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CIE Chinese Language and Culture Courses

If you are interested in starting to learn Chinese language or to improve existing Chinese language, or study Chinese cultural arts, the CIE will be able to help. Our Chinese language and culture courses will start on the first week of October. It is not too late to register if you would like to give a try. Please contact Brenda Chan at brenda.chan@cconfuciusedmonton.ca or call 780 970 5233.

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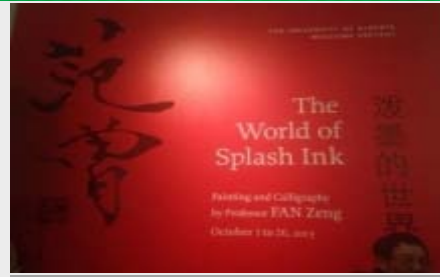
Alberta Culture Days

The Confucius Institute in Edmonton (CIE) hosted a celebration of Alberta Culture Days on September 28. Partnered with Westend Senior Activity Center and sponsored by Alberta government, the CIE organized a series of Chinese culture workshops (Tai Chi, Chinese Paper Cutting, Chinese knots, Chinese dough art and Chinese acupuncture and message), a seminar on the introduction of Chinese medicine and a gala performance including Chinese dance, Chinese traditional instruments, Chinese song and a lion dance. Professor and Er Hu performer Ms. Xing Li Yuan from Shanghai Music Conservatory and Pipa Performer Ms. Shao Jianping were the special guests playing some beautiful music at the gala. The main purpose of this event was to provide an opportunity for local people to have a taste of Chinese culture. More than 150 seniors, teachers, students and local residents attended this celebration. Ms. Sarah Hoffman, Chair of Edmonton Public School Board, delivered a welcome remark at the gala. This event was a great success and has received very positive responses from those who attended.

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Special Visit from



Meeting with Chinese Ambassador Zhang & Consul General Liu

The CIE was invited to meet Chinese Ambassador Zhang and Consul General Liu with many other leaders from community association and groups. At the meeting, Ambassador Zhang delivered a speech on the recent development of China and also answered some questions raised by the community leaders. CIE provided a very brief introduction on its programs and agreed on future discussion as to how its role can be increasingly effective.

World of Splash Chinese Painting and Calligraphy Exhibition

University of Alberta hosted the exhibition of splash Chinese painting and calligraphy by internationally renowned professor Fan Zeng. The CIE provided support to the Museum of University of Alberta to develop the school visitation portion of the program and helped with exhibit promotion. Professor Fan Zeng is the world famous artist.

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Teacher Training for

Shanghai Universities

Eight professors from 8 different universities in Shanghai paid a special visit to the Confucius Institute on September 17. These professors are attending a 3 month training program at the University of Alberta and they showed great interest in knowing more about Confucius Institute operations. During their visit, they toured the CIE facilities which left with them an "unforgettable impression", especially the growing library. Dr. Wei Li (Director) and Mr. Wu (Chinese Director) gave the professors a presentation on CIE. All the professors were very impressed with what they learned during the visit. Some of the professors expressed their willingness to support CIE programs in the future.

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Shandong Visiting Teachers

In order to improve the quality of teaching, the CIE provided a week of training for CIE Shandong visiting teachers. During the training, CIE teachers produced new lesson plans and instructional models. Thereafter, they were required to do a presentation on their plans and also do a demo teaching. A discussion was followed on the strength and weakness of these lessons and a lot of good ideas have been shared to improve the lessons. All the teachers felt that this training was really beneficial and useful that could help them tremendously in their teaching, as they orient to a western audience. All agreed that this kind of training should be continuous, and will help further enhance the quality instruction for which the CIE has become known.

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Presentation at Centre High School

The CIE was invited to do a presentation on the Confucius Institute at a meeting of international students and ESL students at Centre High School on September 25. Dr. Wei Li gave a very brief introduction about the Confucius Institute in Edmonton and the supports and programs offered by the CIE to schools and communities, which serve to enhance the learning of Chinese language and culture.

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Chinese Bridge Competition in China

The CIE is very proud that we re given the opportunity to send three students and a teacher to China to attend the 6th Chinese Bridge Competition final for high school students. These three students participated in the local Chinese Bridge Competition organized by the CIE in May and achieved the excellent results. The competition in China will take place from October 20 to November 4. We sincerely hope that our students can achieve t excellent results in the competition to be held in Yunan Province.

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Chinese Moon Festival Celebration at Woodcroft

CIE staff including the visiting teachers from China organized a Moon Festival lunch for all the staff working at the Language Center at Woodcroft. There were a variety of Chinese traditional food was served with the Moon Cake. The Moon Festival is a very traditional festival in China and we all shared the Chinese culture and learned about the Moon Festival at the lunch.

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Culture Support to an Athabasca School

On September 27, Landing Trail Intermediate School at Athabasca hosted an international day for students and community called 'Fly High'. The Confucius Institute was invited to provide Chinese culture sessions for this special annual event. Three CIE teachers and Dr. Wei Li drove 2 hours from Edmonton to the Athabasca to offer two sessions of Chinese dough art and Chinese paper cutting. More than 200 students, parents and teachers participated in these sessions. These beautiful Chinese arts created great interest and curiosity. In addition, the school's students had an opportunity to learn some basic Chinese related to the art. This is the fourth year that CIE has provided such cultural support to this school.

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