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Happy New year from the International Team

The New Year has got off to a busy start at CPIT. A number of English Language group programmes are running during January and February with the majority of students in these programmes coming from universities in Korea and Japan. Our individual international student numbers have increased compared to 2007 so we are looking forward to a successful year ahead.

Our International Team (from left to right): Margaret Pierson, Jennifer Rose, Tim Hayashi, Lyn Crossan, Beth Knowles, Lesley Allan and Annie Goh.



- **International Director – Beth Knowles – knowlesb@cpit.ac.nz**

Beth's new role encompasses all aspects of internationalisation at CPIT, ranging from growing international student numbers to working to ensure staff and students derive mutual benefits from the presence of international students on our campus.

- **International Account Managers:
Annie Goh and Tim Hayashi – goha@cpit.ac.nz and hayashih@cpit.ac.nz**

Annie and Tim are often overseas and the CPIT representatives you are most likely to meet in your home country. However, travelling is not all they do. Time is spent interacting with students and solving problems, researching the markets, and relationship-building. And then there is the planning and preparation for recruitment trips and all the follow-up that they need to do on their return.

Annie's markets include India, China, Thailand, Taiwan and Vietnam. Tim's key market is Japan, and he also looks after the Middle East and Latin America.

- **International Student Advisors:
Lyn Crossan and Lesley Allan – crossanl@cpit.ac.nz and allanl@cpit.ac.nz**

Lyn and Lesley provide a first point of contact for students needing help and advice and for tutors who have concerns about their international students. They work with students to try and resolve any problems and may refer them on to an external service if required. They may also mediate between students and tutors and generally offer help and support until the student is coping well again.

They also work with programme leaders and attend faculty meetings to raise awareness of regulations around international student attendance and academic progress. They conduct the regular monitoring of students under 18 years, as required by the Code of Practice. Another important role is the organising of the orientation programme for new international students.

- **International Services Administrator – Jennifer Rose – rosej@cpit.ac.nz**

Jennifer is the newest member of the team. Jennifer provides PA/secretarial support to Beth (International Director) and administration support for the wider team, keeping everyone on track and organised. Jennifer is also responsible for actioning commission payments to agents and maintaining our agent agreements.

NEW ROLE FOR MARGARET PIERSON

After 23 Years of service Margaret retired from full time work at CPIT in December 2007. Margaret joined CPIT in May 1984 as a tutor and became head of The Department of Languages in 1989, Dean of Humanities in 1995, and Director International in October 2004.

Margaret will continue to work with the international team in a new part-time role, co-ordinator International Exchanges. This involves managing the international student exchange programme for incoming and outgoing students. Additionally Margaret will maintain her position on Education New Zealand's Research Reference Group representing the ITP sector.

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New International Director

Beth Knowles has recently been appointed to the new role of International Director at CPIT. Many of you will know Beth well as she was our International Services Manager in 2007. Beth has extensive experience in international marketing and business development. Previously Beth has held senior roles at EIT Hawke's Bay, WELTEC, and The Open Polytechnic of NZ. She has also been Trade Director at the Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce and was the Programme Manger for International Business Exchanges as part of the World Class New Zealanders initiative.

School of English Language:

• Dr. David Gough Becomes Dean

A big congratulations to Dr, David Gough who has been appointed the Dean of the Health, Humanities and Sciences Faculty. David has been the Head of School of the School of English Language for a number of years. We wish him all the best in his new role.

• Christmas Concert

The School of English Language held its annual Christmas Concert on Friday 7th December 2007. It was a great afternoon, and everyone had a wonderful time. Each class provided entertainment including singing, poetry and music performances. The arrival of Father Christmas sparked some humour and fun for staff and students.

LSAC (LANGUAGE SELF ACCESS CENTRE) Offers a Warm Welcome to International Students

The Language Self Access Centre (LSAC) is free to students enrolled at CPIT - we welcome all students enrolled in our School of English Language programmes, or international students in mainstream courses, if they need help with their English.

LSAC is a place where students can come to practice and improve their English in their own time after class. The resources are available at all levels of English and are especially designed to help students become independent learners. In 2008, we are launching an Independent Learning project in co-operation with the English language classes. The LSAC resources will provide a great opportunity for students to practice the kinds of strategies they use in class. Through this guided experience students will learn new strategies for independent learning to take into further training.

The LSAC is on Level 2 of the Library at CPIT. Opening hours are normally as stated below but please note that these times change during term breaks

Monday -Thursday 8.30am - 7.00pm

Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm

Saturday & Sunday 12.00pm - 4.00pm



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2008

The following dates are Public Holidays in New Zealand:

Wednesday 6 February	Waitangi Day
Friday 21 March – Tuesday 25 March	Easter
Friday 25 April	ANZAC Day
Monday 2 June	Queen's Birthday
Monday 27 October	Labour Day
Friday 14 November	Canterbury Show Day
Thursday 25 December	Christmas Day
Friday 26 December	Boxing Day

CHANGES TO IMMIGRATION POLICY

New policy under the Skilled Migrant category was introduced by Immigration NZ on 4 February 2008. For updated information please visit www.immigration.govt.nz/migrant/generalinformation/news/4feb.htm. The changes primarily affect the way in which Immigration NZ assesses whether an applicant's job offer is "skilled employment", and which qualifications are recognised.

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