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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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New Confucius Classrooms Announced

The Confucius Institute in Edmonton is very pleased to announce the designation of three new Confucius Classrooms.

Edith Rogers Junior High
Centre High Campus
École La Vérendrye

Edith Rogers and Centre High are schools in Edmonton Public School District, the host of the Confucius Institute. Both offer courses in Chinese language to a growing number of students. École La Vérendrye is a francophone school in Lethbridge and a part of Conseil scolaire du Sud de l'Alberta, becoming a Confucius Classroom by special agreement. the school is engaged with the Lethbridge community in offering Chinese cultural and language education.

A Confucius Classroom is a school which offers Chinese language and cultural education and meets the criteria established by Confucius Institute Headquarters in Beijing. the designation provides many advantages for the school and its students. Our best wishes to all three schools. The Confucius Institute now supports 17 Confucius Classrooms. To learn more about Confucius Classrooms go to:
<http://confuciusedmonton.ca/confucius-classroom/>

Coming Soon The CIE Launches FACEBOOK

To help better transmit the purpose of the CIE and information about the services it provides, a new Facebook page will be launched this coming week.

The page will be a valuable portal for learning about China and the Chinese language. It will have a number of regular features giving interesting information such as:

- Daily Facts about China
- Chinese Cultural Tips
- Sayings of Chinese Philosophers
- News events of the CIE
- Word of the Day Feature

These features will make the CIE Facebook page a destination for those wishing to learn about China and for those wishing to start their learning of Chinese language.

Visit our page and "Like" us on Facebook!



Beijing Opera Workshops at Schools

The Confucius Institute in Edmonton recently organized Beijing Opera Workshops at 4 junior high schools in Edmonton. The presenters were three professional artists from Montreal. Jiang Shijia is a professional Beijing Opera performer from China and is now a visiting lecturer at Concordia University. Two others, Natasha Perry-Fagant and Avi Bendahan, are local artists without any Chinese background, but they are keen in Beijing Opera art.

The four workshops drew about 2000 students from ten schools.

The students and teachers who attended showed great interest in the Beijing Opera performances, especially the martial art actions and the costumes.

CTV did a report on the workshop and also interviewed the presenters. Please click the following link to see the story.

<http://www.btedmonton.ca/videos/3237530750001/>

Coming Soon The 3rd Annual University Chinese Bridge

The 3rd Alberta Chinese Bridge Competition for University Students will be held at University of Alberta in the morning of March 15. This event is organized by the Confucius Institute in Edmonton, the University of Alberta, MacEwan University, the University of Calgary and the China Institute. The Chinese Consulate in Vancouver has also provided the support.

Registration is still open. If you are interested, please contact your professors at your university or CIE at the website: www.confuciusedmonton.ca

Beijing Opera Gala

Coming Soon

On February 22, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton and the Edmonton Beijing Opera Society organized a Beijing Opera Performance at the Myer Horowitz Theater. This show was performed by a mix of western and eastern performers, combined with a group of non-Chinese artists from Montreal and the artists from Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver. It was thus named "East Meets West".

The Confucius Institute in Quebec provided strong support for this performance and the BCIT Confucius Institute offered the technical support enabling live broadcasting of this show to the world through the network of the "Confucius Institute on-Line".

Special guests were present to bring greetings. They included the Hon. Teresa Woo-Paw, the Associate Minister of International and Inter-Governmental Relations, Consul General Wang Xinping from Chinese Consulate in Calgary, Hon David Xiao, MLA, Edmonton City Councillor Amareet Sohi, Board Chair of Edmonton Public Schools, Sarah Hoffman and the Director of the Quebec Confucius Institute, Rong Meng.

The performance was a great success and was well received by the over 600 people in attendance.

Winter Session Begins for Community Chinese Language and Culture Courses

The winter session for community courses in Chinese

The Word of the Day

A new feature on the soon coming Facebook page and on the CIE website will be "The Word of the Day".

Each week two new short videos will be posted, in which the staff of the CIE will present a new Chinese word, showing the character, how to write it, the pronunciation and how the character evolved over time.

We hope to present 120 words a year, which will provide a basic working vocabulary. All of the words will be archived on our website.

The feature will be launched on March 14th.

This will be followed by the "Sentence of the Week" which will help viewers develop a sense of how sentences are constructed using some of the "Word of the Day" terms.

We hope you find it a pleasant learning experience.

Coming Soon Confucius Classroom Delegations to China

language and Chinese cultural subjects commenced in early February.

Students are registered in a number of subjects including four levels of Chinese language from beginner to intermediate, as well as a course in Mandarin Chinese for Cantonese speakers.

In addition cultural classes are running in Tai Chi, Chinese Painting, and Chinese Musical Instruments (Er Hu, Yang Qin, Guzheng). there is even a course in Ping Pong which is still accepting registrations for the winter session.

For the first time, CIE is also offering 4 free sessions of story telling programs in Chinese as well as in English at CIE library. The main purpose of this program is to provide the opportunity for students to learn some Chinese as well as the Chinese culture. About 10 students have registered this program and it have been well received by the parents and students.

For more information on our courses visit:

<http://confuciusedmonton.ca/learn-more/courses/>

Two of the Confucius Classrooms in Edmonton will soon be sending delegations to visit Beijing, China and their Shandong partner schools. The trips will occur toward the end of March.

The two Confucius Classrooms are Londonderry Junior High School and Partview Junior High School. There are more 50 students and teachers paying the visit to China. The purpose of this visit is to allow students and teachers to experience Chinese culture and language, as well as to participate in some exchange activities with their partner schools.

This visit has received the financial support from Hanban and also the support from Shandong Education Department and the Jinan Foreign Language School, as well as the Huandao Economic Development Zone Experimental School in Qingdao.

Hanban Scholarships

The 2014 Hanban Scholarships are open for application. Every year, Hanban provides a variety of scholarships for students to enable study at a number of different universities in China. The following scholarships are available for this year.

- Scholarship for Master's Degree in Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages

2014 Spring HSK & YCT Test

The Confucius Institute in Edmonton is one of the largest Chinese testing centers in North America. For the last few years, more than 1200 students annually have written the different levels of the HSK and YCT tests. In the spring of 2014, we will again offer HSK and YCT assessments. The schedule of testing is as follows:

(MTCSOL)

- Scholarship for Students for One-Academic-Year + MTCSOL
- Scholarship for Students for Bachelor's Degree in Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages (BTC SOL)
- Scholarship for One-Academic-Year Students
- Scholarship for One-Semester Students

If you are interested in any scholarship above and would like to receive more information, please contact us.

For the students from Edmonton Public Schools and other school districts:

HSK ----- April 30, 2014

YCT ----- April 29, 2014

For the students from universities and the general public:

HSK ---- May 10, 2014

If you are interested, you may register on line or contact us. The on-line registration website is: <http://www.chinesetest.cn/>

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