

Settlement Support New Zealand Auckland City

Matāriki ki tua o nga whetu - Matāriki – search beyond the stars



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Tēnā Koutou

Greetings to you all! Welcome to the seventh Settlement Support New Zealand—Auckland City Newsletter.

The objective of this newsletter is to provide you with information about what Settlement Support – Auckland City does, where you can find information about employment, education, health services and many other aspects of living in New Zealand. This is also an opportunity to share with you the services which are available around Auckland city.

Please pass this newsletter onto friends, family and community colleagues.



Presenters (from left): Bevan Chuang, Raymond Huo, Justin Treagus, Berlinda Chin, Mitchell Pham, Arthur Chin and Julie Middleton / Photo: Philippa Hamilton

Employing Migrants and Refugees: Potential Benefits and Barriers

Meeting was held on 20 May at the Pioneer Women's Hall in Auckland CBD and was facilitated by ARMS' HR Manager Lawton Hakaraia. The story was featured on the first 2 pages of *HeraldJobs* on NZ Herald on 3rd June! 82 people attended despite the horrible weather and parking difficulties!

Speakers of the event included Raymond Huo, Labour List MP; Arthur Chin, Head of Asian Banking for ANZ National Financial Group; Mitchell Pham, Manager for AugenHEALTH and AugenASIA; Justin Treagus, Programme Director for Omega; Julie Middleton, Communications Manager for EEO Trust and Berlinda Chin, Intercultural Awareness Manager for Office of Ethnic Affairs.

Speakers spoke about the potential migrants and refugees employees can bring to the company both financially and in skills.

For more information email ssnzauckland@arms-mrc.org.nz

For photos of the event, visit: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/ssnzauckland/sets/72157618547861902/>

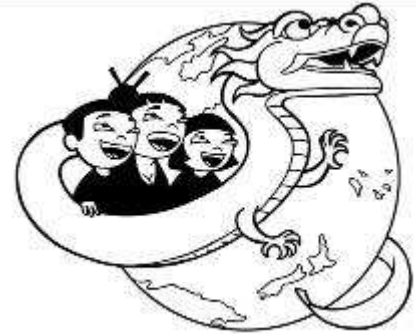
Migrant workers are very important to the economic development of New Zealand and businesses in New Zealand. Office of Ethnic Affairs invited UK economist Philippe Legrain (<http://www.philippelegrain.com/>) in May to speak about the benefits of a diverse workplace.

You can find examples about the benefits of hiring migrants in New Zealand here:

http://www.hrc.co.nz/hrc_new/hrc/cms/files/documents/22-Jul-2008_12-52-42_Brain_Gain_Migrant_workers_in_NZ_June08.pdf



Rising Dragons, Soaring Bananas International Conference 18 & 19 July 2009



Presented by the New Zealand Chinese Association Auckland Inc. and the International Society for the Studies of Chinese Overseas (ISSCO), the **Rising Dragons, Soaring Bananas International Conference** brings to life talented voices of Chinese descent making an impact in New Zealand and on the global stage.

Star-studded speakers span the creative arts, media, academic, community and business sectors and include: Libby Wong (Writer and former Hong Kong Legislative Councillor); Marcus Lui (Creative Director, The One Centre, Sydney); Mai Chen (Chen Palmer, Public Law Specialists); Don Ha (Real Estate Entrepreneur); Paul Spoonley (Massey University); Ron Sang (Architect and Art Collector); Victor Huang (Animator, Weta Digital); Peap Tarr (Urban Artist); Natalie Chan (Fashion Designer and Milliner); Jock Phillips (Editor, Te Ara, The Encyclopedia of New Zealand); Peter Li (University of Saskatchewan); Tan CheeBeng (Chinese University of Hong Kong).

You maybe eligible to attend the conference for free, thanks to **Settling In, Ministry of Social Development**. Contact Lily Lee Lily.Lee010@msd.govt.nz with information about yourselves as per criteria below.

- is a migrant or refugee with permanent residence
- is interested in supporting their community
- is keen to learn more about or from the Chinese in New Zealand

For more information visit: <http://www.goingbananas.org.nz/>
Programme: http://www.goingbananas.org.nz/PDF/2009_programme.pdf

Spotlight: Peap Tarr Urban Artist



Tell us a bit about yourself Peap?

I have been living on and off in New Zealand since me my family and I used to move around a lot. Now I have my own family, so in recent times we have settled back here in Auckland.

I'm Auckland born, but my mother is Cambodian with Khmer and Chinese ancestry and my father is from New Zealand with Irish Ancestry. I see myself as a global citizen, its not where you're from but it's where you're at.

How do you see yourself?

I studied at AUT University for 4 years and gained my Bachelor of Art and Design in Graphic Design. I don't limit myself. One minute I can be painting on a wall or canvas; the next minute I work on a corporate like logo or imagery.

I feel there are always barriers in life. I never think that I have been overlooked by others based on my race. If that has been the case, I never really let that get to me. I just try even harder, nothing comes easy in life. It's really all about how you carry yourself and what you strive for. Against all odds one must have total belief and confidence, because good things will happen if we keep a positive state of mind.

Peap will be presenting in the **Visually Chinese** panel on 18 July at 2.30pm.
For bios of all speakers, visit http://www.goingbananas.org.nz/speakers_2009.php



What's Coming Up?

Workshops

***All workshops are free unless otherwise stated.**

Job Search Workshop

Every Tuesday, 9.30am–2pm

Workshop to assist with your job search. Held in conjunction with Work & Income NZ, Career Services and the Auckland Chamber of Commerce.



Bus Tour: Auckland

Saturday 13th June 2009, 9.00am – 4.30pm

Take advantage of this free opportunity to tour the four cities in the Auckland region. Gain an overview of the region in which you have chosen to live and how your home and suburb fit into the region. See where other people work and live within the region.

Participants must be registered with ARMS for health and safety reasons.



Auckland Migrant Expo

Saturday – Sunday 13th – 14th June 2009, 10.00am – 5.00pm

Migrant Expo will be held at the ASB Showgrounds this year. Come to find out more about settlement support, employment assistance and other services available to migrants.



For more information, visit <http://www.migrantexpo.co.nz/>

For more information or to register contact ARMS on 09 625 2440 or reception@arms-mrc.org.nz.

For information about workshops in 2009 visit www.arms-mrc.org.nz

Did You Know?

Settlement Support New Zealand is four years old! SSNZ is a Department of Labour initiative in response to the needs of newcomers for settlement related support such as information and referrals. For more information about Settlement Support New Zealand and what policies are in place, visit <http://www.immigration.govt.nz/settlement>

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**Celebrate Matāriki, the Māori New Year, during 24 June to 24 July.
For more info visit: <http://www.matarikifestival.org.nz/>**

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