

Michael C. H. Jones

Short Biography from 1962 to 2009



Michael C. H. Jones has been re-elected President of the ACCCI every year since 1989. He assumed the position in the most difficult circumstances following the events in China leading up to June 1989.

Mr Jones first studied Chinese history, government and society at High School from the end of 1962. He was placed third in New South Wales in the Leaving Certificate of 1964, and subsequently won a nationwide competition to represent Australia at the annual World Youth Forum in New York and London over four months at the beginning of 1965. He personally discussed with then US Ambassador to the UN, Adlai Stevenson, on the floor of the General

Assembly, America's formal recognition of the Peoples' Republic of China, which of course did not take place for almost 14 years until January 1st 1979. He played a significant part as the Founder in 1966 of the SDS (Students for a Democratic Society) in the student protest movement against the Vietnam War and conscription and for the Australian recognition of the PRC, which was achieved by the newly elected Whitlam Federal ALP Government in December 1972.

During the three decades 1970/90s Mr Jones pursued a corporate business career in transport, trade press- resources, aviation and defence industries, telecommunications and consulting on international affairs. He was Chairman of the International Trade Policy Committee of the NSW State Chamber of Commerce for many years, Founding Chairman of the Australia-Southern Africa Business Council in the late 1980s and early 1990s, and subsequently Joint Founding President of the Australia Argentina Chamber of Commerce in the mid/late 1990s.

At the same time he was very active in the affairs of the Federal Australian Labor Party for which he was nominated as a Life Member (after 40 years service) in 2006.

Mr Jones is still a relatively young man by Chinese standards but is a veteran of nearly 50 years involvement in the economic, political, social and cultural life of Australia. He continues to play a prominent part in the forefront of thinking on Australia's role in International Affairs, pioneering the concepts of the New Great Game of Global Economic Relations, Peoples Diplomacy through Key City Strategies in China, and Indauspac Maritime Perspectives for Regional Community”.