

Chinese Ambassador visits Miraka



Miraka Chairman Kingi Smiler and Richard Wyeth CEO host Ambassador Wang Lutong (with his hand on the tanker), Taupo Mayor David Trewavas (to his left) and delegation at Wairarapa Moana Farm 301 and Miraka.

The Ambassador, Wang Lutong, who accompanied Prime Minister John Key on his recent visit to China, was impressed by the Miraka Operation and haka performed by staff.

It was Ambassador Wang Lutong's first visit to Taupo. Miraka Chairman Kingi Smiler and CEO Richard Wyeth led the delegation around the various places of interest.

During the visit the Ambassador saw milking in process, testing, milk tanker transfer and then visited the factory to see the milk powder and UHT plants in action.

The official party, which included China Southern Airlines, China Construction Bank, China State Construction Engineering Corporation, Pengxin International and Farm Group, Price Waterhouse Cooper and Kensington Swan, represented all major players in Chinese business interests in New Zealand.

Mayor David Trewavas said that Miraka is a source of pride for the Taupo district. The company is new and fresh on the local scene and is having a positive

impact on the local economy, with the UHT plant obviously adding value to the company.

He said the Miraka company values, "nurturing our world" was also representative of the Taupo regional philosophy. He noted the new model of nitrogen reducing farming techniques means that the water quality of the lake should improve despite intensification of farming in the district.

Mayor Trewavas said hosting the Chinese Ambassador's visit was an exceptional experience and a chance to demonstrate the region, share ideas and highlight a local success story.

From Top Right: Miraka Chairman Kingi Smiler and Ambassador Wang Lutong.

Staff performing a haka to welcome the Ambassador. L-R Mayor David Trewavas and Mike Payne Miraka Operations Manager.

Waihaki Rameka welcomes Ambassador Wang Lutong.

