

New Zealand Principals' Delegation to China 2026

Objectives

This delegation is sponsored by the Centre for Language Education and Cooperation (CLEC) and is tailored for New Zealand Principals. The trip offers participants a unique opportunity to gain first-hand experience of contemporary Chinese society and culture. Through various activities, such as visiting local schools and meeting with Chinese officials, participants will expand their cultural understanding. The trip will also provide valuable insights into China's professional and educational environment.

Dates

Tuesday, 7 April 2026 – Friday, 17 April 2026 (TBC)

Programme

The program includes school visits, seminars on Chinese culture, meetings with Chinese educators, and sightseeing in Beijing, Wuhan, and the surrounding rural areas.

Eligibility

Principals (or Deputy Principals, HOD) and leaders of tertiary institutions from New Zealand schools or institutes that currently offer, or plan to offer, Chinese language in the curriculum are eligible to apply. The number of participants shall not exceed 12 at most.

Costs and Expenses

All expenses in China, including domestic travel, accommodation, group meals, and other related costs, will be covered by Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST). International airfares and any internal travel expenses within New Zealand will be the responsibility of the applicant's school. Any additional personal expenses during the trip will be the applicant's responsibility.

Closing Date

The application form and attachments must be completed by **5pm on Friday, 21 November 2025**, and submitted either by email to confucius-institute@canterbury.ac.nz or by mail to:

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For further information, application forms, or any inquiries, please contact us via the email or visit our website at [Confucius Institute programmes | University of Canterbury](#).