



驻上海总领事夫人团 Consular Spouses Shanghai

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2015 NEWSLETTER

Wishing a Happy 2015 to all our members and their families. We hope you had a great seasonal break.

We said farewell to the year of the Horse and welcome the year of the Sheep/ Goat. According to Chinese astrology sheep are gentle, shy, romantic and creative but can also be moody, lazy and indecisive. For 2015 their lucky colour is purple and lucky numbers are 3, 9 and 4.

This year is the 20th anniversary for CSS. One way that we will celebrate is to move into the 21st century by launching our website which is in the final preparation stages. We also have our main fund raising project to look forward to. This is looking very exciting and we are grateful for everyone who has contributed to the donation of accessories so far.

THE FASHION OF LOVE CHARITY EVENT

'The Fashion Of Love' is the title of the event that will see all the donations of accessories from consulates and partners come together and represent designs and styles from around the world. We have a wide variety from many countries to make an interesting, exciting show. It will be part of the Shanghai Women's Federation International Women's Day celebrations and will take place on **March 16th** at 6.30 pm at the Shanghai Children's Theatre, Miaojiang Road. This is an impressive venue seating 900 guests and with a huge central stage.

The evening will mark the opening ceremony of the Shanghai International Fashion Culture Festival. The accessories from CSS will be modelled and displayed in a fashion show and a live and silent auction will take place on the night to raise funds for local charities. Other events and performances will take place during the evening, including the Chinese Fashion Industry awards and a children's cat walk show. If you want your children to participate in the catwalk let us know by filling the form we already sent you on February 7. Kids from 3 years are welcome.

We are grateful to all for your contributions. Thank you to the CSS members who have volunteered to help with the increased workload as the event approaches.

Please mark this date in your agenda, we would like to see you all there supporting our annual charity event.

CHARITIES UPDATE

As we focus on our main fund raising event we are considering the charities that we may like to support this year. In 2014 the funds helped four charities and we are pleased to be able to update you on two of these organisations. We wish them all the best in their work.

Shanghai Children's Medical Center (SCMC)

SCMC clinical trials have found that malnutrition in children hospitalised in the Paediatric Department is high. SCMC set up a nutritional group of dieticians, nutritionists, nurses and

technicians to offer individual intervention for these children. CSS has helped support a Public Charity Project to help the nutrition support team focus on Medicaid and Health Education. The funds have provided nutritional therapy to children of poorer families and an education programme for parents to attend with guidance brochures so they can understand the nutritional needs of children with certain conditions and feed their children effectively at home. SCMC continue to monitor the children they help and are pleased that the programme is successful in helping many families.

Baobei

www.baobeifoundation.org

The charity Baobei Foundation helps to undertake the care of orphaned babies and children needing life changing operations or treatment. They fund the hospital bills and arrange a foster family. Some of the children go on to be adopted by foreign families in Shanghai or overseas. Evelin Tai, Director of Orphan Care, recently sent an update on some of the babies that CSS helped fund.

A baby girl called April has been adopted by a Spanish family and Joy and Adam will soon be adopted by families from US. All babies had several complications and surgeries for spina bifida or hydrocephalus. CSS funded their orthopaedic braces.

Below you can see pictures of two happy babies. CSS helped Titus who had surgery for spina bifida, hydrocephalus and club feet. Mary had a subdermal hamatoma drained.



EVENTS FROM DECEMBER 2014 AND JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2015

Just a reminder of a couple of great events that took place in December

**STRESS RELIEF
WITH TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE
Tuesday 2 December 2014**

Doctor Trina Lion from Humanity Hospital gave an interesting lecture about the importance of be aware of our daily unhealthy habits, and make a conscious commitment to change them. Also she talked about the importance of taking care of our emotional wellbeing. We learned and practice some breathing exercises to help to cope with daily stress.

SUZHOU CREEK AND M50 ART DISTRICT
Tuesday 9 December 2014

CSS members had a full morning as they met in the Chang Feng district main offices for a presentation of this newly developed area. We had a bus tour of the district and stopped off at the Spark Museum which houses thousands of matchbox covers donated from a private collector. It is close to the sight of a former match factory that was based by the creek. We then took a boat cruise along the creek with a commentary on interesting areas and refreshments. This used to be an important busy trading waterway. At the end of the cruise we took another bus to the M50 art district and had a whirlwind tour of some of the galleries and latest exhibitions of diverse talent. It was a very interesting morning to see parts of Shanghai that we may not be aware of.



JANUARY TOUR OF CHINA ART MUSEUM WITH JULIE CHUN
Friday 9 January 2015

Julie Chun is an art historian working with several art groups in Shanghai. In early January she took CSS members on a tour of the China art Museum in Pudong. This was the former Chinese Pavillion for 2010 Expo and a huge space by the Huangpu River. We enjoyed the exhibitions and the digital scroll as Julie shared her extensive knowledge with intelligent insight and entertaining explanations. We thank Julie for her time and dedication and hope to arrange future tours for our CSS members to share her understanding and fascination with art in Shanghai.



**February Visit to new flagship store Shang Xia
Tuesday 3 February**



CSS were invited to visit the Shang Xia flagship store in Xintiandi. This is a luxury goods

brands backed by Hermes. Their products are meticulously designed and handcrafted by the most capable traditional artisans in China. In the visit we had the opportunity to enjoy a tea ceremony and to know more about the unique designs and perfect craftsmanship of the items. The brand has product categories that include apparel, furniture, jewelry, leather, tea and culinary.

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