



Seasons Greetings!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the International Team at CPIT.

We would like to thank you for your support in 2008 and look forward to working with you again in 2009. CPIT provides excellent student support services to our international students and we would like you to meet our student advisors.

Introducing our International Student Advisors

Lyn Crossan International Student Advisor

Lyn has been working with international students at CPIT since November 1991 when she started in the role of Office Manager. At this time there were only 40 international English Language students at CPIT. Very soon the numbers increased to over 200 & students were accepted to study mainstream programmes as well as English Language. It was soon decided that there needed to be a person who was responsible for student support for the international students & Lyn was moved into that role because of her background in counselling skills. She enjoys the variety of problems the students come to her with & over the years has come to understand many cultures. She has helped many international students to reach their potential & successfully complete their qualifications. The International Student Advisors not only help the students achieve their qualifications but a lot of the time is spent teaching them life skills to survive in another country.



assisting students to be successful by providing motivation and guidance throughout their studies. (Congratulations to Lesley who recently became engaged!)

Kun Li Bi-lingual Student Advisor (Chinese)

Kun Li first started working at CPIT in 2007 as a part time Chinese Tutor. She joined the International Team in July 2008. Prior to immigrating to New Zealand in 2001, Kun was a lecturer in English at the Jiangnan University, China for 14 years. She has a BA in English and Literature and MA in Applied Linguistics from the Central China Normal University and she completed her Master of Education at the University of Canterbury in 2004. Kun is passionate about working alongside Chinese speaking students using her personal experience. Her role in the International Team is to provide Chinese speaking students with pastoral care and support during their study at CPIT.

Kun's advice to students: You only get help if you ask – people don't automatically know what you want.



Lesley Allan International Student Advisor

Lesley is originally from Scotland and came to New Zealand, to teach English language, in 2002. Previously from a travel and tourism background Lesley has worked in many countries overseas which has given her extensive experience with different cultures and backgrounds. Since coming to NZ she has worked in international education in both teaching and support roles, which ensure international students at CPIT are well informed and receive the most appropriate advice for their individual needs. Lesley particularly enjoys meeting students from all over the world, organising international events and



Su-Young Oh Bi-lingual Student Advisor (Korean)

Sue is originally from South Korea and moved to New Zealand in 2001 with family. Sue gained customer service skills from her work experiences at Northwest Airline & NZ Embassy in Seoul and has been working as a Korean advisor and teaching Korean Language for CPIT community language classes since 2004. She has BA in English Literature & Language, South Korean English teaching qualification, CELTA, Overseas Korean Language Teacher training.



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Hiroshi Komatsu Bi-lingual Student Advisor (Japanese)



Hiroshi immigrated from Japan to New Zealand in 2001. Previously from an Industrial background with a Bachelor of industrial Management and Administration and working as a Sales Engineer in the industrial automation industry in Japan. Since coming to New Zealand Hiroshi has gained a Diploma in English at CPIT and has worked as a Sales Co-ordinator and Floor Supervisor at a retail shop before starting his position as Bi-lingual Student Advisor at CPIT in February 2007. Hiroshi is currently studying The Certificate in Information Technology at CPIT. Hiroshi says "I enjoy my role at CPIT since helping others is my passion. I would rather students come to me for help instead of them trying to solve their problems on their own. We can sort them out together".

Indian Student Dinner



At the beginning of Semester 2, the CPIT International Team held a Welcome Dinner and information session for the new Indian students. Attending this dinner were representatives from the Indian Social & Cultural Club, Amrit Singh and Stan Balar, who provided valuable information on settling in to life in Christchurch and creating networks. Two graduates of CPIT, Ankur Chauhan and Jaspreet Singh, also provided an insight into academic life and how to be a successful student.



Harpreet, Ankur and Annie Goh



Lesley Allan and Stan Balar

The dinner was a great success and we look forward to hosting similar events in the future.

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Jinwoo and Ryo

In a recent survey 86% of international students said they felt safe living in Christchurch. In launching a new web site www.report-it.org.nz, Christchurch Mayor Bob Parker said the large majority of city residents valued and cared about overseas students having a safe and enjoyable time in Christchurch. This website enables students to report if people in Christchurch do or say hurtful things to them because they are different. CPIT's Chief Executive, Dr Neil Barns, says "Christchurch is fortunate to be the destination of choice for thousands of international students each year. These students provide a wonderful opportunity for the citizens of Christchurch to experience and gain an understanding of many other cultures. We need to treasure these visitors to our city and this project will help them feel safe and to deal with those in our society who do not understand the value that other cultures add to our city." Two of our students are featured in the campaign posters and met with Christchurch's mayor Bob Parker at the campaign launch.



Jinwoo with the Mayor



Ryo with the Mayor and Human Rights Commissioner

We welcome any information you give us. You can access this website on line: www.report-it.org.nz

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CPIT Employment Fair

CPIT held an employment fair in October for students of the Faculty of Commerce. Many international students took the opportunity to meet with employers for advice and information. Students also had a chance to present their CV's to prospective employers.



International Safe Community Designation

Christchurch will this month be designated an international Safe Community based on criteria developed by the World Health Organisation.

This Follows a recent successful site visit by delegates from the Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand in its capacity as a Certifying Centre for the World Health Organisation Collaborating Center on Community Safety.

This is a significant achievement for the city and one which recognises the hard work and commitment by Council, twenty agencies and the community as a whole to work together to create a safer city.

Christchurch launched the Safer Christchurch Strategy three years ago, the city's first community safety strategy, aimed at making Christchurch the safest city in New Zealand. Focussed on injury prevention, road safety and crime prevention, the city-wide Strategy has guided Christchurch as it has worked towards accreditation as a World Health Organisation Safe Community.

Christchurch will receive its designation this month when the city hosts the 17th International Safe Communities Conference.

*Jenni Marr
Metropolitan Community Advisor – Multicultural
Christchurch City Council*

International Study Guide

You will receive a copy of our 2009 International Study Guide by mail very soon. The information and the new international application form is also available on-line:
<http://cpit.web.fc2.com/international>



Reminder - New Refund Policy for 2009

As from 1 January 2009 a new refund policy for Full Fee Paying International Students will be in place. The policy will be based on a student's "Path of Study". The definition of Path of Study (for International students) is:
Path/Course of Study is defined as the total length of each programme which the student has chose to study as detailed in the Statement of Fees and accepted by payment and enrolment.

The formula for calculating a refund is as follows:

<i>Refund Policy</i>	<i>Tuition Fee</i>	<i>Registration Fee</i>	<i>Homestay Placement Fee</i>
Withdrawing <i>14 calendar days or more</i> prior to commencement of the programme start date.	20% of tuition fee plus NZ\$500 administration fee will be deducted.	No refund	Full refund
Withdrawing <i>Less than 14 calendar days</i> prior to commencement of the programme start date.	20% of tuition fee plus NZ\$500 administration fee will be deducted.	No refund	No refund
Withdrawing <i>Within the first seven calendar days</i> of study	20% of tuition fee plus NZ\$500 administration fee will be deducted.	No refund	No refund
Withdrawing <i>After 7 calendar days</i> of study	No refund	No refund	No refund

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New Mainstream fees for 2009

The following programmes will increase by 5% for 2009:

Bachelor of Nursing
Bachelor of Medical Imaging
Bachelor of Midwifery
Bachelor of Broadcasting Communication
Competency Based Assessment Programme (in Nursing)

All other mainstream programmes will increase by 3%.

There is no change to fees for English language programmes.

For a full programme listing please visit our 2009 on-line Study Guide:
<http://cpit.web.fc2.com/international>

New Accommodation fees for 2009

The homestay fee for 2009 will be NZ\$215.00 per week (includes 3 meals a daily) with a placement fee of NZ\$250.00 (includes airport pickup).

Further information is available on our website:
http://www.cpit.ac.nz/student_services/accommodation

NZEAS Homestay Office Opening Hours Over Christmas and New Year

Last day of office: Wednesday 23 Dec, 12.00 p.m.

First day of office: Monday 5 Jan, 9.00 a.m.

Last date for homestay bookings - Friday 19 Dec 5.00 p.m.

Last day to request Airport Pickup: 5pm, Tuesday 22 December 2008.

Last minute flight changes, please phone NZEAS emergency phone: 021 201 6993 and leave a message.

Intake dates for 2009

2009 Intensive English/English Plus Electives (min 4 weeks) are:

5 January
2 February
2 March
30 March
27 April
25 May
22 June
20 July
17 August
14 September
12 October
9 November

Agent On-line Resources

Our Agent CD is now an on-line only resource:
<http://cpit.web.fc2.com/>

CPIT Holiday Hours

CPIT will be closed from 24 December and will re-open on the 5 January 2009.

Last day of office 12noon,
23 December 2008. First day of
Office 8.30am 5 January 2009.



Last day of School of English - 19 December.
School holidays for English is 20 December 2008 -
4 January 2009. Back to class 9am 5 January 2009.

Emergency contact - please ring us on telephone
number: +64 275408017 and leave us a message.

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