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# INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION EXCHANGE



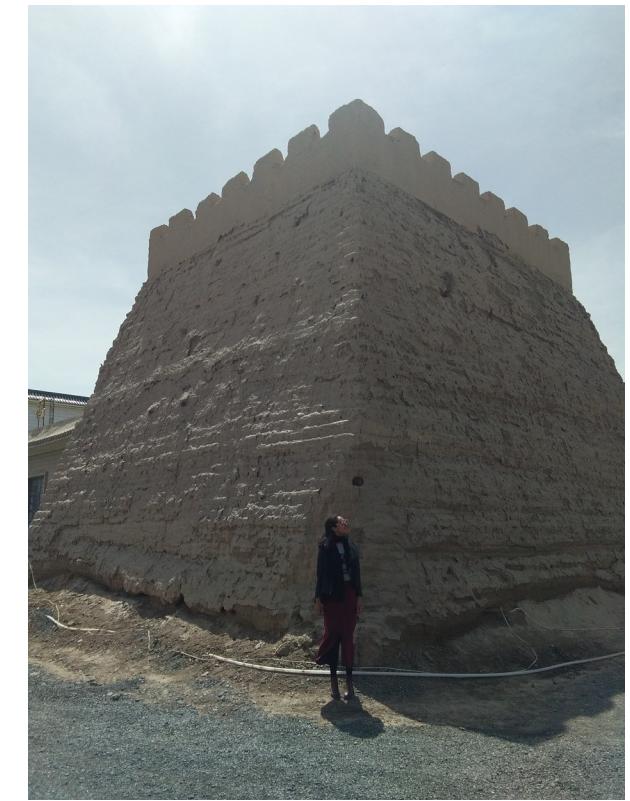
## Zhangye, Gansu Province

- 214,000 population, I was the only foreigner! Lived here 2 years.
- Shandan Bailie School, founded by NZer Rewi Alley in 1944
- This was a form of educational exchange - I learnt more than I taught.
- 2 years assimilated into the Chinese culture set the scene for the Prime Minister's Scholarship

## Suzhou, Jiangsu Province

- 5 or 6 students based in China of the NZ Prime Minister Scholars
- 4mil population, a ton of foreigners. Lived here 6 months.
- Mandarin House, internationally renown language school
- Currently studying HSK Level 5 after 6 months, highest level is HSK 6

# ZHANGYE, GANSU PROVINCE





# SUZHOU, JIANGSU PROVINCE



# FRIENDSHIP SOCIETIES ACROSS CULTURES

- Partnerships with the Chinese Peoples Association for Friendships with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC) in Beijing
- CPAFFC aim is to promote friendship and mutual understanding between Chinese people and foreign nations
- Tours, conferences, exchange visits, commemorative activities
- Really a way to bridge any gaps of misunderstanding between China and foreign countries



# IMPORTANCE OF SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIPS



- Understanding, understanding, and more understanding!
- Promotes and fosters mutual exchanges between two cities
  - Education wise, not just an academic exchange, but it really is a social exchange
- “Try things palagi, not so you may become palagi, but so you may see the value of things Samoan” – Identity, Tate Simi



# FUTURE OF EXCHANGE

## A YOUTH PERSPECTIVE



- We are the ancestors of tomorrow
- Increased opportunities for our indigenous youth all over the Pacific to experience exchange
- We, as youth, also need to be proactive and meet the opportunities halfway





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谢谢大家！

THANK YOU FOR  
LISTENING!