

# Chinese Voice 20 January 1998 issue

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Paper Tiger Economies Real Tiger Penises

by Steven Young

FROM the 28th January 1998 to 15th February 1999 will be the Year of the Tiger.

Traditionally

If you are aggressive, courageous and candid but really are a big softie at heart then it's more than likely you were born in the Year of the Tiger.

The Tiger is one of the most revered Chinese Birth signs. Associated with power, courage and pure will, Tigers are rebels with a cause. They are colourful and unpredictable, with boundless energy and a love of life which stimulates them and affects all those they come into contact with.

They love being the centre of attention, never go unnoticed and are famous for their ability to influence others. However, they are also impatient, not afraid to say what they think and have suspicious natures. But in spite of their quick temper, they are sincere, generous and very affectionate to those they love and trust.

However more seriously, in the year of the Tiger we should focus on two worrying problems:

Firstly the increasing affluence of the Chinese worldwide has led to a demand for Tiger Products, arising from the superstitious idea that one can acquire some of the qualities of an animal by eating parts of that animal. Harmless enough when Mother cooks and serves lambs' brains before the exams, or pigs' trotters before the half marathon, but disastrous for an endangered species when some jaded millionaire feels that some tiger penis in brandy would be just the thing before the Big Date.

Secondly, the so-called Tiger Economies, particularly in Korea and Malaysia but also Thailand and Indonesia are in serious trouble brought about by corruption, nepotism, numerous grandiose but unproductive projects, and Banks, Governments and large conglomerates all getting into the same bed. Instead of roaring ahead, these countries have been shown to be economic Paper Tigers.

Not only should we strongly disapprove personal practices which might one day see Tigers hunted to all but extinction, but also political practices which allow economies to be inflated then destroyed by vainglorious leaders for personal gain.

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Pansy Wong MP and Hon. Wyatt Creech

Are to host a reception at Parliament Wednesday 28 January to celebrate Chinese New Year, to be followed by dinner. Pansy will report on her first year in Parliament. Tickets to the reception (\$10) and the dinner (\$25) are available from Chris Chen telephone 478 7611 mobile 025 276 591 and Committee members of other Chinese community organisations. This will be an excellent opportunity for an exchange of views among Chinese community leaders and with our first Chinese Member of Parliament.

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Wellington Chinese Language School

Aims to promote the learning of Chinese Mandarin language and the spread of Chinese Culture.

Now is the time to enroll. The school offers five classes on Chinese (Mandarin) language on every Saturday during the primary school terms. The lessons last 1½ hours from 1:30pm to 3:00pm and the classes are all taught by teachers from China and Taiwan. Other aspects of the Chinese culture are also incorporated as part of the curriculum - calligraphy and painting, Chinese folk songs and dances are also introduced. Starting from the fourth term of 1997, the school has moved its classes from Wellington High School to von Zedlitz Building of Victoria University at Kelburn Parade. The school is supported by (recommended levels of) donations. Raymond Young (Enrollment Coordinator) (Ph: 478-4158)

Chinese Exhibition at Te Papa

Before going to see the exhibition you can read about:

The History of the Chinese in New Zealand by Dr James Ng.

Te Papa Tongarewa Chinese Exhibition (How it was put together, and the basic themes developed) by Steven Young.

Whose Story Is It? (A critique of the processes and issues in telling the story of the Chinese in New Zealand as depicted in the Chinese exhibition) by Nigel Murphy.