

Ref: 206946

Friday, 9 April 2021

Chris Hemn

By email to fyi-request-14886-b2e86f29@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe Chris,

Response to your request for Official Information

On 9 March 2021, you requested from the Human Rights Commission (“the Commission”) *the dates of attendance for any events for the below organisations attended by Meng Foon since his appointment as Race Relations Commissioner.*

- *NZ Friendship for Peace Association*
- *New Zealand China Friendship Society*
- *Confucius Institute*
- *Chinese Students and Scholars Association*
- *Henan Chamber of Commerce in New Zealand*
- *New Zealand Peaceful Unification of China Association*
- *New Zealand Overseas Chinese Service Centre*
- *New Zealand Teo Chew Nang Association*
- *New Zealand Shandong Association*

Our apologies for the delay in providing this response.

We have identified one NZ Friendship for Peace Association event on 1 November 2020 and another on 28 November 2020.

We have not identified other events that fall within the scope of your request.

This event falls outside the scope of your request, but we are nonetheless noting that the Race Relations Commissioner intends to attend an April 14 2021 event involving the New Zealand China Friendship Society:

<https://creativebop.org.nz/event/community-dinner-with-guest-speaker-meng-foon/>.

Alternative avenues

If you are unhappy with this response, under the Official Information Act you are entitled to complain to the Ombudsman’s Office. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or on freephone 0800 802 602.

If you have any further queries about this response, please feel free to contact us.

Nāku noa, nā

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Madelaine Cullen

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Kaitātari me te Kaitiaki Raraunga

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Te Kāhui Tika Tangata