



LONG BEACH Qingdao Sister City ASSOCIATION

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LBQA 25th Anniversary A Great Success - The Year Ahead Continues To Broaden Relationships

“Long Beach and Qingdao connected like never before” said LBQA Chair Larry Uyeda, “when the two cities united to celebrate their 25th anniversary and brought here 24 young Qingdao dancers, their teachers and 10 of their parents! In addition, a delegation of Qingdao officials, headed by Ms. Luan Jingqiu, Vice-Chair of the Qingdao People’s Congress came to celebrate. It was a spectacular way to deepen our friendship.” Literally thousands of locals watched and participated.

Visiting Dancers. The dancers of the Xiao Bai Fan Art Training School - mostly 8 and 9 - year-olds - charmed audiences

throughout the city, performing Oct. 2-4. Even more charmed were the host families who took the little girls into their homes and hearts. “It was a wonderful experience for us, too!” said Susan Redfield whose two guests, to her surprise, happened to be the two soloists for several performances. “They’re like normal little girls having fun and playing with my two cats at home,” continued Redfield, “but when they perform, they’re just stunning - so self-assured and graceful in their gorgeous costumes!”



The Xiao Bai Fan Dance Group Perform at The Port of Long Beach Port Fest On their First Day In Long Beach.

The little dancers spent several days with local families recruited by LBQA member Lois Ledger. It was a big responsibility, *(continued on page 3)*

“New Connections Between the U.S. & China” Information - Packed Annual Luncheon 2011

It’s the year of the rabbit—we must move fast to keep up! Learn exciting news about new US-China connections at LBQA’s Annual Luncheon, Feb. 11, 2011 when the newest Chinese Consul General, Amb. Qiu Shaofang, will speak. His most recent posting was as Ambassador to Sierra Leone. No stranger to the U.S., he has also served in the consultates of New York, San Francisco, and Chicago. The Long Beach-Qingdao Association is honored to host Amb. Qiu on the occasion of his first official appearance in Long Beach.

Doors open at 11:30. The luncheon is located at the Executive Dining Room of LBQA member Keesal, Young & Logan, in downtown Long Beach.

Panel to Speak on “New Connections Between the U.S. & China.” Today, information, travelers, and capital speed across the Pacific at rates undreamed-of a decade ago. Our panelists lead the way:

John Shen, CEO, US Employment Development Lending Center - Born in China, Shen has become an expert



New Consul General Amb. Qiu Shaofang,

on the U.S. financial system since relocating in 1993. Tapping his own creativity and using recent U.S. legislation, Shen’s company connects Qingdao financiers with U.S. small businesses. The result? New jobs for Americans and U.S. residency for the Chinese lenders. Find out how it works.

Zhihang Chi, Ph.D., Vice President, General Manager, North America, Air China Ltd., Los Angeles.

- As the premier airline of the Peoples Republic of China, Air China strives to set the standard. Dr. Chi will discuss the newest addition to their local service: a *second, non-stop flight to Beijing* from Los Angeles. Find how when it launches and what else Air China offers to China travelers.

Greg Berk, Attorney, Carlton, DiSante & Freudenberger, LLP. - Moderating the discussion is Greg Berk, an experienced immigration attorney who works closely with California employers including I-9 internal audits, ICE audits, E-verify matters, green cards, and immigration matters of all kinds.

(See box on page 2 to reserve a seat and make a reservation)

LBQA Offers People-to-People Trip to China – All Aboard!

The momentum of Long Beach-Qingdao Association's 25th anniversary has inspired the first-ever opportunity for the public to take advantage of the strong sister-city friendship by visiting China in summer 2011. In association with Cruise & Tour International of Torrance, a very experienced tour operator, LBQA will sponsor the ten-day trip, flying aboard Air China, and including several days in Qingdao and Shandong Province learning more about our famous sister city.

Every effort has been taken to make the trip affordable, while not compromising on high quality, due to the strong local connections by LBQA Board members. We will renew acquaintances with our many friends there. *This is a people-to-people tour of the Qingdao area, not your standard tourist trip.* **Highlights include:**

- **Qingdao and Shandong Province:** Tsing Tao Brewery, Olympic Sailing Center, Annual Beer Festival, nearby city of Weifang, World Capital of Kites, then to Jinan, capital city of Shangong and know as the "City of Springs."

- **Beijing:** Tian An Men Square, Forbidden City, Great Wall, Ming Tombs, Temple of Heaven, and more
- **Shanghai:** Bund, Pudon new area, XinTianDi beautiful historic area, World Expo and full day Zhouzhuang Village Tour (Famous Water Village with well preserved acient houses).

Airfare, hotels, and most meals will be included. Details will be available at the Feb. 11 Annual Luncheon and son on our website, www.lbqa.org. A minimum of 20 travelers will be required to confirm the trip.

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LBQA Chairman's Message: Larry Uyeda

The Next 25 Years - What's To Come in 2011

The LBQA now embarks on a journey through the next 25 years and the year ahead looks to be very exciting in our goal to continue to build our relationships in China and our Sister City, Qingdao. *(Please use the form on page 4 to let us know you are interested).* As an organization we have clearly been on the cutting edge of world affairs with trade missions, educational exchanges, seminars and business development with our friends accross the Pacitic. This year will prove to be a precedent-setting year for LBQA and with Dr. Mary Barton leading the charge, we have much on our plate.

Leading off the year of the Rabbit, we welcome a new Chinese Consul General to the Los Angeles People's Republic of China and continue a wonderful relationship with his staff of professionals. This year's annual luncheon leads off with a timely topic, "New Connections Between the U.S. & China." Our speakers, **John Shen**, CEO, US Employment Development Lending Center; and **Zhihang Chi, Ph.D.**, Vice President, General



Larry Uyeda,
Chairman, LBQA

Manager, North America, Air China Ltd. will focus their talks on their respective industries and their growth, while sharing their experience in both the U.S. and Chinese markets; later this year the LBQA will host a presentation by a local Long Beach success, Mr. Jim Rice, who presently serves as the President of the American Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai (date TBD); in the months ahead we will be announcing a series of business development forums and meetings with visiting Chinese investors from Qingdao and other cities in China, opening doors to two-way trade between our two cities; last but not least we are excited to announe an LBQA China trip open to all members and their friends scheduled for this summer. More information will be provided at the Annual Luncheon.

We ask you to consder joining us not only on this year's trip to China, but also to join the LBQA and network with our membership. We look forward to seeing you at the luncheon, February 1, 2011.

25th Anniversary Celebration *(continued from front page)*



The Xiao Bai Fan Dance Group performs at Perry Lindsey International Middle School.

but everyone enjoyed it. The dancers performed at the huge GreenPort Fest in the Port of Long Beach, before a lively crowd at the Aquarium of the Pacific in the Great Hall, and for 200+ guests at the Gala Anniversary aboard the Queen Mary. For each dance—from “Peacocks Flying Over” to “Kite-Flying”—the girls were colorfully costumed and highly choreographed, reflecting an extraordinarily high level of professionalism. “I could easily see why Qingdao Mayor Xiao recommended that we invite these dancers here,” said LBQA President Mary E. Barton.

Vice-President David Zanatta orchestrated an event for the dancers and local Girl Scouts. The Scouts entertained the dancers at the home of LBQA members Bill and Mei Collier. Together, the two groups of girls enjoyed crafts projects while their parents watched, then later all enjoyed a buffet dinner, with Chinese dishes prepared by Forbidden City Restaurant.



Dance Group Visits the Long Beach Ballet.

A highlight of their Long Beach stay was a morning spent at Perry Lindsey Middle School, where an outdoor performance was cancelled due to rain, so the dancers performed inside, to a resounding accolade by the Lindsey students.

Officials’ Activities. Meanwhile, the Qingdao officials met with Mayor Foster, breakfasted with executives at Laserfiche, met with officials at CSU, Long Beach, and toured the harbor aboard the yacht Medicine Man 2 courtesy of the Long Beach Yacht Club. Commodore John Busch and member Ms. Jo Murray arranged the spectacular waterborne hospitality.

Gala Dinner & Long Beach Ballet Co. The crowd attending the anniversary gala aboard the Queen Mary enjoyed a spectacular ballet titled “A Tribute to the People of China,” performed by Long Beach Ballet Co. dancers. Leaping and pirouetting in an unusual combination of classical and Chinese dance, they wore

brilliant ethnic Chinese costumes. According to Artistic Director David Wilcox, his students tour China each summer and he hopes to perform in Qingdao for the first time in 2011. Later in the evening, the Xiao Bai Fan dancers captivated the attendees with “Peacock Flying Over” and “Peach Blossoms Bloom.” It was an evening not to be soon forgotten.

Touring. As the Qingdao officials left Long Beach the next morning for meetings in Mexico and South America, the Xiao Bai Fan dancers, teachers, and parents headed for other West Coast destinations, arranged for them by LBQA member Mingyi Chen and her company Cruise & Tour International of Torrance.

Sponsors and Volunteers. “We could not have created this wonderful anniversary event without the support of our sponsors,” said President Barton, “and incredible help from our members and volunteers in the community!”

The LBQA is especially grateful to Air China for donating two roundtrip tickets to Beijing as a prize for the dinner’s opportunity drawing, and to the following organizations

for their support: Office of Mayor Bob Foster; Qingdao Foreign Affairs Office; Consulate General, People’s Republic of



LBQA Homestay Families welcome dancers to Queen Mary Hotel

China in L.A.; Keesal, Young & Logan; Port of Long Beach; The Queen Mary, our Official Hotel; Xiao Bai Fan Art Training School; Fuji Elevator Qingdao; TsingTao Brewery /Crown Imports; Laserfiche; Cruise & Tour International; Bumblebee Seafoods; L.B. Convention & Visitors Bureau; The Barton Group; JCA Resources; Keesal, Young & Logan; College of Continuing & Professional Education, CSULB; Obagi Medical Products; Carlton DiSante & Freudenberg LLP; Business Communications Strategies International; Southern California Edison; Forbidden City Restaurant; and Aquarium of the Pacific.

Volunteers who made a major difference include Michael Brausen, Maria Cai, Mingyi Chen, Bill & Mei Collier, Sheri Glazebrook, Malcolm Green, Liv Haugland, Kathleen Howat, Lois Ledger, Heidi Luo, Deborah Mazur, Jo Murray, Susan Redfield, Lindsay Shields, Larry Uyeda, Sally B. Weger, Dr. George Wong, Gao Yan, Carole Yochum, David Zanatta, Heidi Zhang, and Theresa Zimmerman-Liu.



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