

# Scottish Churches China Group

苏格兰教会中国会



*"The very small helps the very large at times."*



The Scottish Churches China Group (SCCG) is a group of individuals and church representatives committed to supporting health and education programmes with partners in Shenyang, Nanjing, Shanghai and Hong Kong.

We do this through teacher and medical personnel exchanges; scholarships; visiting experts and speakers; and ongoing training programmes in palliative, rehabilitation and Spiritual Care.

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It is difficult to know how many children in China have an autistic spectrum disorder (ASD). What is known is that while diagnoses are increasing support and education services aren't keeping pace.

Our Chinese partners, The Amity Foundation's Social Service Division established the Amity Children's Development Centre to provide early learning for pre-school children with an autistic spectrum disorder. We are working with Development Centre staff to develop and build a skilled team of Special Needs Teachers.



**The Amity Foundation** is an independent Chinese Civil Society Organisation that is supporting sustainable development in China.

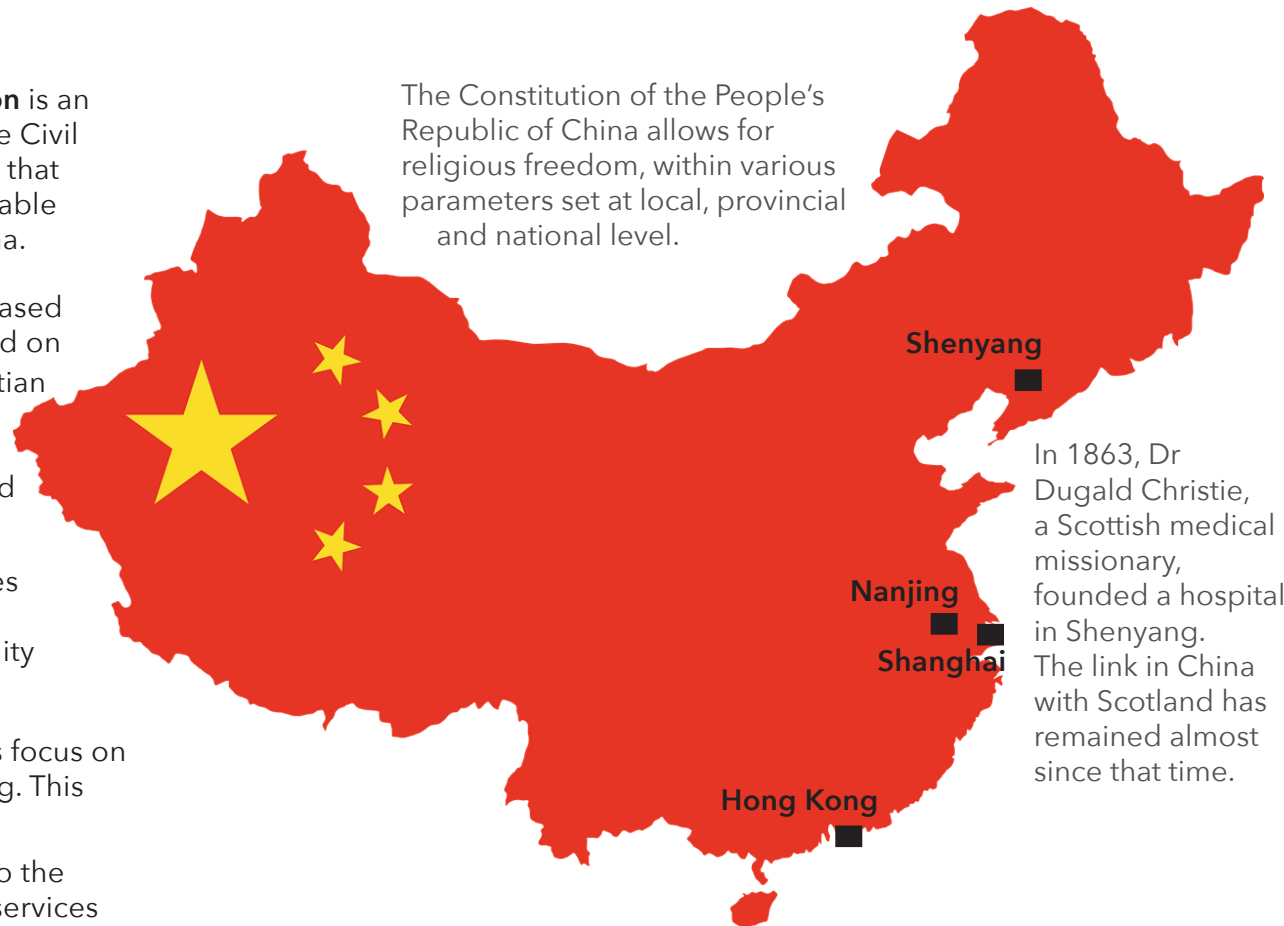
It was the first faith-based NGO in China created on the initiative of Christian leaders contributing to the development of China's Reform and Opening-up.

The Scottish Churches China Group began working with The Amity Foundation in 1986.

Current programmes focus on staff capacity building. This includes:

- Training related to the development of services for the elderly, particularly people living with dementia;
- Development of services for carers;
- Specialist training for staff working with pre-school age children with an autistic spectrum disorder;
- Training for staff working in the Home of Blessings, a small day care unit for adults with learning difficulties.

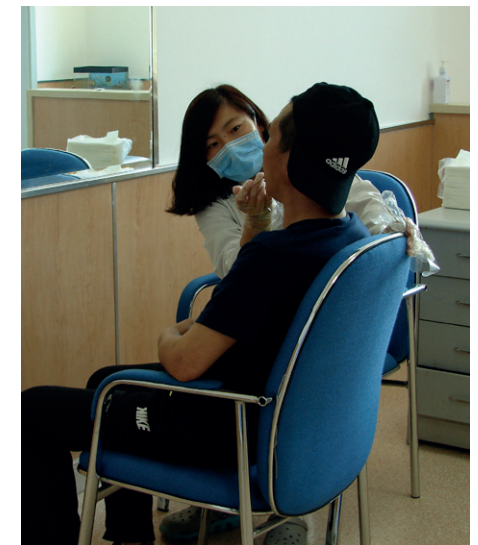
The Constitution of the People's Republic of China allows for religious freedom, within various parameters set at local, provincial and national level.



In 1863, Dr Dugald Christie, a Scottish medical missionary, founded a hospital in Shenyang. The link in China with Scotland has remained almost since that time.

### Shengjing Hospital

Today, we support staff capacity-building programmes in Shengjing Hospital, including palliative care training for doctors and nurses; a scholarship for a Masters in Family Medicine; Spiritual Care Training for Palliative Care staff working in Shengjing Hospital and church staff working in the Caritas Social Service Centre; and staff development for rehabilitation doctors, nurses and Allied Health Professionals.



We work with ....

**Macmillan Cancer Support** Palliative care is in its infancy in China. To assist our partners in Shengjing Hospital build a skilled team of doctors and nurses, we are delighted to be able to work with Macmillan Clinical Nurse Specialists (Palliative Care) to achieve this goal.

**Alzheimer Scotland** China is the fastest aging population in the world. Among the priorities for local, provincial and national government is the need to build care and support services, particularly for people living with dementia. The SCCG and specialists from Alzheimer Scotland are seeking to build the skills of Amity Foundation staff working in residential and community care of the elderly.

**Scottish Autism** Through placements at the New Struan School and expert speakers taking part in international conferences in Nanjing, the SCCG and Scottish Autism are working together to develop the skills of Special Need Teachers working in the Amity Children's Development Centre.

The denominational members of the Scottish Churches China Group are:

- Chinese Fellowship
- Church of Scotland
- Roman Catholic Church
- Scottish Episcopal Church
- Society of Friends (Quakers)
- United Free Church of Scotland

We also work in partnership with the China Forum of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

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