

October 2011 Confucius Institute Update
-Services Provided since the last Meeting
and
-Services to be Provided to Schools in this School Year

Since May 2011:

- Two Calgary catholic Teachers (Wanda Tong and Lily Lee) were awarded the ASBALE Confucius Institute Bursary for one month summer study. (Beijing Language and Culture University, and East China Normal University)
- YCT Summer camp for 30 students in Edmonton in July (on-going)
- Chinese Bridge Competition and Summer camp (China)
- Liaocheng summer program for Alberta teachers and interested public: (Intensive two week introduction to Chinese language, music and art in Liaocheng University)
- Zhezhang-Alberta Conference on Community Health (Hangzhou- September) – Presentation on the *East of the Mountains* project with 5 Alberta and 5 Chinese high schools on water safety and management
- Jinan Touring Arts Troupe- presentation to six schools (Confucius Classrooms) in Edmonton in October (performed for about 2500 students)
- Resource support or grades 4-9 for nine Edmonton Confucius Classrooms, providing each site with about 2500 resource items. Support for CBE to take part in resource acquisition with Chinese government discount.
- Shandong Government provided 1000 resource items to each of the Confucius Classroom schools partnered with a Shandong school

Plans and on-going support for schools in 2011-2012:

1. Continue with the ASBALE Confucius Institute Bursary for 2012 (see attachments)
2. Cultural Education:
 - a. For schools: Sessions in Chinese culture provided to schools upon request dealing with: Dough Art, Paper Cutting, Painting, Chinese Knots, Calligraphy, Tai Chi, Tea Ceremony, sessions for high schools on *Modern China* and *Chinese History*
 - b. Above offered:
 - i. On site- Instructors travel to schools for a set of scheduled classes or short term residency
 - ii. At the CIE – Schools can bring class groups to the CIE for half day or full day Chinese cultural experiences
 - iii. Full day Cultural sessions – at school sites
 - c. Schools served at present: EPSB, ECS, Living Waters Catholic, Red Deer Catholic, Whitehorse School District, Ft. McMurray, Lethbridge (pending)
3. Cultural training for teachers/students/public: (similar to that provided to the hospitality industry) for individuals or classes wanting to understand more about China, or for those planning to go to China
4. Learning Resources: This year will complete the resourcing of EPSB schools with the focus on high school language programs.
5. Confucius Classroom Support:
 - a. Support on projects and school twinning with Shandong Schools for the 14 Confucius Classrooms in Edmonton, including inter-visitation with China.
 - b. Educational strategies for use of Confucius Classroom electronic equipment
6. YCT/HSK :

- a. provision for schools (1100-1200 this fall and spring)
 - b. Pilot of new approach for YCT/HSK – casual utilization for student language growth
- 7. Chinese Bridge competition (local and provincial – elementary/secondary as well as university)
- 8. Promotional material for growing Chinese language enrolment, including population of database
- 9. Professional Development for Teachers (as per defined need)
- 10. Scholarships and Bursaries:
 - a. ECBEA Scholarships \$1000
 - b. ASBA Bursaries ~\$5000
 - c. Traditional Medicine Practitioners \$10 000 (L2 learners only)
- 11. Summer Camps:
 - a. YCT Summer Camp
 - b. Chinese Bridge Summer camp
 - c. HSK Scholarship Camp

12. Teaching Music Globally: China and South Africa

A partnership with the Department of Music at the Faculty of Education – U of A (see attachment)

Community Support 2011-2012:

- 1. Liaocheng Summer Program: For General community and for teachers of Art and Music, as well as teachers wanting to start Chinese language or have an intensive exposure to Chinese culture.
- 2. Chinese Language and Culture Courses to Community:
 - a. Courses offered at the CIE (Language, Arts and Music)
 - b. Courses delivered to Community agencies:
 - i. Lion's Seniors Education Program
 - ii. SAGE (Society for Retired and Semi Retired)
 - iii. Multi-Cultural Agencies
- 3. Library Expansion: Expanding from 35 000 to 40 000 volumes (Direct support to community and schools)
- 4. Alberta Tourism and Edmonton Tourism – Certification of Hotel Staff as China Ready – For welcoming Chinese guests
- 5. Ice on Whyte Festival – To provide Cultural entertainment and support for the 2012 Ice on Whyte, and Cultural sessions for schools during that period.
- 6. Cultural Festival Support:
 - a. Ice on Whyte –
 - i. On-site cultural entertainment
 - ii. Full day sessions to schools at the CIE sponsored by Ice on Whyte
 - b. Winter Festival- Tea House on Churchill Square (Supported by the Liaocheng Tea House on the Grand Canal. As well as cultural entertainment
 - c. Exploration of the establishment in Edmonton of a Confucius Tea House as a center for Chinese arts and culture, in partnership with the City of Edmonton and the Hospitality industry. Center for teaching the tea ceremony and tea culture in Alberta schools