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To: [Christine Garey](#)
Cc: [Council 2022-2025 \(Elected Members\)](#); [Executive Leadership Team \(ELT\)](#); [Mike Costelloe](#); [Suzanne Jenkins](#)
Subject: Project China
Date: Friday, 15 August 2025 11:18:00 a.m.

Kia ora Cr Garey,

Below is the information requested relating to Project China.

Cost

2024/25 Spend

- \$47926.78 + direct staffing/OH (one full time permanent staff member)

2025/26 Budget

- \$27230 + direct staffing/OH (one full time permanent staff member)

Sector by Sector Benefits

Business

- Silver Fern Farms (SFF)
- ADInstruments
- Scott Technology
- Kaans

Civic endorsement of Dunedin businesses based in China provides significant marketing and credibility support. As evidenced by the Silver Fern Farms request for the DCC Mayor or Senior Council delegate (Chief Executive) to attend the China International Import Expo (CIIE) with them, to provide credibility for their brand with government and city officials attending the expo.

Education

The estimated economic benefit of international student recruitment to Dunedin from China was \$45M NZD in 2024.

Mr Jason Cushen, Director, Te Whirika (International), University of Otago said, 'In 2024 University of Otago signed new agreements with Fudan University and Shanghai Jiao Tong University, focusing on research collaboration, as well as student and staff mobility. The sister city relationship between Dunedin and Shanghai is an enabler that provides added political value for the Chinese universities to enter agreements with University of Otago. Being able to act in concert with Dunedin (given the city's status) in a market like Shanghai elevates the university's standing'.

Research and Development

- Seven joint research projects funded Shanghai \$700,000NZD (estimated)
- Two joint research projects funded Chinese central govt \$200,000NZD (estimated)

City

- Ongoing investment in Yu Yuan
- Ongoing technical support for Yu Yuan

Kā mihi,

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Sent: Tuesday, 12 August 2025 1:29 p.m.

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Subject:

Kia ora Jackie

Can you please forward the actual amount we spend on Project China annually and a list of the material benefits to our city of this focused work ?

Kā mihi nui

Christine

Christine Garey

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