

# The **New Zealand** Student Ambassador Programme 07-08

## 新西蘭學生大使計劃

### New Zealand New Thinking

A perfect chance to broaden your horizons! Take the opportunity to gain first-hand travelling and living experience in the foreign culture of New Zealand – “the Pearl in the Pacific.”

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#### Enquiry

Visit [www.newzealandeducated.com/HongKong/upcoming.html](http://www.newzealandeducated.com/HongKong/upcoming.html)  
or Call +852 2151 3396

#### Eligibility

Hong Kong and Guangdong secondary school\* students aged 15 or above

#### Deadline

4 January 2008 (Friday)

#### Organisers:



Education  
Bureau

New Zealand  
**TRADE & ENTERPRISE**



**ENGLISH STREET** 英語街  
EDUCATION CENTRE

#### Official Airline:



#### Co-Organisers:

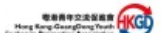


#### Supporting Organisations:

Immigration New Zealand  
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#### Sponsors:



# Reflections of Student Ambassadors



"This life changing experience helped to hone my interpersonal skills. I am so sure the friendships made will last for many lifetimes. Travelling on our own out of our own comfort zone is never easy, but is made much easier by timely help from new friends made and strangers alike. They have inspired me to see in life its full meaning and its incredible beauty, and encouraged me to make each day a new horizon."

**Elisa Cheng**

Maryknoll Convent School

Studied at Whitireia Community Polytechnic in May 2007



"I had the opportunity to have lessons with students from all over the world. I could hardly believe people with totally different mother tongues can actually communicate! By sharing our own experiences, students of different nationalities and cultures were able to carry out cultural exchanges."

**Maggie Chung**

Heep Yunn School

Studied at Rangī Ruru Girls' School in July 2007



"I am able to have cooking lessons, barista training which are all taught by prestigious and experienced tutors. I have learnt the typical "Kiwi" way of cooking and making great coffee. Most memorable of all is that I was given the chance to put the theory into practice by working in a world-class restaurant situated in the city centre."

**Terry Lau**

Newman Catholic College

Studied at Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology in May 2007



"I always felt at ease being together with my new friends because it almost felt like home in New Zealand – I partied and had fun with them as though we had known each other for a long time. The hospitality of them, together with the caring support of my host family, has enhanced my learning in the institution."

**Christine Yu**

Tsuen Wan Government Secondary School

Studied at Eastern Institute of Technology in May 2007



"The lessons I took not only improved my spoken English, but also let me have a chance to cooperate with other people and learn how to communicate with them while we had cultural differences. I really enjoyed the trip!"

**Charmaine Kwong**

Marymount Secondary School

Studied at Kiwi English Academy Limited in July 2007



"I was exposed to a culture completely different from that of Hong Kong. My host family was nice, introducing a lot of exotic things to me and taking me to the coast and the snow. I could have a slice of the carefree and yet social lifestyle they were living. What's more, I got the chance to study at a language academy and have conversations with people over the world."

**Terence Li**

St Mark's School

Studied at Rotorua English Language Academy Limited in July 2007



"Being a New Zealand Student Ambassador is not only about learning English in New Zealand, but also interacting and understanding people from different countries. Through this scheme, I thoroughly experience kiwi culture and I hope more students can have the opportunity to experience it too!"

**Winnie Lee**

St Paul's Secondary School

Studied at University of Otago Foundation Studies Limited in July 2007



## Hong Kong International Education Expo

New Zealand Student Ambassadors shared their wonderful experiences on studies, travel, friendship and homestay in New Zealand through a stage presentation at the Hong Kong International Education Expo.

## Welcome Home Reception

Upon completion of the New Zealand trip, all student ambassadors were invited to a reception hosted by the New Zealand Consul-General, to share their unique experience with all sponsors, organisers and students.



# Activities of the programme

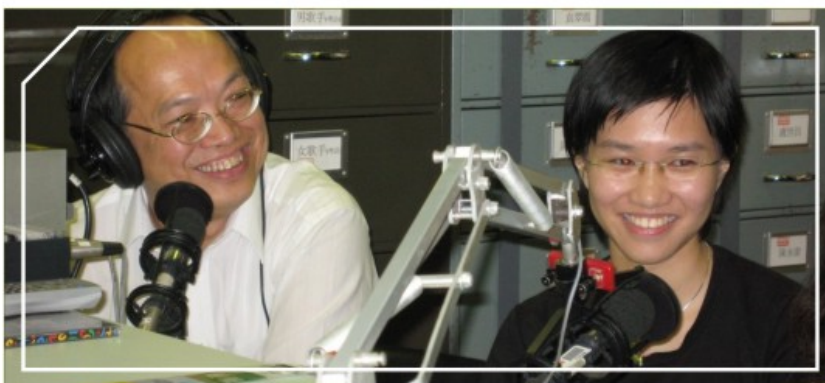


## Prime Minister's Visit

New Zealand Prime Minister, Rt. Hon Helen Clark, visited Hong Kong in December 2006 and met with the Student Ambassadors who then shared their travel and study experiences with all guests.

## School-Business Forum

Five senior executives from various industries shared their thoughts with the students about "Corporate Social Responsibility".



## Media Interview

Six New Zealand Student Ambassadors were interviewed by RTHK 5 to talk about their enjoyable memories in New Zealand.

# The New Zealand Student Ambassador Programme

New Zealanders were forging a new society from a rugged uncompromising land over 150 years ago. The “can do” attitude of New Zealanders results in pragmatic innovation and new ideas as a hallmark of the country. The New Zealand approach to education nurtures individuality and fresh thinking.

Let your imagination run wild and write a 500-word English essay on “New Zealand New Thinking”!

## Eligibility:

Hong Kong and Guangdong secondary school\* students aged 15 or above by application deadline.

\*Note: Secondary schools adopting full local curriculum

## Selection Format:

Participants should complete the online application form at <http://www.englishstreet.com/nzsap08> together with a 500-word English essay on the topic of “New Zealand New Thinking” and send a printed copy of both the completed registration form and the 500-word English essay to:

Hong Kong Economic Times - English Street,  
7/F, Kodak House II,  
321 Java Road, North Point,  
Hong Kong

Deadline of submission: 4 January 2008 (Friday)

Short-listed applicants will be contacted by email and telephone to attend selection interviews by mid January 2008.

Selection Interviews will be conducted in late January and February 2008. Short-listed candidates will be invited to attend presentation and image-shooting skills training organised by English Street, Hong Kong Economic Times Schoolpage in late January 2008. Twelve students will then be selected as New Zealand Student Ambassadors through the final selection interview conducted in February 2008.

## New Zealand Trip

Date: 14 July to 3 August 2008

Ambassadors will attend a 3-week tailor-made programme in New Zealand. The first week of the programme is a cultural trip to Wellington funded and organised by Wing On Travel which includes customised activities to enrich the unique cultural experiences. Ambassadors will then travel to their respective institution to attend the study programme and participate in various other learning experience activities in the second and third week.

## Winners\* (2 places) including:

- one round trip economy class ticket from Hong Kong to New Zealand by Air New Zealand
- a 4-5 days cultural trip organised by Wing On Travel
- a 2-week tailor-made learning programme plus accommodation

## Runners-Up\* (10 places) including:

- a 4-5 days cultural trip organised by Wing On Travel
- a 2-week tailor-made learning programme plus accommodation

## Certificate of Merit (20 places) including:

- Wing On Travel coupon
- Comvita natural products

## Mission of the Ambassadors

All New Zealand Student Ambassadors will be responsible for promoting cultural exchange of New Zealand and Hong Kong.

## \*NOTE:

- All Winners and Runners-up prizes: Meals, travel and extra-curricular activities expenses, insurance, government taxes & charges and other personal expenses are not included. Students have to pay the above expenses.
- All Runners-up: Students will be responsible for travel arrangements of their round trip tickets from Hong Kong to New Zealand. Special discounted tickets will be offered by Air New Zealand.

## Terms & Conditions:

- Only one application per person will be accepted.
- By submitting the application, applicants accept and agree to be bound by these terms and conditions.
- All applicants are required to co-operate with and participate in activities including the Award Presentation Ceremony and other related promotional and advertising activities, organised by NZTE for this purpose. NZTE reserves the right to disclose and publish the names and such other particulars of the winners where applicable (including photographs), in such mode and manner as NZTE may in its sole discretion deem appropriate for publicity purpose (including publicity after the Programme has been completed).
- All prizes cannot be redeemed or exchanged for cash, credit or any other. All prizes are subject to further terms & conditions as stipulated by respective prize sponsors and/or NZTE. NZTE may at any time, at its sole discretion and without consultation or reference to applicants substitute or replace any prize with any other prizes of equal or similar value. Winners of prizes are responsible for arranging for transport, delivery, customs, clearance and insurance of their own prizes and all taxes, charges and fees in relation thereof. Personal expenses are not included in the prizes unless otherwise specified.
- Prizes are not transferable.
- NZTE is not a supplier of participating business's products and services or the prizes and will not accept any liability (whether for property damage, personal injury or death or of any other nature) thereof or in connection thereto. In the event of any disputes arising from the participating business's products and services or the prizes, the decision of NZTE and the related participating business or prize sponsors shall be final and binding on all parties concerned.
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- In case of discrepancies between the English and Chinese versions, the English version shall apply and prevail.
- Winners of prizes involving a visit to New Zealand must meet Immigration New Zealand requirements for entry into New Zealand. New Zealand visitor visas are not guaranteed and must be sought through Immigration New Zealand. If a visitor visa is refused by Immigration New Zealand or NZTE's prize sponsors are unable to provide such service due to whatever reasons, the prize will be forfeited.

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