the conference and delivered over forty papers on various aspects of Australian studies, including literature, culture, politics and economics.

**Book Gifts**

In 2002–03, the Council focused book gift funding on the new Shanghai Library Australian Friendship Collection. The Council also provided book gifts to Australian Studies Centres.

**Shanghai Library Australian Collection**

![Opening the Shanghai Library's Australian Friendship Collection in November 2002. Standing from left to right: Shanghai Library Deputy Director, ANZ Bank China President, Australian Foreign Minister, Shanghai Library Director and ACC Chair.]

In November 2002, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Alexander Downer, opened the Australian Friendship Collection at the Shanghai Library. The establishment of this collection commemorated the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Australia and the PRC. The Council provided over $40,000 to purchase Australian books for the library. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and ANZ (Shanghai) also helped establish the new collection. These books are available for loan to registered readers and the library is expected to become a key resource for Australian Studies in China. The library has over 60,000 visitors per week and the Council is confident that this Australian Collection will provide information about Australia to a great number of general as well as specialist readers.

The Council will continue to support the development of this important collection and has sought sponsorship from other Australian organisations. The Council has
been pleased by the generosity of a number of Australian museums, trusts, and the ABC, who donated their publications to the Australian Friendship Collection in 2002–03. In 2002, sponsorship for the establishment of the collection was also received from Mr S K Wong of Sydney.

Other Programs

A number of programs and projects listed under Output Two and Output Three below also contribute to Output One. In particular, we acknowledge the contributions of the ACC residents to the promotion of understanding of Australia in China through working on projects in Beijing and Taipei and also the students on 2002–03 Australia–China Council youth exchange programs.

Former Chinese Ambassadors to Australia holding Australia–China Council Awards with a former Australian Ambassador to China and ACC Member (David Sadleir), the ACC Chair and the Australian Ambassador at the Australian Embassy in Beijing.

Australia–China Council Awards

ACC Awards recognize the significant roles recipients have played in strengthening the bilateral relationship. The Council first presented ACC Awards in 1999. In November 2002, the ACC Chair presented ACC Awards to former Chinese ambassadors to Australia at a ceremony at the Australian Embassy in Beijing to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Australia
and the PRC. Mr Downer visited Shanghai in November 2002 and personally presented an ACC Award to the President of China’s National Association of Australian Studies. The Australian Ambassador to India subsequently presented an award in New Delhi to the Chinese Ambassador to India, also a former Chinese Ambassador to Australia. Each recipient received a gold medallion which was struck at the Royal Australian Mint in Canberra.

**2002 Australia–China Council Awards were presented to:**

Ambassador Wang Guoquan (Accredited to Australia in 1973)
Ambassador Zhou Qiuye (Accredited to Australia in 1976)
Ambassador Lin Ping (Accredited to Australia in 1978)
Ambassador Nie Gongcheng (Accredited to Australia in 1983)
Ambassador Zhang Zai (Accredited to Australia in 1986)
Ambassador Shi Chunlai (Accredited to Australia in 1990)
Ambassador Hua Junduo (Accredited to Australia in 1993)
Assistant Minister Zhou Wenzhong (Ambassador to Australia in 1998)
Professor Huang Yuanshen (President, National Association of Australian Studies)
Asialink China Literature Tour

In 2002, the Council funded Asialink to escort Australian non-fiction writer Tim Flannery and novelist Alex Miller to Shanghai, Hefei, Beijing and Taiwan. The writers gave lectures and participated in seminars with Chinese writers.

National Museum Guangzhou Exhibition

The Council sponsored a National Museum of Australia touring exhibition Stories from Australia: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples at the Guangzhou Museum of Art in December 2002.
Output Two – Foster China knowledge and skills in Australia

The Youth Exchange program is the Council’s main vehicle for Output Two. A report on the Council’s Youth Exchange programs during 2002–03 is followed by reports on activities under other Council programs targeting this output.

Youth Exchange Programs

In 2002–03, the Council tendered for service providers to manage its 2003–04 youth exchange programs. The contract for the Year in China program, replacing the Young Scholars program, was awarded to Swinburne University’s Centre for Youth Development. The contract for the China Experience program, replacing the Short-term Study program, was awarded to AFS Intercultural Programs. The Australia–China Council Secretariat manages the China and Taiwan Young Business Scholars programs directly.

Measuring Output

21 Australian students participated in the Council’s youth exchange programs in 2002–03, but the impact of the two programs targeted at students studying Chinese in secondary schools was far greater. Feedback from the parents of secondary school students indicated the Council’s programs were helping to encourage more students to study Chinese at school.

Young Business Scholars in China Program

The four 2002 Young Business Scholars in China finished their program at Beijing’s University of International Business and Economics in January 2003. This program, which started in July 2002, was mainly funded in 2001–02. For administrative reasons, the Council decided to change the timing of future programs and the study component of the 2003–04 program will run from January to June 2004. Details of the award recipients are provided in Appendix A.
**Young Business Scholars in Taiwan Program**

Following on from the success of the Young Business Scholars in China program, and in keeping with the Council’s aim to extend its programs into Taiwan, a new Young Business Scholars in Taiwan program was advertised in January 2003. This program is designed to encourage university graduates who have both work experience and a high level of Mandarin language proficiency to develop a career in Australia–Taiwan business relations. Of the applications received, the ACC Selection Panel interviewed six applicants for the two scholarships. Details of the award recipients are provided in Appendix A.

The program consists of a four week intensive Chinese language refresher course, followed by a semester of business study at Taipei’s National Chengchi University. The Australian–New Zealand Business Association (ANZBA) in Taipei will assist the students in finding a six-month internship with an Australian or Taiwanese business in Taiwan at the end of the study period. The Council’s scholarship provides university fees, accommodation and living expenses until the end of the study period. Companies offering internships are expected to provide a living stipend to the program participants.

**Year in China/Young Scholars in China Program**

Funding for Young Scholars has been replaced in 2003–04 by a Year in China program advertised in all Australian secondary schools teaching Chinese and targeting students in year 12. The Council has funded AFS Young Scholars since 1988. 2002–03 was the last year of Council funding for this program. This fully-funded scholarship is provided to five outstanding secondary school graduates, who have a high level of Chinese language skills, to develop their skills and knowledge by undertaking a year of study at the Beijing Second Foreign Language University. A list of the ACC-funded 2003 Young Scholars is provided in Appendix A.
China Experience/Short Term Study Program

Funding for the Short Term Study program has been replaced in 2003–04 by a China Experience program advertised in all Australian secondary schools teaching Chinese and targeting students in years 10 and 11. Developed in conjunction with AFS and beginning during the summer school holiday of 1998–99, the Short Term Study program assists ten young Australian secondary school students between the ages of 15 and 18 who are studying Chinese at school, together with a chaperone, to visit China for one month. The students stay at Beijing #12 Middle School, have weekends in "home-stay" situations, and undertake a study program of language training, cultural familiarisation and sightseeing. A list of the Short-Term Study participants during the reporting period is provided in Appendix A.

Other Programs

A number of programs and projects listed under Output One above and Output Three below also contribute to Output Two.

Alice Tay Human Rights Award

In 2003, the Council established a new award to help promote understanding in Australia of human rights issues in China. In recognition of Professor Alice Tay's promotion of human rights in China, it was named the Alice Tay Human Rights Award. Dr Xiaoyuan Shang received the inaugural Alice Tay Human Rights Award—valued at $15,000—for her project: Creating an inclusive social environment for vulnerable children: child protection in the Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region.

Australian Guide to Chinese Language Publishing and Translating

As one of the activities to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Australia–China Council, in 2003, the Council commissioned a guide to Chinese language publishing and translating. The use of Chinese in Australia has overtaken Italian and Greek to become the second most widely-spoken language in Australia after English. The importance of Chinese as a foreign language also continues to grow for Australia in tandem with the growth of the Chinese economies. The Guide, to be published by the end of 2003, is intended for Australian organisations engaging in or planning Chinese language translating or publishing.
Sydney Film Festival: Blind Shaft Director Li Yang

The Council funded the director of Blind Shaft, Mr Li Yang, to visit Australia and speak at the 50th Sydney Film Festival in June 2003. Blind Shaft, a dramatic production critical of working conditions in China’s mining industry, was well received by the Sydney audience.

Blind Shaft Director, Li Yang (right), speaking in Sydney with interpreter.
Output Three – Broaden and deepen areas of bilateral contact and exchange, particularly in areas that demonstrate Australian expertise

The Residency program is one of the Council's main vehicles for Output Three. A report on the Council's Residency programs is followed by reports on activities under other Council programs targeting this output.

Residence and awards program

Australia–China Council residencies are offered on a competitive basis to Australians undertaking a project that will enhance the Australia–China relationship. Projects may be in the field of the arts, scholarship, science, business or any other area that could be demonstrated to enhance the relationship. Awards are for accommodation and include some assistance with orientation and in establishing contacts. Residents cover their own airfares and living expenses and make their own travel arrangements including obtaining visas and travel insurance.

In 2002–03, the Council tendered for Australian service providers to manage its 2003–04 residence programs. Because the residencies are in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan, there were few expressions of interest from Australian organisations. Beijing's Redgate Gallery, run by an Australian, and the Taipei Artist Village (TAV), run by the Taipei Municipal Government, will continue to provide services in Beijing and Taipei respectively and service providers have been identified for the new Hong Kong and Shanghai residencies.

Measuring Output

Eleven Australians were awarded residencies in Beijing and Taipei. One Taipei Art curator had a three-month residence in Sydney.

Beijing Residence

The Beijing Residence program was first offered in 2001–02, with the Council providing a furnished apartment in Beijing for the use of Australians undertaking a project that would enhance the Australia–China relationship. The award proved attractive to a number of Australians and was offered again in 2002–03. Applicants were able to apply for a residency period of between one and three months. Redgate Gallery was contracted to provide the apartment and to liaise with residents and provide support services in Beijing. A list of residents and details of their projects is provided in Appendix A.
From left to right, ACC Residents Rick Farquharson, Christen Cornell and Katherine Hattam, together with ACC Young Business Scholar Brooke Hartigan in Canberra

Taipei Residence Exchange

After the success of the inaugural Beijing program, the ACC decided to extend the program to Taiwan in 2002–03. The Council negotiated an exchange with the Taipei Artist Village (TAV), and consequently the Taipei residencies target artists of all varieties. The first Council resident took up a placement in November 2002. The residents have been impressed with the facilities provided by TAV, and returned highly favourable reports. The Australian artists were encouraged to share their work with other residents of TAV, and in some cases seminars or performance opportunities were arranged. The TAV exchange arrangement includes a Taiwanese artist coming to Australia for three months, twice annually. The first Taiwanese artist arrived in Sydney to commence her three-month residency in May 2003. A list of residents and details of their projects is provided in Appendix A.

Hong Kong Residence

In 2002–03, the Council decided to start a Residence in Hong Kong in 2003–04. The Council negotiated an agreement with Hong Kong University for the provision of a serviced apartment.
Shanghai Residence

In 2002–03, the Council also decided to start a Residence in Shanghai in 2003–04. Council members identified potential service providers during a 2002 visit to Shanghai.

Other Programs

A number of programs and projects listed under Output One and Output Two above also contributed to Output Three.

Shanghai Symposium

The Council was a major sponsor of the Symposium@Shanghai Theatre Academy project during "Celebrate Australia 2002", part of the 4th Shanghai International Festival of Arts, held in November 2002. The Symposium on "Art, Technology and the New Performer", organised by Reckless Moments, was a collaboration between Flinders University and the Shanghai Theatre Academy. During the six days of demonstrations, fora and workshops, Australian artists demonstrated their expertise in using new technologies in art to an audience of more than 1,700. The Symposium resulted in an agreement for further collaboration between the Flinders University Drama Centre and the Shanghai Theatre Academy.
Administrative Overview

Meetings and Decision Making

The Council usually holds three meetings each calendar year to discuss issues in the bilateral relationship, decide on funding priorities and monitor implementation of its decisions. Between Council meetings, Program Coordinators and selection committees assess applications and make recommendations to the Council on projects and programs. Inter-sessional discussions and selection committee meetings are usually conducted by email and teleconference.

Council meetings held during the reporting period were:

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Information and Advertising

In 2002-03 the ACC web site (www.dfat.gov.au/acc/) was redesigned and expanded to include Chinese language sections, and information and application documentation for each of the Council’s major programs.


The Council’s programs are advertised at regular intervals in national newspapers and relevant journals.

Applications for Awards and Funding

The Council adopted new application forms, funding conditions and acquittal report forms in 2002-03. Details of procedures for applying for ACC program awards and funding, including forms and funding conditions are available on the Council’s web site on the relevant program web pages listed above.
Information on general funding applications is available under:


**ACC Trust Account**

Australia–China Council program funds are provided by the Australian Government in the form of an annual grant in trust administered by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The Australian Government allocation during the 2002–03 financial year was $720,000. The Council also received administrative refunds and the refund of unspent grant monies totalling $10,755. The Financial Statement at Appendix A provides full details.

**Sponsorship**

In 2002, Mr S.K. Wong, a Sydney businessman, donated $1,500 for the Council’s funding of the establishment of an Australian Friendship Collection in the Shanghai Library.

The ABC, Museum of South Australia, Powerhouse Museum, NSW Historic Houses Trust and the NSW University Press provided copies of their publications to the Shanghai Library Australian Collection.

The Council seeks corporate sponsorship for key programs such as the ACC Young Business Scholars program and book gifts for the Shanghai Library Australian Collection. In 2003 Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu is providing $5,000 in sponsorship for the 2003–04 Young Business Scholars in China program.

**Auditor’s reports**

The financial affairs of the Council are examined by the Australian National Audit Office as part of its examination of the accounts of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

**Remuneration**

Council members receive a sitting fee and travel expenses for attending meetings, in line with Remuneration Tribunal determinations for part-time members of non-statutory bodies.
Industrial Democracy and Workplace Diversity

Secretariat staff are covered under the industrial democracy and workplace diversity programs of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade as well as the Department’s Certified Agreement.

Freedom of Information

In the reporting period the Council did not receive any applications under the Freedom of Information Act 1982.
Appendix A – 2002–03 Financial statement

Expenditure 2002–03

Youth Exchange Programs $  

Short-Term Study in China program: .............................................................. 37,000.00  
  Sarah Batten—Oxley College, VIC  
  Wietske Bruinsma—Macarthur Girls’ High School, NSW  
  Nicholas Cocks—St Michael’s College, SA  
  Stacey Dix—Trinity College, SA  
  Marc Johnson—Trinity Grammar, NSW  
  Gareth Kay—Hawker College, ACT  
  Rhys Kay—Hawker College, ACT  
  Thomas Kelly—St Peter’s College, SA  
  Maryanne Lee—Glenunga International High School, SA  
  Justin Lian—St Peter’s College, SA  

Young Scholars program: .............................................................................. 69,484.00  
  Chris Deves—St Ignatius, Riverview, NSW  
  Christopher Halford—The Gap State High School, QLD  
  Bonnie Hallion—Wilderness School, SA  
  Katrina Hannan—Penleigh and Essendon Grammar, VIC  
  Mark Robertson—Ballarat Grammar School, VIC  

Young Business Scholars in China program (final payment) ..................... 4,227.24  
  Melanie Cheah—TAS  
  Sacha Cody—VIC  
  Brooke Hartigan—ACT  
  Ben Lyons—QLD  

Young Business Scholars in Taiwan program: ............................................ 33,256.88  
  Bridgit O’Donovan—NSW  
  Sally Thompson—ACT

Youth Exchange Programs Sub-Total 143,968.12
Australian Studies in China Programs

Competitive Projects Funding:

Chen Hong & Wang Xiaoming—East China Normal University: A minal Life in A ustralia ................................................................. 4 905.23

Chen Jie—University of Shanghai for Science and Technology:
George Nicholas ................................................................................... 4 879.37

Chen Zhengfa—Anhui University:
China–Australia Relations: Looking Back and Forward ...................... 4 999.91

Chu Jou-Juo—National Sun Yat-sen University:
Taiwanese Immigration in Brisbane—Social and Cultural Needs & Political and Community Participation ................................................. 4 981.74

Dai Yin-Feng—East China Normal University:
G. E. Morrison and the 1911 Revolution in China ................................ 5 016.06

Fan Lin, Chen Feini—East China Normal University:
Literary Criticism in Australia .............................................................. 5 066.48

Guo Li—Peking University:
Cultural Dialogue between White and Aboriginal in the life writing of the "Stolen Generation" ......................................................... 5 051.63

Han Feng—Chinese Academy of Social Sciences:
Australian Asian Policy after "9.11" and Anti-Terrorism in the Asia-Pacific Region ................................................................. 6 019.27

Li Jianjun—Beijing Foreign Studies University:
Australia in Chinese Eyes ................................................................. 4 499.95

Li Ping—Renmin University:
Australian Women and Literature, with a Specific Focus on Australian Writing on China in the 20th Century .................................... 5 000.00

Liou To-Hai—National Chengchi University:
"Australian Studies in Taiwan" web site ............................................. 4 908.37

Liu Qiao, Luo Sha, Ma Lin, Liu Shanshan, Feng Caihong—Beijing Foreign Studies University:
Australian NGOs in China ................................................................. 5 168.27

Peng Qinglong—Shanghai Institute of Foreign Trade:
Australian & its Identity—A Critical Study of the Works of Peter Carey ................................................................. 4 447.64
Ru-Xiang Yin, Lin Li & Sheng Yu—Nankai University:  
China’s entry to the WTO and its impact on Sino-Australian Bilateral Trade .......................................................... 6 034.07

Song Xiaorong—Anhui University:  
Monk—Australia’s Ah Q: A Comparative Study between Luxun’s The True Story of Ah Q and Jack Hibberd’s A Stretch of Imagination. ............... 4 500.00

Sun Sizhong—Xiamen University:  
Research on Sino-Australian Economic and Trade Cooperation ....................... 5 000.00

Wang Labao, Wang Guo-fu & Yang Jincai—Suzhou & Nanjing Universities:  
2003 CASA Workshop on Australian Languages, Literature & Culture  .......................................................... 6 000.00

Wang Yiqing & Shen Hui—East China Normal University:  
"ECNU–ACC Cup" English Speech Contest. ........................................... 4 000.06

Xia Yuhe & Li Youwen—Beijing Foreign Studies University:  
Translating and publishing in China Exploring Australia. ......................... 9 999.77

Yang Biao—East China Normal University:  
Comparative Studies of Australian and Chinese History Education ..................... 5 506.18

Ye Sheng-nian & Wu Guo-bing—University of Shanghai for Science and Technology:  
Australian Agriculture and Medicine ......................................................... 5 001.63

Associated bank fees for non-local currency ........................................... 189.31

Note: Funding for Australian Studies Competitive Projects was awarded in AUD and paid in AUD, CNY, TWD or USD. Exchange rate fluctuations between time of processing and time of payment resulted in apparent arbitrary variation in the payments. At the time of processing, the foreign currency amount was equivalent to the Australian dollar amount initially awarded.

Visiting Fellowship:

Yang Jincai—Nanjing University:  
Australian Cultural Studies: an Introduction to Henry Lawson ...................... 10 000.00

Visiting Studentship:

Dou Wei—Beijing Foreign Studies University:  
Restorative Justice in Australia: Perspectives and Evaluations .................... 11 000.00
Infrastructure Grants to Australian Studies Centres not funded in 2001–02:

- Nankai University ................................................................. 6 299.88
- Renmin University ................................................................. 992.15
- Inner Mongolia University .................................................. 3 982.78

Book Prize:

- Du Xuezeng, Beijing Foreign Studies University:
  A ustralian Language and Culture ........................................ 5 016.06

Book Gifts—Shanghai Library ................................................. 12 108.22

Book Gifts—Australian Studies Centres in China ....................... 2 180.00

Management and Administrative Services ............................... 10 937.03

**Australian Studies Program Sub-Total** 173 691.06

**Residence and Award Program**

- Alice Tay Human Rights Award—Xiaoyuan Shang .................. 15 000.00

2002 Australia–China Council Awards ....................................... 6 993.00

Beijing Residence: Red Gate Gallery, Beijing—provision of apartment and support services for award recipients: ........................ 14 636.16

- Jane Bell and Associates, VIC:
  A ustral i a– China HIV / AIDS Collaborative Research and Education Project: Sharing Knowledge and Building Bridges.

- Christen Cornell, NSW:
  L iterature Translation and Critical Writing.

- Katherine Hattam, VIC:
  “O u t of H o me / W orks on Paper” drawing from life—land/cityscapes.

- David Livingstone, ACT:
  I ntellectual property rights regulation in China.

- Danny McDonald, VIC:
  C onsultation with artists, art teachers and students: visual art education programmes in China.

- Larissa Morcombe, VIC:
  C reating a graphic novel in Chinese characters.
Taipei Residence Exchange ................................................................. 7 376.47

At Taipei Artist Village, Taiwan:

Simon Patton, QLD:
Translation of Contemporary Chinese Poetry.

Bronwen van Leeuwen, ACT:
The Influence of Chinese Calligraphy on Australian Painting.

Elizabeth Cameron Dalman, NSW:
Contemporary dance links between Australia and Taiwan.

Barbara Penrose and Nameer Davis, QLD:
Public Art Spaces in China—A Topographical Study.

Graham Long, VIC:
Global Education and Training in Fashion.

At UniLodge, Sydney:

Lu Pei-yi, Taipei:
Temporary Art in Public Space

Residence and Awards Program Sub-Total 44 005.63

Other programs

Culture, Sport and Heritage Program

Asialink—Literature Tour: Alex Miller and Tim Flannery ................. 20 000.00

Qld Art Gallery—Asia-Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art 2002: participation by Song Dong, Michael Ming Hong Lin, Wu Hung, Pi Li, Liu Xiao Xian, and Lee Mingwei ...................... 17 000.00

Gallery 4A: Exhibition of Modern Chinese Calligraphy featuring artists from China, to be held at the Asia–Australia Arts Centre. .............................................................. 7 600.00

National Museum of Australia: "Stories from Australia: Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Peoples"—exhibition at the Guangzhou Museum of Art ........................................... 4 500.00

Australian Heritage Commission: Trialling Principles for the Conservation of Cultural Heritage in China ............................................. 5 000.00

Katherine Hattam—Beijing Studio with Beijing residency .................. 508.73

Sydney Writers' Festival—participation of Ma Jian ............................. 4 000.00

Sydney Film Festival—visit by Li Yang, director of Blind Shaft ............ 5 000.00
James Joyce Foundation—James Joyce 2003 Chinese Suspended Sentence Literary Exchange: translation into English of one of Chi Zijian's books. ..........................................................3 000.00

Wang Zeng-ting—cross-cultural Sheng mouth-organ recital in Tianjin. ..................................................................................................................3 000.00

Amanda Wolthuizen—7th China National English Debating Championship.........................................................................................................1 400.00

Program Sub-Total 71 008.73

Publications and Media Program

Consultancy: “An Australian Guide to Chinese Language Publishing and Translating” ............................................................10 000.00

Mirabelle FitzGerald: Translation into Chinese of CP FitzGerald’s book Why China? Recollections of China 1923-1950 ............7 000.00

Artlink—Special China edition ........................................................................10 000.00

ANU—China Journal publishing subsidy .........................................................10 000.00

Program Sub-Total 37 000.00

Commerce, Science and Environment Program

Taiwan Australian Universities Alumni Association—to support the development of the Alumni Association ....................4 989.38

Program Sub-Total 4 989.38

Special Projects Program

Council delegation to Beijing and Shanghai for the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations & Hefei for the 8th International Conference on Australian Studies in China at Anhui University. ..................................................................................85 779.71

Jocelyn Chey—attendance at Hefei Conference ........................................2 727.27

ACC 25th anniversary events ........................................................................4 064.88

DFAT–MFA Exchange .................................................................................9 404.60

Establishment of Shanghai Library Australian Book Collection ..............33 298.76

Shanghai Festival: Symposium (Reckless Moments) ..................................50 000.00

Program Sub-total 185 275.22

Other Programs Sub-Total 298 273.33
Administrative Expenses

Board Sitting fees ............................................................... 29,489.33
Domestic Travel ................................................................. 21,326.02
Hospitality ........................................................................... 3,182.18
Printing (including Annual Report) ..................................... 9,359.00
Advertising .......................................................................... 9,249.70
Incidentals ........................................................................... 306.36

Sub-Total 72,912.59
Total Expenditure 732,850.73

SUMMARY OF TRUST ACCOUNT

Receipts and Expenditure in 2002–03

Receipts

Budget allocation ..................................................................... 720,000.00
Carryover from 2001–02 .......................................................... 730.00
Donation from Mr SK Wong for Shanghai Library .................. 1,500.00
Refund from unspent grant funds ......................................... 3,012.14
Administrative refunds 2000–03 ............................................ 7,743.37

Total Receipts 732,985.51

Expenditure

Programs and Projects .......................................................... 659,938.14
Administration ...................................................................... 72,912.59

Total Expenditure 732,850.73
Unexpended Funds in 2002–03 134.78
Appendix B – 2002–03 Program Allocations

- Youth Exchange: 22%
- Australian Studies: 26%
- Residencies & Awards: 7%
- Culture, Sport & Heritage: 11%
- Publishing and Media: 6%
- Special Projects: 27%
- Commerce, Science, Technology & Environment: 1%
Appendix C – Australia–China Council Strategic Plan 2003–06

The Australia–China Council operates within the provisions of the Executive Council Order of 17 May 1978 under which it is constituted and the amendments to that order of 17 May 1979 and 28 April 1981.

Mission Statement

To broaden and deepen relations between Australia and China by:

• fostering in Australia a greater awareness and understanding of China and fostering in China a greater awareness and understanding of Australia.
• developing and expanding the areas of contact and exchange between Australia and China and their people.

Key objectives

• To initiate, develop and support activities consistent with the stated objectives, strategies and priorities within the Council’s program areas (as set out in Part 2: Program Strategies).
• To stress ACC-initiated programs and activities, rather than requests for one-off funding, giving priority to promoting Australia in China.
• To promote complementarities between the Council’s different program areas.
• To maintain some flexibility so as to support new initiatives brought to the Council by other bodies (Part 3: Funding Policy).
• To provide seed funding to projects most likely to produce continuous benefits.
• To monitor, review and modify programs as necessary to ensure the best match between outcomes and Council objectives.
• To complement, rather than duplicate, the activities of other institutions active in Australia–China relations.
• To comply with all federal government financial requirements (Part 4: Financial Framework).
Australia–China Council 2003–06 Strategic Plan

Part Two: Program Strategies

Youth Exchanges

Objectives

• Encourage young Australians to develop a life-long interest and involvement in Australia–China relations.
• Develop a cadre of young Australian graduates with Chinese language skills and a practical understanding of Chinese business practice.
• Extend youth programs from Beijing to include Taiwan and other parts of China.

Strategies

• Further develop existing ACC youth exchange programs including:
  • extending the Young Business Scholars program to Taiwan and other parts of China;
  • looking at options for encouraging exchanges of young scientists looking at the commercial applications of research.
• Expand programs through corporate sponsorship or other partnering arrangements.

Australian Studies

Objectives

• Enhance the range, volume, quality and value of research on Australia, and promote the dissemination of research outcomes in China through publishing, conferences and other means.
• Promote greater Australian content in teaching at all levels of the Chinese educational system.

Strategies

• Promote institutional links between Australian and Chinese institutions.
• Encourage the broadening into new areas of Australian Studies in China.
• By rewarding performance, maintain and develop the network of Australian Studies Centres in China.
• Promote complementarity between ACC funding and funding received by Australian Studies Centres in China from their own institutions.
• Promote complementarity between ACC and other sources of Australian Commonwealth funding to avoid duplication.
• Investigate all modes of communication, including electronic, to foster Australian Studies in China.
• Give priority to research outcomes using the Chinese language.

Culture, Sport and Heritage

Objectives
• Increase understanding of the issues, traditions and values that preoccupy contemporary Australia and China and thereby strengthen the relationship between the two countries.
• Foster a greater awareness in China of contemporary life in Australia and in Australia of contemporary life in China by supporting and promoting cultural, heritage and sporting activities.

Strategies
• Provide funding to support exchanges in all aspects of the arts (including performing arts, visual arts, literature and multimedia), heritage and sports activities under the following guiding principles:
  • giving priority to activities which project Australia as an innovative, multi-cultural, open and liberal society, especially activities with the potential to generate longer-term institutional and people-to-people links;
  • encouraging activities designed to involve young people;
  • supporting activities which capitalise on Australian expertise;
  • providing seed money to attract sponsorship, where practical;
  • ensuring regional spread;
  • supporting projects that raise awareness of indigenous Australian culture.
• Develop a closer link between sporting bodies in China and Australia with special reference to the training of Chinese coaches in key sports.

Residencies and Awards

Objectives
• Encourage talented Australians to focus their efforts on China.
• Seek new initiatives in the arts, scholarship, business or any other field which would enhance Australia-China relations.
• Acknowledge the significant contribution to the bilateral relationship of key individuals.

Strategies
• Extend the ACC’s annual residency programs from Beijing and Taipei into other parts of China, including through cost-sharing arrangements with other bodies.
• Support awards, prizes and other ways of recognising significant events, milestones and achievements in the Australia–China relationship.

Publishing and Media

Objectives
• Support publishing, internet and media projects that promote in China an increased understanding of contemporary Australian society, traditions and capabilities.

Strategies
• Provide support for original works in Chinese about Australia.
• Support the translation into Chinese of publications about Australia and by Australian authors.
• Seek new initiatives to promote the publishing of more information about Australia on the Chinese language internet.

Commerce, Science, Technology and Environment

Objectives
• Promote support among commercial organisations for ACC objectives.
• Promote and facilitate collaboration between Australian and Chinese universities, research organisations, governmental agencies and business in research and the application of science, technology and environment research.
• Support activities designed to raise awareness in China of education opportunities in Australia.

Strategies
• Develop a process for approaching Australian and Chinese companies likely to support ACC objectives.
• Enhance links with the relevant Australian Chambers of Commerce in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan.
• Encourage and promote formal links between Australian universities and major universities in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan, including arranging round table conferences of research personnel from influential universities to facilitate scientific exchange
• Identify key research figures and encourage and support exchanges with their Australian counterparts, including by cost-sharing with DFAT’s visitor programs.
• Explore with key research bodies the opportunities for partnering a pilot program with the ACC.
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Part Three: Funding Policy

Most ACC funding goes to Council-initiated programs such as the Youth Exchange Program, Australian Studies Program and Residency Program. However, each year some money is available to suitable applicants for one-off projects.

ACC funding is only valid for the financial year in which it is awarded. Agreement for funding is not transferable to a future financial year, if commencement of a project is delayed. In that event, applicants must reapply in a subsequent financial year, to be considered on a competitive basis with other project applications in that year.

- The project should have clearly defined objectives consistent with the Council’s key objectives and strategies and with the specific objectives and priority activities of the relevant Council program(s).
- Those involved in the proposed project should be recognised as having substantial merit in their field.
- As the general rule, the Council will only provide seed funding for activities. Thus it encourages applicants to seek partnership funding from other bodies as well as corporate sponsorship. Where there is no confirmed partner funding from other sources at the time of application, the Council may decide to award funding only on the condition that adequate supplementary funds are raised.
- Grants will normally be within the range of $1,000 to $5,000. Grants within the range of $5,000 to $20,000 will only be provided for particularly worthwhile projects which the ACC judges will meet its key objectives. Funding over $20,000 for any single activity will only be provided in exceptional circumstances and where the Council decides the project will become a priority activity of the Council in that financial year.
- Preference will be given to projects that project Australia as an innovative, multicultural, open and liberal society and that offer prospects of long-term institutional links and continuing exchanges. Preference is also given to activities which have the prospect of being independently sustained in the future.
- In any financial year the Council will look to fund, both in Australia and throughout the Greater China region, a diverse range of activities, including projects which have a reach outside the major cities.
- All ACC funding is given on the condition that the applicant will provide a report on the project and adequate financial acquittal within 30 days of the completion of the activities for which the funding is provided.
- Full acknowledgement of the Council’s support is required in all promotional materials and publications associated with ACC funded projects. Where organisations have internal policies that apply certain conditions on treatment of sponsors, such policies should be made known at the time of application.
Activities not funded

The ACC is interested in a broad range of activities consistent with the Council’s priority program areas and welcomes new initiatives being brought to its attention. However, the Council will not normally make money available for the following purposes:

- activities which more appropriately fall within the area of responsibility of other funding bodies and government agencies, for example
  - community aid projects;
  - activities under bilateral science and technology agreements;
  - trade promotion activities normally handled by Austrade;
  - academic research, including funding applications from enrolled doctoral and masters candidates, except in very exceptional circumstances where the Council considers there is a prospective wider benefit for Australia–China relations.
- travel to meetings and conferences where the travel to and participation in the gathering is the principle or sole purpose of the application.
- activities which are commercially viable in their own right and/or which give a commercial advantage to one organisation.
- funding support to grant-giving organisations for activities mainly involving the staff of those organisations.
- the day-to-day operational costs of the organisation seeking funding or the project’s principals eg. For wages, salaries or fees for services.
- capital expenditure on real property, and purchase of equipment.
Part Four: Financial Framework

The Australia–China Council program funds are provided by the Australian Government in the form of an annual grant-in-trust administered by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, which is reviewed each year by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. The Council’s funding policies and financial practices conform to the Department’s guidelines for administering those funds. These include:

• publication of an Annual Report, including a detailed financial statement;
• the condition that funding is valid only for the financial year in which it is awarded and that agreement to provide funds is not transferable to a future financial year if the start of a project is delayed;
• the requirement to submit a detailed financial acquittal and project report by all grant recipients and service providers within one month of the completion of the activities funded;
• regular monitoring of the progress of the activities funded;
• regular evaluation of the outcomes of programs and projects funded, to ensure funded activities meet the Council’s objectives and strategies;
• regular updating of a risk management strategy.

ACC Funding and awards are provided on the basis of merit and the ability to fulfil the Council’s stated objectives for the particular program. Applicants from all regions of Australia and all sections of the community with an interest in strengthening links between Australia and China are welcome to apply for Council funding, where their activities fit within the Council’s objectives and funding policies.
Appendix D – 1978 Order Establishing the Council

Commonwealth of Australia

Order Constituting the Australia–China Council

WHEREAS the Australian Government is desirous of further developing relations between Australia and China:

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that such relations should be developed by the promotion in Australia of a greater awareness of China, and by the promotion in China of a greater awareness of Australia and the enlargement over the longer term of the areas of contact and exchange between Australia and China and their respective people:

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that there be established a body for the purpose of providing a focus for the collection, exchange and dissemination of information, and a source of advice, in relation to the ways in which such relations may be encouraged, strengthened and developed:

NOW THEREFORE I, Sir Zelman Cowen, the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, HEREBY ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

1. There is hereby established a council to be known as the “Australia–China Council”

2. (1) The Council shall consist of—

   (a) a Chairman; and

   (b) not less than 4 and not more than 15 other members

   (2) The Chairman and other members shall be appointed by the Governor-General on the nomination of the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs for fixed terms and on a part-time basis. The Chairman shall be appointed for up to 5 years and other members for 3 years. Approximately one half of the members of the first Council shall be appointed for 2 years.

3. A member (including the Chairman) may resign his office by writing under his hand delivered to the Governor-General.

4. (1) Subject to sub-clause (2), meetings of the Council shall be held at such times and at such places as the Council determines.

   (2) The Chairman shall, upon receipt of a written request signed by 4 other members of the Council, summon a meeting of the Council to deal with such matters as are specified in that written request.

5. At a meeting of the Council, a quorum shall be constituted by any 4 members or not less than half the members for the time being holding office, whichever is the larger.

6. The procedures for the conduct of meetings of the Council, including procedures for the appointment by the members from amongst their number of an Acting Chairman, in the event of the absence from any meeting of the Chairman, shall be determined from time to time by the Council.

7. The functions of the Council are—

   (a) to make recommendations to the Minister for Foreign Affairs in relation to —

      (i) ways in which visits to China by delegations and individuals from Australia, and to Australia by delegations and individuals from China, may be promoted and enriched;
(ii) the establishment and maintenance of exchange programs between Australia and China including the selection of persons to participate in such programs;

(iii) the provision of assistance in Australia to students and other visitors from China;

(iv) the collection and development of reference material relating to China;

(v) the promotion within China of a greater awareness of Australia, and within Australia of a greater awareness of China;

(vi) the development of public information activities related to China;

(vii) the provision of assistance to the Australian media on matters related to China;

(viii) the encouragement and commissioning of research connected with matters of direct importance to relations between Australia and China, including the encouragement and development of the teaching of the Chinese studies in Australia;

(ix) the holding of conferences and seminars in relations to any of the matters referred to in paragraphs (i) to (viii) inclusive;

(x) the publication of newsletters and other publications related to the activities of the Council;

(b) subject to the direction of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, to provide advice and information to individuals and organisations and to the Australian media in relation to any matters referred to in sub-paragraphs (a) (i) to (ix) inclusive; and

(c) for the purposes of formulating recommendations referred to in paragraph (a) or providing advice and information referred to in paragraph (b), to consult with individuals, organisations and Government departments and agencies associated or concerned with the development of relations between Australia and China.

8. Moneys required for the purpose of enabling the Council to discharge its functions and the implementation of the Council's recommendations shall be obtained from—

(a) moneys standing to the credit of any Trust Account established under Section 62A of the Audit Act 1901 for those purposes; or

(b) any other moneys lawfully available for those purposes.

9. Without limiting the generality of clause 7, the Council may, in relation to any matter connected with the functions of the Council, make recommendations to the Minister for Foreign Affairs with respect to—

(a) the entering into of contracts;

(b) the use and disposition of gifts, devises and bequests;

(c) the making of grants and loans;

(d) the provision of scholarships and benefits; and

(e) the employment under the Public Service Act 1922 of an Executive Officer and other staff to assist the Council.

GIVEN under my Hand and the Great Seal of Australia on 17 May 1978

(Signed Zelman Cowen)
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command
(Signed Andrew Peacock)
Minister of State for Foreign Affairs
Commonwealth of Australia

Amendments of the Order Establishing the Australia–China Council

I, SIR ZELMAN COWEN, the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby amend the Order dated 17 May 1978 establishing the Australia–China Council—

(a) by omitting from paragraph 2(1) (b) “15 other members” and substituting “16 other members”; and

(b) by adding at the end of clause 2 the following sub-clause:

“(3) A person may be appointed to be a member of the Council subject to the condition that no remuneration, allowances or other payments are to be payable to him as a member of the Council apart from payments of amounts to reimburse him for travel and accommodation expenses actually incurred by him in the performance of his duties as a member of the Council.”

GIVEN under my Hand and the Great Seal of Australia on 17 May 1979

(Signed Zelman Cowen)
Governor-General

By His Excellency’s Command,
(Signed Andrew Peacock)
Minister of State for Foreign Affairs
Amendment of the Order Establishing the Australia–China Council

I, SIR ZELMAN COWEN, the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby order as follows:

1. The Order dated 17 May 1978 establishing the Australia–China Council, as amended by the Order dated 17 May 1979, is amended by omitting sub-clauses 2(2) and 2(3) and substituting the following sub-clauses:

“(2) The members of the Council shall be appointed by the Governor-General on the nomination of the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs.

“(3) The Chairman shall be appointed—
   (a) for a period not exceeding 5 years; and
   (b) on a part-time basis.

“(4) A member of the Council, other than the Chairman, shall be appointed—
   (a) for a period not exceeding 3 years; and
   (b) on a part-time basis.

“(5) A person may be appointed to be a member of the Council subject to the condition that no remuneration, allowances or other payments are to be payable to him as a member of the Council apart from payments of amounts to reimburse him for travel and accommodation expenses actually incurred by him in the performance of his duties as a member of the Council.”

2. A person who held office as a member of the Australia–China Council immediately before the making of this Order continues to hold office as if this Order had been in force when the person was appointed to be such a member and he had been appointed under the Order dated 17 May 1978 as amended by the Order dated 17 May 1979 and by this Order.

GIVEN under my hand and the Great Seal of Australia on 28 April 1981.

(Signed Zelman Cowen)
Governor-General

By His Excellency’s Command,
(Signed A Street)
Minister of State for Foreign Affairs