



### Workshop on Technical Support for Classroom Teaching

On January 24, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton hosted a special guest, Dr. Chen Jianmin, from United States to offer a workshop on technology support for Chinese language teaching in the classroom. Dr. Chen is the CEO of Bider Technology and this company has specialized in the development of Chinese teaching software for the last ten years. During the presentation, Dr. Chen introduced three programs recently developed, Chinese Plus, Speech Plus and Pen Plus. Many of the functions from these 3 program are powerful tools for teaching and learning. The programs both support teachers in lesson preparation and help students studying at home. More than 25 teachers attended the workshop that was very well received. On the 25th, Dr. Chen visited Londonderry Junior High School and Meyonohk Elementary School and he very impressed with the Chinese programs offered in Edmonton Public Schools. He expressed his wish to provide support to our Chinese programs and has provided trial programs that teachers can use in their classrooms.



### A Great Chinese Cultural Experience Day for Edith Rogers' Students

The Chinese teacher from Edith Rogers School, Mr. Peng Wu, took his 12 students to the CIE on January 25th, 2013. This was their first full day fieldtrip to the CIE to learn Chinese culture. These students have just started learning Chinese and everyone was excited to visit the CIE facilities, especially the library.

The CIE teachers prepared different cultural sessions for the students, such as Tai Chi, Paper cutting, Chinese knots and Chinese painting. Although the time was limited, the students had a great time learning new things about the Confucius Institute and Chinese culture.



### Chinese New Year Celebration at Chester Ronning School

Invited by Chester Ronning School in Camrose, the CIE provided a day of Chinese culture activities in celebration of Chinese New Year on January 29. All students in the school participated in and enjoyed different Chinese cultural sessions. The sessions included Chinese dancing, Chinese dough art and Chinese paper cutting. Although that temperature outside was extremely cold, the CIE teachers were warmly welcomed and all had a wonderful time sharing Chinese culture with Canadian students, in a school named after a Canadian greatly honoured in China for his work to open relations between China and Canada.



*Happy Chinese New Year to You All*

### Chinese New Year Feast

The staff of the CIE cooked many beautiful and delicious Chinese traditional food for all the staff members at the Woodcraft on January 23 for their Chinese New Year lunch. This year, Chinese New Year is on February 10 and it will be the Year of Snake. All the staff at Woodcraft had a wonderful time and enjoyed fine Chinese cuisine.



### CIE 2013 Winter Session Started

CIE Winter Session classes have started. This semester, CIE is offering many different cultural courses as well as 5 different levels of Chinese language. The cultural courses include Tai Chi Fan, Chinese Painting, Chinese Calligraphy, musical instruction in Er Hu and Yangqin. More than 80 students registered in different classes.



### Meeting for the East of Mountains Project

CIE hosted a meeting with 5 high schools involved in the East of Mountain Water Project to provide an update on the recent visit of an Edmonton delegation to 5 Shandong high schools. Mr. Mark Liguori, the assistant superintendent, attended the meeting along with the principals, administrators and teachers.

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