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CPCA Pre-Christmas BBQ 19/12/93

Venue: Sugarloaf Reservoir, Melway Map 273 (B-2&3), main entrance at (A-2)

Time: 12:00pm, Sunday, 19/12/93

Dear CPCA members and families,

A pre-Christmas BBQ will be held at the reservoir about 35km from the city. The reservoir provides an excellent environment for family gathering and child playing. Walking along the bank of reservoir, you will enjoy its unique landscaping and view.

All BYO. However, you may share your food and drinks with others. BBQ facility available there.

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About This Issue

Huan Liu

This is the last issue of this year. Since CPCA started, it grows steadily. Many activities have been organised. Among them are seminars, BBQ's, parties, and family weekends. The number of members is almost doubled to over 60 from 30 something. Now CPCA is composed of members with a wide range of skills and expertise, from law, arts, to engineering. CPCA president, Guimin Liu is the major driving force in promoting, expanding, and developing CPCA with the help of many enthusiastic volunteers.

In this issue, we present you several reports on these various activities organised by CPCA in last few months, plus Dr. Yi-Bing Cheng's article on his recent trip back to China, information on new members, members' profiles, and members news. With your support, CPCA will continue to grow and succeed.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from CPCA.

CALL FOR SUBMISSION

If you have anything interesting, please send it to us, see Contact Information.

Dr. Yang Xiaokai's Presentation on Economic Reform in China Jianfeng Jing

Thanks to the efforts of our Vice President Dr. Xiaodong (Don) Xia, the Executive Committee of CPCA was able to organise a high calibre seminar on Reform in China and to invite Dr. Yang Xiaokai, Reader at Department of Economics, Monash University, as our Distinguished Guest Speaker on Saturday, the 27th November 1993.

Dr. Yang obtained his Ph.D. degree in Economics at Princeton University. Afterwards, he worked at the Yale University as a Research Fellow, at the Chinese University of Hong Kong as a Senior Lecturer. He is now a Reader at Department of Economics, Monash University. Recently, he has been elected Member of The Australian Academy of Sciences. Dr. Yang is specialised in Neo-Classical Microeconomics.

Dr. Yang's presentation centered on the structural transformation in the Chinese economy induced by the reform policies of the Chinese government. Dr. Yang characterised the current changes in the Chinese economy as the transition of a quasi-self sufficient economy based on agriculture to a modern industrialised market economy. Dr. Yang pointed out that the reform process, in particular the privatisation in China after 1989 is a bot-

tom-up process, driven by the demand of the market rather than by the plan of a central authority. This is in contrast to pre-1989 reforms or the reforms pursued by the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, where the government played a central role in the privatisation process. In Dr. Yang's opinion, a bottom-up process, which is driven by market and profit and inherently decentralised, has a much higher probability of success. A centralised approach presumes that a central authority knows what is best in terms of economic activities. Such a presumption is paradoxical with the philosophy of a market economy, where it is presumed that the market, not the government, knows things best.

Dr. Yang also redeveloped the notion of "residual rights" and tied it with another concept, intellectual property rights. According to Dr. Yang, "residual rights" of a capitalist entrepreneur is the return on his "intellectual property", namely his knowledge of how to run a business with profit. Dr. Yang analysed the failure of earlier Chinese technology to develop into a sophisticated system of modern

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science and technology and tracked its cause to the lack of a legal guarantee for such "residual rights". As a consequence, the proprietors of such properties could not transfer them and expect a return. Such "intellectual properties" lived and perished with a particular individual, without being passed on to the wider society. (Reporter's note: this phenomena was well-known in the medical circle, where the intellectual property was only passed on within a family or a particular trail of inheritors).

Many changes are occurring in China quickly and often the changes are legally confusing. Many Westerners have difficulties to comprehend these changes. However, as Dr. Yang put it, the Westerners perhaps 100 years ago would perfectly understand.

At the conclusion of the seminar, Dr. Yang received a "Thank You" present of bronze candle stand from CACP.

(All the content of this report is the interpretation of the reporter. Neither Dr. Yang nor the reporter assumes any responsibility for possible mistakes contained in this text)

CHANGES IN THE HOMELAND

Yi-Bing Cheng

I have just come back from a trip to China and Japan. Before I attended a Conference on Advanced Materials in Tokyo on 30th August, I was in China for about 10 days. I visited my family in Wuhan and also visited Shanghai Institute of Ceramics and Shanghai Research Institute of Materials. My family is very well and we all had some wonderful times just being together.

This was my first time being in China since 1985 and I saw some enormous changes in the places where I have been. The development of economy and improvement in people's life (in general) are obvious, although the degree of the progress is different in different places and for different people. New constructions are everywhere; shops are full of goods with plenty of choices. Several sections of a street in Wuhan city centre

have been sold to Hongkong and Singapore companies to build skyscrapers for department stores and supermarkets, and I saw people very busily demolishing all the old buildings there.

My impression is that nowadays as long as you have money, you can buy almost everything in China! Of course, the reality is that money is still very tight for most the people. People's salary has increased (for those I know, the average monthly income is about 300 to 400 yuans, compared to about 80 yuans eight years ago) and so has inflation. In the last eight years, the price for most goods (food in particular) increased about 5 to 10 times and for some, even more.

There are quite a few shops decorated with luxury fittings in the cities, in which most people can only afford to do window shopping (even the western tourists). Indeed, one thing I have noticed is that the gap between the rich and poor has been greatly widened in the sense that some people can easily spend thousands of yuans just for a meal and others may very rarely go to any restaurants. It is quite possible, I feel, that this gap may increase further with continuous economic development. Nevertheless, there is a wide choice of goods with a variety of different prices in markets. In other words, there is an alternative to buy some cheaper stuff with lower quality and so people can still survive without having to buy the expensive consumable. For example, the price of a shirt can vary from 20 to 300 yuans in different shops. As one friend told me he had never worried about what was going on in night clubs (another newly booming business) because he knew that he could not afford to go.

In the research institutions I have been, the number one issue to the researchers is how to get money from different sources and how to make money by using their skills. In the entire society, "doing business" is a kind of fashion and talking about how to make money is no longer a shameful topic. Research funds in the institutions are very limited. There is a number of government funding programs to support advanced research but

the competition is very severe. Therefore a researcher may have difficulties surviving unless he is doing market orientated work (a friend was joking that the best research nowadays might be the invention of a pocket machine to print money instantly!). The number of returning overseas students at Ph.D level is still not significant although I was told that there was an increase recently. Accordingly many young people with a Master's degree have been promoted to associate professors or higher. I was told that the desire of going abroad among the highly qualified young people now was not as strong as before (I am not sure about this).

Overall, I had some very interesting time in China during my recent trip and I have seen some great changes taken place in the country. There are still a lot of problems (such as corruption, unequal distribution, air pollution, chaotic traffic, inflation etc.) and some of them could be very crucial to the continuation of the future economical development. However, I think that as long as the Chinese government has a genuine intension to further develop the country's economy (for whatever reasons) and adopts the policies to encourage people to make money, the majority of people would get the benefit (in different degrees) and China could be a promising country in the next 30 years. Considering the fact that this would be beneficial for more than one billion of population, I sincerely wish China can succeed.

After this visit, I have an impression that the world would experience a big impact one day if China could progress continuously at the current pace. On the other hand, even the amateur political observers could sense some sort of potential danger of instability in this kind of drastic change taking place in a country as large as China. I have asked a lot of people during my visit to different places the same question, "Is there any possibility at all that China could go back to the old days?". The answer from all of them (though some with a bit of hesitancy), is unanimous -- "It's impossible!" I tried to understand the reasons why people have such a firm belief but was not very suc-

cessful. Anyway, China's future is in the hands of the people who are living on that land. If they are optimistic, do others outside worry too much?

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Report on the Mid-Autumn Festival Party

Jianfeng Jing

"On Festival Days The More We Remember Our Families", said one famous Tang poem. "The Moon Rises Above The Sea, Everywhere In The World We Share This Same Moment", said another Tang poem.

Mid-Autumn Festival has a special meaning in the Chinese culture. It is a time for joyful family re-union, it is a time for thanksgiving and celebration, for autumn is a time of harvest, a harvest of rewards to our endeavour and our sweats. On the 5th of October 1993, CPCA organised a special Mid-Autumn Festival Party, so the members could bring their families and friends together to have a joyful evening. To this occasion CPCA also invited The Honourable Consuls of the Education Department of the Chinese General Consulate. We were very pleased to have His Honourable The Consul Dai at the party.

The party started with a short introduction by CPCA President, Dr. Guimin Liu, who wished everyone a happy evening. The party then went on to the really hot specials. Dr. Yibing Cheng

was the host of riddle games, in which every table could exploit their collective intelligence and submit their answers to the questions in eight categories, including: history, art, music, and sport. A lot of regrets could be heard, when some people discover their mistakes, but too late! Then the presenter of the game, our host made a mistake. What an embarrassment! We all had a really good laugh. And the winning table had a very nice present as a trophy.

The riddle game was mixed with Karaoke. We sang the old familiar songs. We ate moon cakes, and we drank Coca Cola (what a non-traditional ingredient!). Then we had our raffle draw hosted by Hua Shi. Everyone had long necks expecting their luck, however, naturally there were few winners. No long faces though! The party went on until late.

Thanks to the committee members and all those who helped for their time and good organisation, the party was a smashing success.

Members' Profile

Junni ZHAN

I was born and brought up in Shanghai as the only child of my family. At the age of sixteen, I went to Shanghai First Medical College (now Shanghai Medical University) to study medicine. Five years later, I graduated and became a physician in Shanghai Zhongshan Hospital, where I worked for one and a half years. In 1985 I left China and headed to the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) as a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Pharmacology. It was the first time I was all by myself and I felt quite lonely at the beginning. Half a year later, fortunately, I met my ^{would-be} future husband Guimin Liu, who was a postgraduate student at the University of California at Berkeley. We soon fell in love and got married two years later. We had a nice wedding ceremony and a warm reception afterwards, which were engraved in my memory.

In 1987, I enrolled as a Ph.D candidate in UCSF. My first child Kelvin was born in January 1990. Soon afterwards, I obtained my Master's degree, quit the Ph.D. study and moved to Sydney to join my husband who came half a year earlier. From 1990 to 1992, I worked as an Experimental Scientist in CSIRO. Now I am pursuing my Ph.D. degree in the Department of Anatomy at Monash University specialising in neuroscience. My research topic is the basic mechanism of olfaction (smell). Guimin and I had our second child Melissa half a year ago. This made my life as a student more difficult and I hope I can still cope with it.

I quite enjoy living in Australia. My favourite radio station is 3MP Easy Music. I love watching movies and sports on TV. My hobby is cooking and trying various recipes. I am also interested in Chinese calligraphy in which I had a long-time training from a child and still practise sometimes. I wish my children will learn Chinese calligraphy from me when they grow up.

Xiaoqing ZHANG

After finishing study at Nan-Yang Model High School in Shanghai, I entered East China Normal University in 1980, obtained B.Sc from Department of Chemistry in 1985, and M.Sc from Department of Physics in 1988. Then I was appointed as a research assistant in the Analytical Centre in the same University, until I moved to Hokkaido University in Sapporo, Japan in Oct. 1989 as a recipient of the scholarship from Japanese Government. After 18-month incredibly successful working, I was conferred a Dr. degree in polymer science by Hokkaido University. In July, 1991, I moved to Tokyo, worked as a research fellow in R&D Centre of Nippon Zeon Co. Ltd. Four months later, I left Japan, moved to Ireland to take a post doc. position in Department of Physics of Trinity College, Dublin University. I did have a good time in that Green Island; I enjoyed the easy life there, and moreover, I had good trips to London, Paris, and Lisbon. At the end of 1992, I migrated to Australia. Currently I am a research fellow in School of Chem-

istry, the University of Melbourne. My research area is polymer physics, mainly structures and properties of multi-component polymer materials. The powerful tools I use are solid-state NMR, FT-IR, DSC, and so on. I have published more than 10 papers in leading Journal of Polymer Science, and another 4 have been accepted for publication. Other than working, I enjoy reading, music, Chinese painting, and, travelling is still my favorite.

Bin QIU

I was born and brought up in Beijing. Graduated from the North Jiaotong University in 1982, I stayed there for four years as assistant lecturer. I went to UK to study for higher degrees in 1986. I received my MSc in 1987 and Ph.D. in 1989 from University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. I have been a lecturer at Victoria University of Technology since 1990.

Married with a young family, I have been successful and unsuccessful due to my honesty and frankness. I enjoy life, but hate brain drain games such as Go, chess, bridges and "inter-person relations" because I do not play them well. Would rather spend big money but have hardly got little ones. Would like to make life-lasting friends and hope they are not in Utopia.

Xiuming HUANG

Xiuming Huang was born in Chengdu, Sichuan in 1946. He received the B.Sc. degree from Qinghua University in Beijing in 1970 and, after a few years spent in a remote coal mine, resumed the study and received in 1981 the M.A. degree from the Department of Linguistics, Graduate School of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Beijing. He obtained the Ph.D. degree in computer science from the University of Essex, UK, in 1987. From 1984 to 1988 he worked as a computer specialist at the Computing Research Labs, New Mexico State University, in the area of Machine Translation. He then lectured for one and a half years in the Department of Computer Science at the University of Mel-

bourne. In 1990 he joined the Artificial Intelligence Systems Section at Telecom Research Labs, AOTC, where he holds the position of senior scientist and is working on speech/text access to telephone directories.

In 1993 Dr. Huang spent about four months in Beijing cooperating with the Legend (Lianxiang) Computer Group Co. The experience is pleasant and he still keeps contact with the company.

Dr. Huang enjoys music, tennis and golf, among other things. He lives with wife Qing and daughter Cassandra, happily at present and hopefully thereafter.

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Members News

Marriages _____ Guimin Liu

Huan Liu married Lan Xiang on 16th June 1993. The wedding was held in Shanghai, China. Lan recently joined Huan in Melbourne.

Christable Zhang married Mike Boffa on the 21th Nov. 1993.

Xiuming Huang and Qin Zhan had their wedding in Beijing in April 1993. Qin joined Xiuming a few months ago.

Congratulations to the newly-weds and we wish them a happy life together!

Other News _____ by Hao Shi

A lot happened in last few moths. Guimin and Junni have their second baby, Sanping has a baby daughter, Lige

has a baby boy, and Deming and Hao bought a house.

Farewell to Huan Liu _____ by Guimin

Dr. Huan Liu is going to leave Telecom Research Labs and take up a lecturer position at the National University of Singapore. Huan has made a tremendous contribution to CPCA over the last year. It would not have been possible for us to see the three issues of RAINBOW without his efforts and dedication as the Editor. On behalf of our club members, I would like to take this opportunity to thank him and wish him well in his new career. I have not been to Singapore but I hear it is a beautiful, neat place, and pretty hot. We wish him and Lan Xiang to live a happy new life there.

与山东潍坊市代表团座谈纪要 张醒

十月二十三日, 我陪同来澳短期访问的中国山东省潍坊市代表团一行四人, 在 Monash 大学与澳华学协八名会员进行了两个小时的座谈。本着澳华学协的建会宗旨, 该次座谈会的目的在于加强中国与澳大利亚之间科技与文化的交流, 促进两国之间的贸易往来, 并不失时机地为中国的工业、教育及科研单位提供帮助与咨询服务。

该代表团的成员们对澳华学协的活动十分感兴趣。他们在繁忙的访问日程中牺牲自己的休息时间, 特意来与澳华学协的会员们会面交谈。众所周知, 山东潍坊是世界著名的风筝之都。同时, 该地区物产丰富, 工业发达, 是近几年来发展较快的中小城市之一。潍坊市代表团此行的目的是考察了解澳大利亚工业, 特别是高科技方面的情况, 在澳寻找合作、合资及贸易伙

伴。为此，代表们十分希望通过我们对澳大利亚有更深一层的了解，并听取我们的建议。

在相互简单介绍后，双方开始了热烈而诚挚的交谈。代表们首先坦诚地介绍了潍坊市现状并表达了将潍坊经济搞上去的愿望。针对他们提出的问题，澳华学协的会员们一一进行了回答并提出了自己的见解。特别是，程一兵的一番议论引起了大家的热烈讨论。程一兵说，根据切身体验，他深深感到，西方一些发达国家对中国仍持歧视态度。在这种情况下进行合作、贸易，中国方面难免受到人为阻力。与此相反，澳大利亚政府积极鼓励其工商业加强与中国的关系，两国之间有着良好的合作、贸易基础。程一兵曾在多个国家学习和工作过，他的感受和见解无疑是中国各部门应该借鉴的。

两个小时的时间很快就过去了。座谈一直是在不断的问答中进行的。会后，代表们一再表示座谈时间太短了，很多事还没有来得及详谈。他们对我们提供的信息和建议表示感谢并希望能有再有机会进行接触。代表们尤其对黄秀铭 (Telecom Research Laboratory) 提到的计算机中英文翻译系统感兴趣，反复提出要将这一技术引进到潍坊去。总之，这次座谈会十分成功，为将来再举行类似的活动积累了经验。同时，我们也希望大家今后能更加踊跃地参加这种活动，为中国的经济腾飞尽一份力量。

座谈结束时，代表团向澳华学协赠送了一对风筝和一盘红木嵌银筷。

Upcoming Events

1. Pre-Christmas BBQ on 19/12/93

2. CPCA general meeting and General election of next committee of CPCA

Proposal for a Special Interest Group *Jianfeng Jing & Guimin Liu*

CPCA Stock Market Investment Group

We propose to establish a special interest group for members interested in the stock market. This group will initially simulate a stock market investment company.

1. Purpose

The purpose of establishing this special interest group is to bring those members together who are interested in the stock market. The objectives are:

- a) to learn stock market investment strategies without risk, but at the same time to appreciate the opportunities and risks associated with investments,
- b) to provide a few model portfolios as references for those members who are already involved in stock market investments,
- c) to establish a foundation for a real investment company by learning to cooperate with each other on a rational, cooperative & mutually-beneficial way.

2. The simulated company

The simulated company (hereafter company) will be modelled on a typical investment trust company. The virtual shareholders will "buy" shares of this simulated company. The shareholders will elect a board of directors. The board in turn will appoint a manager. The manager will have an assistant. All management decisions (such as buying certain stocks and selling others) will be made by the manager with the advice of the directors. Major changes in the company's policy have to be approved by the board.

The company will issue a quarterly information leaflet to represent the quarterly report of a real company. Other details may be discussed at the first group meeting.

Depending on the number of participants and resources (i.e. time) available, a number of portfolios will be simulated.

3. Conditions for entry

Every seriously interested member is invited to join. A participant is requested to contribute \$10 (designated as special donation) towards the general account of CPCA.

4. Miscellaneous

At a later stage, the initiators plan to invite interested members to pool a small amount of fund to form an unregistered fund to jointly invest in one or two highly speculative

stocks. In this way, no participant has to carry an unnecessary risk.

The deadline to join this group is Jan. 7, 1994. The first group meeting is tentatively set at Jan. 17, 1994.

If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Dr. Jianfeng Jing BHP Research Tel. 752-7783 (H) / 566-7293 (O)
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