



## **PCFA HISTORY and KEY ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **2010**

- Madam Li Xiaolin, President CPAFFC visited Tonga to meet the Princess Royal Her Royal Highness Princess Salote Mafile'o Pilolevu Tuita (HRH), they discussed the Friendship Forum and the idea of PCFA. Tonga China Friendship Association (TCFA) was registered in 2010, founding President was HRH and TCFA set up was promoted and facilitated by the then Ambassador of China to Tonga.

### **2012**

- HRH attended the Friendship Forum in China and met the leaders of ACFS (Mr John Breheny) NZCFS (Mr Dave Bromwich), MCFS (Ms Pat Tauroa and Mr Danny Tauroa), VCFA (Mr Johnnie Lam) and commenced discussions about the establishment of the PCFA.

### **2014**

- HRH tasked a TCFA Delegation (led by Tonga's Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries) to attend the Friendship Forum and confirm with other Pacific FAs the set-up of PCFA. Following the Friendship Forum, a meeting of Pacific FAs was convened and attended by Australia, New Zealand, Maori, Vanuatu, Tahiti, and Tonga (the 6 founding Members), CPAFFC attended as observer. The 6 FAs agreed to set up PCFA and Secretariat Support for PCFA's set up were Australia and Tonga.

### **2015**

- ACFS and TCFA met twice in Tonga (in 2015 and 2016) to confirm details and logistics for the inaugural PCFA Conference, including the registration of PCFA as a legal entity.

### **2016**

- PCFA Inaugural Conference convened in Tonga, in addition to the 6 FAs, Fiji, and Solomon Islands also attended.
- CPAFFC President Mme Li and CPAFFC Senior Officials attended and CPAFFC and PCFA Leaders (HRH and Mme Li) signed an MOU for cooperation between CPAFFC and PCFA.
- Following the inauguration of PCFA an AGM was convened and the following Resolutions made –
  - Interim Constitution adopted along with the following appointments –
    - HRH as Permanent Patron
    - Dr Hiria Ottino (Tahiti) as President
    - Mr Anthony Leong (Australia) as Convenor
    - Board of 5 Members – Australia, Fiji, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands and Tonga
- Confirmed PCFA Members (established in own country and recognised by CPAFFC) total 8
  - 1. Australia
  - 2. Federated States of Micronesia
  - 3. Fiji
  - 4. F. Polynesia
  - 5. Maori
  - 6. New Zealand
  - 7. Tonga
  - 8. Vanuatu
  - Hawaii (USA) – Observer status

## 2017

- Confirmed new PCFA Members (established in own country and recognised by CPAFFC) total 10
  - 9. New Caledonia
  - 10. Solomon Islands
- Solomon Islands recognition of China and PCFA arranged donation of tablets to schools via Huawei
- SHOU annual scholarships commenced
- Shanghai annual Library Book Program and Shanghai Summer Festival Program commenced

## 2018

- PCFA/PIDF article on the Cause of underdevelopment in the South Pacific Region
- Friendship Forum in Hainan, followed by PCFA 2<sup>nd</sup> AGM with the following Resolutions –
  - New Constitution adopted
  - Dr Hiria Ottino elected as President
  - Mr Anthony Leong elected as Secretary General
  - Strategic Projects adopted and the Executive (Patron, President, Secretary General) given the authority to facilitate and implement for PCFA Members
- Confirmed new PCFA Members (established in own country and recognised by CPAFFC) total 14
  - 11. Niue
  - 12. Palau
  - 13. Samoa
  - 14. Wallis & Futuna

## 2019

- November – HRH invited to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> BRI Forum. HRH led a PCFA Delegation to China and PCFA took the opportunity to negotiate and signed MoUs with major strategic partners to advance the PCFA strategic projects resolved at the 2018 PCFA AGM –
  - PIDF (aim to access the South South Fund for Member projects)
  - Huawei (aimed at projects to improve communication capacity in the Pacific)
  - Wuxi Suntech (aimed at providing solar solutions)
  - SHOU (aimed at providing scholarships and research centres with Pacific universities)
  - AVIC (aimed at air inter-island connectivity solutions for the Pacific)
  - China Express Airlines (aimed at developing regional air service management capacity)
  - China Civil Engineering and Construction Corporation (aimed at infrastructure projects)
- Confirmed new PCFA Members (established in own country and recognised by CPAFFC) total 16
  - 15. American Samoa
  - 16. Cook Islands
- Conferences / events PCFA attended and presented at –
  - Asian Civilization Dialogue Conference
  - BRI – Land & Sea Conference
  - PIDF 2nd Forum - South-south Cooperation for a resilient Pacific
  - CIRD - A perspective on relations between China and the Pacific Islands
  - Bo'ao Forum in Hainan
  - Sister Cities along the BRI in Xining
  - GPAFFC Diplomacy Week Economic Forum, Guangzhou
  - Imperial Springs, World Leaders Alliance, Guangzhou and Beijing
  - Tiananmen, 70th Anniversary of the foundation of the People's Republic of China

## **2020–2022 – COVID restricted travel although work continued**

- 2020 May – Humanitarian Flight arranged by PCFA for Covid relief to PCFA Member Countries requesting help.
  - Air Tahiti Nui Charter B787 flight with 15 tons of protective equipment against Covid-19 for FA (Donations by CPAFFC, GDPAFFC, SHPAFFC, Pacific Embassies in China, Friends of individual FAs in China)
- 2020 - Online attendance and presentation at Conference
  - CCCWS – Impact of Covid19
  - GPAFFC Diplomacy Week Economic Forum, Guangzhou
  - Bo’Ao Forum in Hainan
- 2021 and 2022 - HRH and new President of CPAFFC, HE Ambassador Lin Songtian held two Zoom Meetings and PCFA Executive continued its online discussions with CPAFFC Officials
- 2021 - Online attendance and presentation at Conference / Media Conference
  - People’s Daily interview
  - CGTN interview (English and French)
  - GPAFFC Youth Link
  - CPAFFC Pingtan - Forum on Win-Win Cooperation for Common Development of China-Pacific Island Countries
  - SPAFFC/PCFA: Virtual meeting
  - CIRD Annual Forum
  - CASS International Conference on the Shared Human Values
  - China-Pacific Island Countries Forum on Fisheries Cooperation and Development
  - South Pacific Countries Institute & Chinese Ryuku Study Society conference
  - BJPAFFC Friendship Forum
- 2022 - Online attendance and presentation at Conference
  - GDPAFFC - 11th Council
  - CGTN interview (English and French)
  - SHOU 110th Anniversary
  - CIRD Symposium on Building Partnership of Blue Economy
  - China and Pacific Islands Countries Business Dialogue
- 2022 April – After the volcano and tsunami, donation to TCFA from FCFA/PCFA of a 20-foot container of bottled water, rice, flour, biscuits, tin fish, sugar, clothes and many other needed items
- 2022 December – PCFA Conference Convened in Auckland (after 4 years). Resolutions were -
  - Reaffirmed HRH as Permanent Patron, and also the Board Chairperson
  - Board Membership automatically includes all Presidents of FAs (instead of only 5)
  - Board (policy) and Executive (operation) structured to position PCFA for future growth
  - Dr Hiria Ottino continues as President and Mr Antony Leong continues as Secretary General
  - Strategic Projects as priority areas for Members must be subject to social, economic, cultural, and environmental considerations –
    - Maritime / blue economy
    - Solar / renewable energy
    - Sister City Cooperation
    - Small Grants for community development
    - Capacity Development programs (scholarships, regional meetings of FAs with CPAFFC, training of Pacific peoples)