(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE AND A REGISTERED CHARITY)

Report of the Directors and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2007

Charity no : 800646 Company no : 2306765

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STRUCTURE, REFERENCES AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Company

The Chinese Information and Advice Centre is a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital incorporated in the United Kingdom on 18 July 1988 with registration no 2306765. The company is a registered charity number 800646.

Board of Directors and Trustees

The directors of the company are its trustees for the purpose of Charities Act, and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees. Under the Articles of Association of the company, the trustees are elected at the AGM to serve for a period of three years and are eligible for re-election at an AGM thereafter.

The trustees who are in office during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows

	Appointed	Resigned
Cllr Edmond Yeo JP (Chair) Kan Inglez Christina Ting Kim Suan Tan		
Merlene Emerson	25 September 2006	
Emily Lung	30 May 2007	
Danny Tsang	25 September 2006	26 January 2007
Chris Chow	25 September 2006	4 February 2007
Andrew Hung		5 February 2007
Julius Tsui	25 September 2006	14 May 2007
Chung Wen Li		18 May 2007
Robin Clive Gill	25 September 2006	1 June 2007

Secretary Christina Ting

Treasurer

Emily Lung

Registered Office 104-108 Oxford Street, London W1D 1LP

Auditors

Wong & Co Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Bankers

HSBC Bank plc, 138 Shaftsbury Avenue, London WC2H 8HB

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2007

Objects and Activities

The mission of the Chinese Information and Advice Centre (the Charity) is to ensure that disadvantaged people of Chinese origin in the UK are able to access quality advice, information and support

The Charity specialises in providing advice and support on immigration and asylum law. It also offers support services to refugees and asylum seekers as well as a unique support programme for Chinese women, in particular to those vulnerable to domestic violence. In addition, the Charity collects and disseminates information to Chinese communities throughout the UK.

Governance & Management

The Board of Trustees meets at least six times a year and is responsible for the governance of the organisation. New Trustees are supported through an induction process which includes a written material on their responsibilities and code-of-conduct as Trustees. In addition to the regular meetings each year, there are two Awaydays to concentrate on longer-term strategies.

Decisions on the day-to-day operation of the Charity are taken by the Chief Executive or, in his absence, acting Chief Executive, in consultation with the Trustee sub-committees Assessment of the financial position of the Charity and monitoring of its resources is carried out by the Executive Committee. There are two other committees formed by the Trustees together with the Chief Executive Officer and co-opted members to oversee personnel and fundraising matters.

Decisions on matters with significant implications for the organisation are brought to the Board of Trustees including organisational priorities and changes, resources risk, major initiatives and formation and development policies

Trustees are elected at AGM, and new Trustees may be recruited during the year to fill up vacancy or take on additional responsibilities. New Trustees are recruited through introductions, enquiries and the Charity's website

Results

The net incoming resources for the year amounted to £17,885 (2006) outgoing resources £10,984) of which there was a net surplus of £10,798 (2006) £26,157 deficit) on restricted projects and net surplus of £7,087 (2006) £15,173 surplus) on unrestricted purposes

Achievements and Performance

(i) Legal Advice

The Charity had been awarded another year of contract by the Legal Services Commission (LSC) on the provision of legal advice on immigration and asylum law. This service is also provided under the Association of London Government (ALG) contract. After the introduction of the accreditation examination by the Legal Service Commission in 2004, all of the legal advisor team members have attained the required level of accreditation. The Charity had been providing on going training to equip the staff to achieve their next level of accreditation.

During the year, the Legal Advice Team opened 249 new cases under LSC contract and 94 cases under ALG contract. The Team also handled 773 telephone enquiries

(II) Refugees and Asylum Seekers Support

This project provides advice and assistance in the areas of asylum support, welfare benefit, housing, health and education for Chinese new arrivals. The Charity continued to represent and advocate on behalf of the service users to local authorities and National Asylum Support Service. The original fundings from Diana Trust and Lloyds TSB Foundation ceased in June 2006. The project was downscaled with the funding from the Charity Reserves to maintain a minimum level of service.

The Language Exchange Programme under Rayne Foundation funding set up in May 2005 completed early this year. This programme had matched up refugee service users with native English speaking volunteers on a one-to-one basis. While the volunteers were helping the refugees learning English, they also familiarised themselves with Chinese dialects and their culture. A new funding applied during the year and was granted in May 2007 by the Home Office to continue with the programme.

(iii) Women's Support

Women's Support project provides Chinese women safety planning, emotional support, interpretation, assistance in finding refuge or temporary accommodation, and advice on housing, benefits and children issues. In the year under review, the Charity had handled approximate 180 telephone enquiries and 22 new cases. There were 7 volunteers on outreach providing on-going assistance to 43 services users. The Charity also raised the awareness of domestic violence amongst the Chinese community through multi-agency partnership and Chinese media. The project received the continued support from Tudor Trust Foundation, City Parochial Foundation and Nationwide Foundation.

(iv) Information Development

The funding from Bridge House Trust for the Information Development Project ended in March 2006. This fund was used to publish quarterly newsletters (in traditional and simplified Chinese characters and in English) to provide news on immigration and nationality laws and policies changes and information on events in the Chinese community. The publication of the Charity Newsletter came to a halt. However, we continue to seek partnership with other organisations to hold workshops and maintain the Chinese information section inside Charing Cross Library.

In partnership with Wandsworth Council, the Charity held the cultural awareness workshop for the Council staff to enable them to better understand Chinese culture and working with the Chinese community. The Charity also organized a workshop to promote a special scheme by the International Organization for Migration under which it encouraged refugees and asylum seekers to return to their home country voluntarily.

Fundraising

The Charity has formed a Capital Appeal Working Committee This committee aims to raise enough capital towards the purchase of an office premises During the year, the Charity held two fundraising dinner nights, organised charity lotteries, had a stall in China Town during the Chinese New Year and organised a canal cruise A gross sum of £18,662 (2006 £15,258) was raised and £9,552 (2006 £8,803) net of expenses

Plans for Future Periods

The Charity had conducted some researches on the proposed projects included in the last year report. We still need more research work to be done in order to apply funding in those new areas. The projects under study are

- Outreach service for supporting Chinese having difficulties accessing mainstream agencies,
- Organising vocational training for refugees including cookery, food hygiene, citizenship, English and basic computer skills,
- Support for prisoners of Chinese origin, and
- Outreach service to Chinese elderly people residing in homes for the aged

Reserves Policy

The Trustees considered the level of free reserves (being funds not tied up in fixed assets, designated funds or restricted funds) that the Charity will require to provide financial flexibility over the course of the forthcoming year should be 3 months of the resources expended, which was approximate £70,000 in general funds. At present the free reserves amounted to £53,637 (2006 £46,550) which do not reach such target level. The Trustees had held a number of fundraising events in this financial year and a series of fundraising activities are now in the pipeline to increase these unrestricted reserves in the following year.

Investment Policy

Under the memorandum and articles of association, the Charity has the power to make any investment as the Trustees think fit

Risk Review

Formal detailed review of the Charity's strategy and activities are carried out on an annual basis to produce a comprehensive three-year rolling strategic plan setting out the major opportunities available and the risks exposed. The Trustees regularly monitor progress against the strategic objectives. As part of this process, the trustees have implemented a risk management strategy that comprises of

- An annual review of the risks which the Charity may face,
- The establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified, and
- The implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the Charity should any of those risks materialise

Related Parties

The Charity reimburses its Trustees for expenditure During the year, there was no related party transaction

Auditors

The auditors, Wong & Co are willing to stand for re-appointment and a proposal for their reappointment will be put to the annual general meeting

Signed for and on behalf of Board of Trustees

Chairman

15 December 2007

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Which give a true and fair state of the affairs of the company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees should follow best practice and

- 1 Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- 2 Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent, and
- 3 Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable the to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CHINESE INFORMATION AND ADVICE CENTRE

We have audited the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2007 which comprised the statements of financial activities, the balance sheet and the related notes 1-19, which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein

Respective responsibilities of Directors and auditors

As described in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, you are responsible as directors for the preparation of the financial statements, which are required to be prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. It is our responsibility to form an opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you. We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 We read the Trustees' report for the above year and consider the implications for our report if we became aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom auditing standards issued by Auditing Practices Board An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes and assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made in the preparation of the financial statements and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion, we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Charity's state of affairs as at 31 March 2007 and of its incoming resources and application of resources in the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985

Wong & Co

Chartered Accountants &

Registered Auditors

15 December

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES & SUMMARY INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT For the year ended 31 March 2007

		2007	2007	2007	2006
	Ur	nrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES		~	~	~	~
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income - gifts and donations		2,792	-	2,792	3,041
- grants		568	-	568	580
- interpretation fees		125	-	125	-
Activities for generating funds		4 447		4 447	0.740
Interest income		1,417	-	1,417	2,749
Fundraising		18,662	-	18,662	15,258
Incoming resources from charitable activities	3				
Legal advice	J	_	193,350	193,350	193,302
Refugees & asylum support		_	-	-	15,000
Women's support		-	49,917	49,917	41,500
Information development		-	500	500	25,000
Capital Grant		-	8,215	8,215	
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Total incoming resources		23,564	251,982	275,546	296,430
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds					
Fundraising costs of grants and donations		9,110	-	9,110	6,455
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Charitable activities	4				
Legal advice		-	191,718	191,718	185,871
Refugees & asylum seeker support		7,367	3,971	11,338	46,444
Women's support		-	42,518	42,518	40,266
Information development		-	500	500	25,012
Governance costs	5	-	2,477	2,477	3,366
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Total resources expended		16,477	241,184	257,661	307,414
Not (outgoing)(incoming recourses and Not	6				
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources and Net movement in funds	6	7,087	10,798	17,885	(10,984)
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Total funds brought forward from previous year		46,550	25,677	72,227	83,211
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Total funds carried forward as at 31 March		53,637	<u>36,4</u> 75	90,112	72,227

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities. The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET As at 31 March 2007

Director

	Note	2007 £	2006 £
Fixed Assets	9	1,180	2,419
Current Assets			
Debtors	10	74,962	26,643
Cash at bank and in hand		38 635	59,573
		113,597	86,216
Liabilities			
Creditors Amount falling due within one year	11	19,504	13,095
Net Current Assets		94,093	73,121
Total Asset net Current Liabilities	<u> </u>	95,273	75,540
Deferred income over one year	12	1,848	-
Other Provisions	12	3,313	3,313
Total assets less total liabilities		90,112	72,227
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	13	53,637	46,550
Restricted funds	14	36,475	25,677
		90,112	72,227

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Approved by the Board of Directors on 15 December, , 2007 and signed on its behalf by

Director

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 March 2007

1. Accounting policies

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 2005 "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" and applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 1985. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements areas follows.

(a) Accounting Convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention

(b) Incoming resources

All income is recognised in the statement of financial activities when the conditions for receipt have been met and there is reasonable assurance of receipt

Grants for revenue expenditure

Grants are recognised in the statement of financial activities when the conditions for receipt have been complied with

Grants for fixed assets expenditure

Grants are recognised in the statement of financial activities when they are receivable

Donations

Donations are included in incoming resources when they are receivable

Interest income

Interest is included when receivable by the charitable company

(c) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been allocated on the basis indicated below

Charitable activities

This includes all expenditure directly related to the objects of the charitable company and comprises the following -

Legal advice

Provision of legal advice to legal aid clients under Legal Aid Franchise and non-legal aid clients

Refugee and asylum seeker support

Provision of general refugee and asylum seeker support including language exchange project

Women's support

Provision of support for female domestic violence victims

Information Development

The provision of information development services

Governance costs

These costs include the costs of governance arrangements which relate to the general running of the charitable company as opposed to the direct management functions in generating funds, service delivery and programme or project work. This includes such items external audit and trustees meeting expenses.

Notes to the Accounts (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2007

Support costs

Support costs represent the staffing and associated costs of finance, personnel and general administration in supporting the operational programmes for which the charitable company is responsible. These are allocated to the relevant cost area and are explained in more detail in the notes to the accounts.

(d) Cash flow statement

The charitable company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small company

(e) Fund accounting

The charitable company maintains various types of funds as follows

Restricted funds

Restricted funds represent grants and donations received which are allocated by the donor for specific purposes

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted general funds are amounts which have been put aside at the discretion of the trustees

(f) Fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation which is provided on a straight-line basis so as to write off the cost of the fixed assets over their estimated useful life as follows -

Leasehold improvements

- over length of the lease or until rental review, if shorter

Office equipment

- over 3 years

Furniture and fittings

- over 5 years

2 Legal status of the charitable company

The charitable company is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1

3. Incoming resources from charitable activities

Funder	Project	2007 £	2006 £
Legal Services Commission	Legal Aid Franchise advice	111,350	111,302
Association of London Government	Legal advice	82,000	82,000
Lloyds TSB Foundation	Refugee & asylum seeker support	-	15,000
The Wates Foundation	Women's support	500	5,500
The Tudor Trust	Women's support	24,000	22,000
Bridge House Estates Trust Fund	Information development	-	25,000
City Parochial Foundation	Women's support	20,000	14,000
Awards For All	Capital grant for I T & office equipment	8,215	-
Nationwide Foundation	Women's support project	4,917	-
SeeWoo Foods Limited	Women's support project	500	-
Evelyn Oldfield Unit	Information development	500	
		251,982	274,802

Notes to the Accounts (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2007

4. Charitable activities

	Legal Advice £	Refugee & asylum seeker support	Women's support £	Information Develop- ment £	Total £	Basis of Allocation
Charitable Activities	189,445	11,337	41,662	500	242,944	
Support Costs						
Bank Charges	273	-	103	-	376	Project size
Professional fee	291	-	110	-		Project size
Administration	1,537	1	578	-	2,116	Project size
Information Technology	172	-	65	-	237	Project size
	2,273	1	856	-	3,130	
Total	191,718	11,338	42,518	500	246,074	

No management cost related to salaries and national insurance contribution was incurred in the year. The current chief executive was on a voluntary basis and therefore no quantifiable cost was accounting for

Support costs are not charged to restricted fund projects unless the project agreement allows such charges

5. Governance costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2007	Total 2006
	£	£	£	£
Audit fees	-	1,000	1,000	1,400
Trustees expenses	-	712	712	1,194
Director indemnity insurance	-	765	765	772
Total governance costs	-	2,477	2,477	3,366

The directors and officers professional indemnity insurance extends to the Charity's advisory services

6. Net (outgoing)/incoming resources and net movement in funds

	2007	2006
	£	£
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources and Net movement in funds for the year are stated after charging		
Auditors' remuneration	1,000	1,400
Depreciation of fixed assets	1,239	4,557
Operating lease rentals - land and buildings	30,489	33,210

Notes to the Accounts (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2007

7. Staff costs

	2007	2006
Account to the second to the second	Number	Number
Average number of employees during the year calculated on the basis of full-time equivalent	9	9
	£	£
Staff costs comprise		
Wages and salaries	170,189	199,365
Social security costs	11,326	14,772
Employer's pension contribution	-	201
	181,515	214,338

There were no employees with emoluments above £60,000 defined for taxation purpose during the year

8. Trustees' remuneration

During the year the total expenses reimbursed to 3 Trustees amounted to £712 (2006 £1,194) This principally represents reimbursed travelling incurred in attending Trustee's, committees and other meetings and providing executive cover during the period the post of chief executive was vacated

No other Trustees received any remuneration during the year (2006 Nil)

The Charity purchased a directors and officers indemnity insurance costing £764 (2006 £772) to indemnify the trustees and officers against any wrongful acts in the role of Directors/Trustees/officers including breach of duty or trust, neglect, error, misstatement, omission or breach of warranty of authority. This was further extended to cover any damages or claims incurred by the Trustees or the Charity under employment practice for unfair / wrongful dismissal, wrongful failure to employ or promote, etc.

9. Fixed assets

	Leasehold Improvement	Office Equipment	Furniture & Fittings	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£
as at 1 April 2006	3,715	41,781	11,457	56,953
Additions	-	-	-	-
as at 31 March 2007	3,715	41,781	11,457	56,953
Accumulated Depreciation				
as at 1 April 2006	3,715	39,819	11,000	54,534
Charge for the year	-	1,011	228	1,239
as at 31 March 2007	3,715	40,830	11,228	55,773
Net Book Value				
as at 31 March 2007	-	951	229	1,180
as at 31 March 2006	-	1,962	457	2,419

In the Trustees' opinion the fixed assets were used wholly for charitable purposes

Notes to the Accounts (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2007

1	0.	Debtors

2007	2006
£	£
13,434	13,434
53,166	3,349
8,362	9,860
74,962	26,643
	£ 13,434 53,166 8,362

11. Creditors amounts falling due within 1 year

	2007	2006
	£	£
Payroll taxes	3,105	-
Other creditors	9,982	4,161
Net VAT payable	1,406	180
Accruals & deferred income	5,011	3,754
Grants received in advance	-	5,000
	19,504	13,095
		

12. Deferred income over one year and other provisions

	2007	2006
	£	£
Deferred income over one year	1,848	-
Dilapidation	1,000	1,000
Sickness relief	2,313	2,313
	5,161	3,313

13. Movement in unrestricted funds

	1 April 2006 £	Incoming £	Expenditure £	31 March 2007 £
General funds	46,550	23,564	16,477	53,637

Notes to the Accounts (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2007

14. Movement in restricted funds

Restricted funds comprise the following

1 April 2006 I	Incoming E	Expenditur	31 March 2007
	•	е	_
£	£	£	£
5,506	82,000	87,506	-
•	111,350	106,330	5,020
1,151	-	-	1,151
•	5,917	1,500	4,417
6,309	24,000	22,309	8,000
4,862	20,000	18,951	5,911
2,500	-	2,500	-
1,471	-	1,471	-
-	500	500	-
3,644	-	_	3,644
234	8,215	117	8,332
25,677	251,982	241,184	36,475
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15. Analysis of assets and liabilities between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2007
	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	835	345	1,180
Net Current Assets			
Debtors	7,181	67,781	74,962
Cash at bank and in hand	47,858	(9,223)	38,635
Current liabilities	(2,237)	(17,267)	(19,504)
	52,802	41,291	94,093
Other provisions	-	(5,161)	(5,161)
	53,637	36,475	90,112

16. Taxation

As a registered charity the charitable company is exempt from taxation of income and gains falling within section 505 Taxes Act 1988 or section 256 Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charge has arisen during the year

17. Guarantees and contingent liabilities

The charitable company has not entered into any guarantee arrangements (2006 nil)

Notes to the Accounts (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2007

18. Operating lease commitments

At the year end the charitable company was committed to make the following payments during the next year in respect of operating leases

	2007 £	2006 £
Land and Building Expiring 2 - 5 years	34,300	34,300

19. Related parties

Expenditure incurred in the year included nil payment (2006 Nil) to Trustees There was no outstanding balance with the Trustees as at the balance sheet date