

Confucius Institute Update

Services Currently Provided and to be Provided to Schools in next School Year

Services to Community and Schools:

Schools:

1. Cultural Sessions: Sessions in Chinese culture provided to schools upon request dealing with: Dough Art, Paper Cutting, Painting, Chinese Knots, Calligraphy, Tai Chi, Tea Ceremony
2. Learning Resources: Learning resource acquisition teams supporting schools in Edmonton and Calgary (simplified, pinyin)
3. Confucius Classroom Support:
 - a. Support on projects and school twinning with Shandong Schools for the 14 Confucius Classrooms in Edmonton, including inter-visitation.
 - b. Educational strategies for use of Confucius Classroom electronic equipment
4. YCT/HSK provision for schools (1100-1200 this spring)
5. Chinese Bridge competition (local and provincial)
6. Promotional material for growing Chinese language enrolment
7. Professional Development for Teachers (as per defined need)
8. Scholarships and Bursaries:
 - a. ECBEA Scholarships \$1000
 - b. ASBA Bursaries \$5000
 - c. Traditional Medicine Practitioners \$10 000
9. Summer Camps:
 - a. YCT Summer Camp
 - b. Chinese Bridge Summer camp
 - c. HSK Scholarship Camp
10. Publishing New Learning Materials in partnership with Gold Mum Publishing
11. Website developemnt

Community:

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, and seeking to double circulation in the next year. (Direct support to community and schools)
4. facilitate partnerships between post secondary institutions(Grant MacEwan University and Liaocheng University and U of A with one or two Shandong Universities)
5. Alberta Tourism and Edmonton Tourism – Certification of Hotel Staff as China Ready – For welcoming Chinese guests
6. Ice on Whyte Festival – To provide Cultural entertainment and support for the 2012 Ice on Whyte, and Cultural sessions for schools during that period.
7. Cultural Festival Support:
 - a. Heritage Festival (August)
 - b. Shandong Student performers (October)
 - c. In discussions with the Shaulin Gung Fu Troupe