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Scholarships for Students from China

at the traditional annual meeting of the Association of Former Residents of China in Israel and the members of the Israel-China Friendship Society, a ceremony took place at which scholarships were granted to 17 Chinese students studying at institutions of higher education in Israel.

Among those receiving scholarships were nine students studying at faculties relating to Judaism. They are studying the history of the Jewish people, the Holocaust, the history of European Jewry during the Nazi occupation, Holocaust denial, the philosophy of Jewish thinkers such as Maimonides and Ahad Ha'am, Jewish philosophy in comparison with Confucius, Russian Jewish literature, Zionism, etc.

The scholarships for Chinese students were distributed from the Israel-China Friendship Society Fund, the Chinese Embassy in Israel, the Misha Kogan Foundation, and the Danny Berkowich Foundation.

Exhibition in Harbin

A formal opening of a photography exhibition by Israeli artists took place on January 6 in the building that once served as the Jewish synagogue in Harbin. The exhibition contains 180 photographs taken by 80 Israeli artists. The building houses a permanent exhibition devoted to the history of Harbin Jewry.

The governor of the Heilongjiang Province, the mayor of Harbin, and Israeli Ambassador to China Amos Nadai attended the opening ceremony. A large audience was on hand, including members of the Heilongjiang Provincial Academy of Social Sciences and the Center for Historical Research about Harbin Jewry, headed by Prof. Qu Wei. The exhibition was organized jointly by the Israel-China Friendship Society, the Association of Former Chinese Residents in Israel, and the Center for Historical Research about Harbin Jewry at the Heilongjiang Provincial Academy of Social Sciences.

Iris Elhanani was the curator of the exhibition.

Liu Yunfen - the New Chairman of the Center for Historical Research about Chinese Jewry

Upon the retirement of Mrs. Fu Mingjing (Svetlana), a member of the Heilongjiang Provincial Academy of Social Sciences in Harbin, Liu Yunfen was appointed manager of the Center for Historical Research about Harbin Jewry. The Israel-China Friendship Society and the Association of Former Residents of China in Israel greet Liu Yunfen, and wish him great success in his new position.

Fu Mingjing (Svetlana) - Pensioner

Prof. Fu, our friend from Harbin, has retired.

Svetlana has a place of honor in the Heilongjiang Provincial Academy of Social Sciences in Harbin. In recent years, she headed historical research about Jews of Harbin at the Academy. For many years, Svetlana has been a friend and loyal ally of Israel and Jewish former residents of China, and of the Israel-China Friendship Society. Her contribution has been very valuable in all matters pertaining to preserving the memory of the Jewish community in Harbin. Svetlana was active at all three conferences dealing with the history of Harbin Jewry, which took place in Harbin in 2004, 2006 and 2007. She was a kind hostess, who warmly welcomed former residents of China arriving in the city identified with their past. She visited Israel a number of times with a delegation from Harbin, and had many friends here from among the former residents of Harbin, who remember her as an urbane person with a warm greeting for each of us.

On the occasion of Svetlana's retirement, we, her friends in Israel, send her our most heartfelt blessings for health and success. We will always remember her as a friend to many of us, and hope to see her in Tel Aviv or Harbin.



Counselor Mrs. Zhang Xiao'an

A History of Friendship Between China and Israel

In honor of the 18th anniversary of the beginning of diplomatic relations between the People's Republic of China and Israel, an exhibition, "A History of Friendship Between China and Israel – A Journey Inside China," has opened in Ashdod. Chinese Ambassador to Israel Zhao

Jun, Minister Isaac Herzog, and Ashdod Mayor Yehiel Lasri attended a preliminary showing.

Year of the Tiger

On February 14, the Chinese people celebrated the new year – the Year of the Tiger.

Friends of China in Israel send greetings to the Chinese people. May the year now beginning be a year of growth for the People's Republic of China, and a year of peace and success for the Chinese people.

Goodbye to Counselor Mrs. Zhang Xiao'an

In late February, Senior Counselor in the Chinese Embassy in Israel and Deputy Ambassador to Israel Mrs. Zhang Xiao'an returned home to China after a five-year stay in Israel.

Zhang maintained close ties with the Israel-China Friendship Society and the Association of Former Residents of China in Israel. Thanks to her hospitable and unique personality, she won the hearts of the Israeli community, especially the former residents of China. Zhang is a cultured, open and sociable lady, with many friends in Israel who appreciated her. She extended a warm greeting to everyone she met.

We send Mrs. Zhang our friendly wishes for success in her future diplomatic career. We are saying goodbye to a true friend of Israel, and believe that we will meet her again in China or in Israel.

We wish you success, Mrs. Zhang, our dear friend.

Exhibition of Chinese Ink Paintings

An exhibition of Chinese ink paintings opened on January 9 at the Wilfrid Museum of Oriental Art on Kibbutz Hazorea. Chinese Ambassador to Israel Zhao Jun opened the exhibition, which will continue for three months, until April 10.

**Shanghai Jewish Refugees Museum
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Exhibition of Photos by Israeli Photographers in Harbin

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Honorary guests, among them the Governor of the Heilongjiang Province, the Mayor of Harbin, Prof. Qu Wei, President of the Heilongjiang Academy of Social Sciences, Mr. Amos Nadai, the Ambassador of Israel to China, and Mrs. Iris Elhanani, Representative of the Israel-China Friendship Society, the organizer of the Exhibition.



Mrs. Iris Elhanani speaks



Prof. Qu Wei shows the exhibition
"The Jews in Harbin"



Photos of Israel

Presentation of Scholarships to Students from China



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Prof. Yossi Shalhevet



Giora Lesk

Students from China



With the Chinese Ambassador in Israel



With Avi Podolsky, a member of the Board of Directors of IYS and the ICFS



Ruth Kahanov presents a scholarship



A representative of the Chinese students thanks the ICFS



Mordechai Segal presents the Chinese students with the book of poems by Batsheva Sheriff

Former Ambassador Reuvan Merhav visits Asia

Reuvan Merhav was warmly greeted by members of the Hong Kong Jewish community. Some remember him very fondly when he served as the consul general. His first activity was to give a talk titled "Was Theodor Herzl right?" Israel at 61. This perspective, was given at the Hong Kong Jewish Community Centre on 15 November.

As part of a trip arranged by the current Consul General to Hong Kong Mr Amikam Levy, Merhav also gave a lecture at Hong Kong's Baptist University, met with Mr Tung Chee Hwa, former Chief Executive of the HKSAR and attended a lunch in his honour at the Hong Kong Israel Chamber of Commerce. He also travelled to a few other countries in the region notably Vietnam and Cambodia. Merhav was Israel's first Hong Kong consul general in 1985 and completed his 3 years tenure. He was instrumental in developing significant bi-lateral and economic ties between Israel and PR China. Using Hong Kong as the gateway promoting Israel's excellence in science and technology, setting up trade missions and creating the opportunity for Israeli business to visit China.

Merhav was born in Israel, and went to high school in Haifa. After serving as an N.C.O in an infantry-paratrooper unit in the early fifties he worked in Kibbutz Devir (Negev)

and later studied Islamic studies and languages at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

In 1961 he joined the government service and for over thirty years worked in the Intelligence and Security services and in the ministry for Foreign Affairs, in various head quarters and field posts in Addis Ababa, Nairobi, Teheran, Beirut and Hong Kong.

As director general of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs he finalised the Taba (Sinai) agreements with Egypt, laid the political foundations for Operation Solomon – the massive airlift of Ethiopian Jews in 1991. He then became the director general of the ministry of Immigrant Absorption and founding chair of the Ethiopian National Project, a major educational effort. Since his retirement he has been active in various public and academic positions, such as the National Labour Court, appointments committees and various teaching positions and also contributed to numerous publications.

As of 2006 he serves as chair of the Executive Committee of the Claims Conference, engaged in securing financial resources to support needy Holocaust Survivors within the framework of Jewish organisations.

"Jewish Times Asia", Hong Kong

Dead Sea products exhibition

Consul General of Israel in Hong Kong Mr. Amikam Levy, organised a Dead Sea products exhibition on 29 October. The four participating companies were: Natural Sea Beauty, Premier by Dead Sea, Pure & Beautiful and SPA Cosmetics.

The event was well attended by guests and visitors made up from the Hong Kong Jewish community and elsewhere.

Mr. Levy said in his opening remarks, "The Dead Sea Exhibition has the same concept of at least three other events that we did in the past: the wine tasting in which we tried to promote Israeli wine in Hong Kong, the design exhibition and the Israeli food week that took place recently".

"The idea is to use diplomacy in the service of economy.

The role of diplomacy has placed more emphasis on economic relations. This is an area which we diplomats have had no problem with promoting unique advanced technology that Israel has to offer to the world. For our Foreign Ministry this kind of event is considered in a very high priority level," he commented.

Mr. Levy welcomed the opportunity to promote Israeli products. Currently trade between Israel and Hong Kong is worth around US\$4.6 billion. "Products from the Dead Sea used for health and beauty are unique, it is a phenomenon that can only be found there," he added.

Mrs. Nava Levy also gave a presentation on the Dead Sea, the environment and the future of this unique place in the world.

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Establishment of Friendship Ties between Kiryat Haim and Hongkou (Shanghai).

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Right to left: Chen Xi'an, Director of the Ohel Moshe Museum in Shanghai, Ran Veinerman, the Vice-President of the Israel-China Friendship Society and Mrs. Yi Mei, the Secretary of the Museum



Right to left: Hongkou District Mayor Yu Beihua and Ran Veinerman signing an agreement on friendship between Kiryat Haim and Hongkou.

D-Pharm in collaboration with a Chinese based company

D-Pharm, a drug company and Wanbang will co-develop DP-b99 in China. The joint clinical programme includes a Phase III clinical study of DPb99 in acute stroke patients similar to MACSI.

Wanbang will finance the first 450 patients recruited into the study and D-Pharm may elect to fund recruitment of additional patients. The Phase III trial in China will be performed in compliance with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Good Clinical Practice (GCP) and applicable ICH guidelines.

D-Pharm will be entitled to use the results of the trial to receive regulatory approvals outside China. This new trial will be entirely independent of MACSI, the Phase III trial D-Pharm is initiating in North America, Europe, South Africa and Israel. Dr. Alex Kozak, D-Pharm's CEO commented: "I am delighted to have a partnership with

Wanbang, a highly reputable Chinese pharmaceutical company.

The agreement provides us with an excellent opportunity to access the increasingly important and rapidly growing Chinese market. In addition, the FDA GCP compliant Phase III study in China will complement D-Pharm's own global development programme and may accelerate the registration process of DP-b99 in the major pharmaceutical markets."

The agreement is the first of its kind, where a late-stage drug candidate developed by Israeli biotech is licensed to a domestic Chinese company for co-development in accordance with the standards acceptable to the FDA and EMEA. The transaction is support by the bi-national Jiangsu (China) - Israel Industrial R&D Cooperation Programme.

A Visit of Israeli Students to the Academy of Social Sciences in Harbin, January 2010

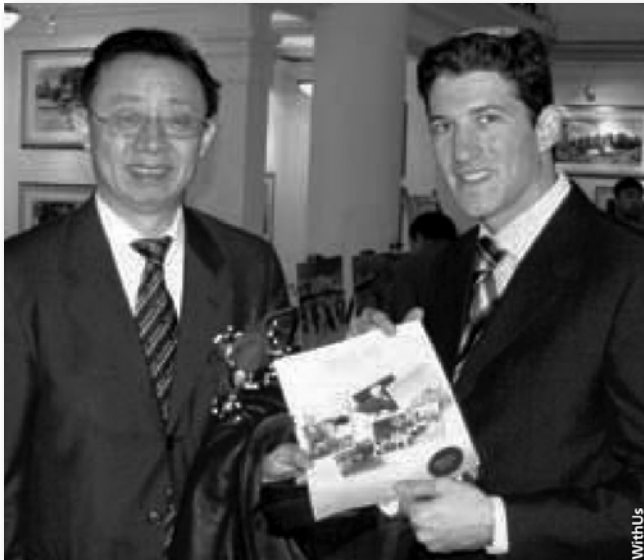


Representatives of the Academy
talk to the students.

Second on the left is Hao Rihong (Zhenya),
next to him is Han Tianyan (Galia),
Deputy Director of the
Center of Jewish Studies, Harbin.



Israeli students



Prof. Qu Wei, President of the Heilongjiang Academy
of Social Sciences, at the opening ceremony of the
photo exhibition in Harbin.

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