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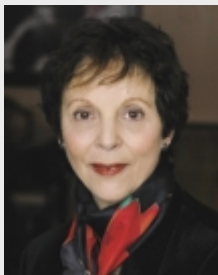
Three high school students from Edmonton, led by Dr. Xie, are attending the final Chinese Bridge Competition in Kunming City of Yunnan Province, China. This is the 8th annual competition focusing on Chinese language and culture. Our team is

currently ranked the number 1 for the popular voting category. The competition will be completed on November 4 and we wish them the best for their participation in this very special event.

## Events to Come

1. On November 22, CIE and Edmonton Chinese Journal will host the award ceremony of Chinese Writing Contest.
2. On Nov 23rd, there will be a session at the Confucius Institute at 1:30 pm, to hear renown authors speaking about their reflections on the Asian Holocaust of the 1930'2 and 40's.
3. Professor Lin from Capital Normal University will come to Edmonton to give a presentation on the miscue analysis of the usage of Chinese characters. The date for the presentation will be announced later and posted on our website.
4. The 8th World Confucius Institute Conference will be held in Beijing from December 6 to 8.

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### The Asian Holocaust: Local students and public to hear renowned Canadian authors

Local volunteer group Edmonton ALPHA announced today that internationally-recognized Canadian writers, Erna Paris and Joy Kogawa, will speak in Edmonton in November.

In addition to addressing students in several Edmonton senior high schools on Nov. 21 and 22, the authors will address a symposium hosted by



### A Special Guest Speaker from China delivered a Seminar as the Teacher Professional Development

CIE has invited a special guest, Dr. Zhou Fang, from China Advanced Education Press to visit Edmonton. During her short visit, Dr. Zhou visited some schools offering Chinese bilingual program and has learned some successful stories of the program which would help her with

**Edmonton ALPHA at the Confucius Institute.** The symposium, Entitled *Why History Matters: The Need for Learning about the Past so that We Can Avoid a Catastrophic Future*, will begin at 1:30 on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. It is open to the general public and admission is free.

Award-winning historian Erna Paris, author of *Long Shadows: Truth, Lies and History*, will talk to students about how unaddressed war crimes continue to impact our lives today, and the need for survivors to seek justice and reconciliation.

In her public lecture *War Crimes: Why Germany Remembers, Why Japan Forgets, and What Can Be Done*, Ms. Paris will speak about the legacy of Imperial Japan's war of aggression and why this continues to matter in today's world.

Poet and novelist Joy Kogawa personally suffered internment in the Rocky Mountains during WWII. Author of several novels, including the award-winning *Obasan* and its sequel *Itsuka*, Kogawa will share her experiences and how they have prompted her to speak about the importance of education and reconciliation in today's world. The Edmonton Chapter of the Association for Learning and Preserving the History of WWII in Asia (ALPHA) has invited these two remarkable women to our city.

For more information about this event please check the News and Events section of the CIE website: [www.confuciusedmonton.ca](http://www.confuciusedmonton.ca)

For more information about Edmonton ALPHA is posted online at: <http://edmontonalpha.org>.

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the future Chinese resource development. Dr. Zhou provided a seminar on the current Chinese resources as well as the integration of Chinese culture in language teaching to the local Chinese language teachers. More than 30 teachers attended the seminar including some from the University of Alberta. CIE also organized a meeting for Dr. Zhou to meet some of the teacher to share their experiences and concerns on using the current resources in the classrooms. It was a great opportunity for all the participants to learn from each other on the issues of how to utilize the current resources and what we should pay attentions to for the future resource development.

If you would like to watch the video of the seminar, please go to the CIE website [www.confuciusedmonton.ca](http://www.confuciusedmonton.ca).

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## Chinese Resource Support from Hanban, China

The CIE has received a large shipment of 95 boxes of textbooks and teaching resources last week. These learning materials have been generously donated by Hanban to support the 5 Chinese bilingual elementary Confucius Classrooms in Edmonton Public Schools.

Earlier this year, the CIE called for meetings with the teachers from these 5 Confucius Classrooms for the purpose of evaluating the resources currently being used to teach Chinese, and also examine the supplemental resources available. As a result the teachers succeeded in identifying resources that would better suit the needs of students in their classes.

Hanban approved of this change of resources for the five Confucius Classrooms. The resources have arrived but will be implemented in the next school year. This huge donation, with the value of more than \$50,000 Canadian dollars, is greatly appreciated.

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## CIE Advisory Board Provides Guidance on 2014 Plans

A meeting of the CIE Advisory Board was held on October 21, and provided advice and direction to the CIE regarding future planning. The Advisory Board is composed of representatives from Edmonton Public Schools, the Shandong Education Department, municipal and provincial government, business, post secondary institutions, the Edmonton Chinese community and the parent group supporting Chinese language in schools.

Chairman Stuart Wachowicz and Director Wei Li, reported on new visiting teachers that are arriving to take on some of the increasing work of the Institute. These teachers will soon be ready to support cultural and language learning in the region. Assistance was given to the Alberta Enterprise Group of businesses to explore potential relationships in Shandong province. Plans for the 2014 budget year were discussed and advice received from the Board on projects including plans to further promote Chinese language learning and the co-hosting of a possible symposium on Chinese language in Alberta. Also a number of new Confucius Classrooms are in the application stage.

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## The Second International Chinese Language Teaching Conference

From October 18 to 20, the Second International Chinese Language Teaching Conference was held at Portland, Oregon. This conference was sponsored by Hanban and organized by the Confucius Institute of Portland State University. The conference was attended by more than 130 language teachers and educators from more than 30 Confucius Institutes from USA and Canada.

Dr. Wei Li, the CIE director, was invited to do a workshop on the use of Chinese dough art in Chinese language teaching. Mr. Wu Sijun, the Chinese director of CIE, also gave a presentation on the impact of Chinese culture in Chinese language teaching.

At the closing ceremony, it was announced that the next conference will be held in Edmonton in the fall of 2014. The CIE and CI of Portland State University will co-organize the conference.

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## Chinese Musical Instruments Technique Grade Exam

The 2013 examinations in Chinese musical instruments were held at the Confucius Institute on October 28th. The exams were conducted under the auspices of the Chinese conservatory of Music headquartered in China. More than 30 students took part of the exam. Three examiners were from Central Conservatory of Music of China.

The Confucius Institute is the Edmonton site for these exams which are also held in Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto and Montreal. There are a total of 323 students taking the exam this year in Canada.

The purpose of this exam is to raise the professional quality of Chinese music performance as well as to encourage the local development of multiculturalism in Canada.

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## 2013 Fall HSK Test

On October 20, the CIE hosted the 2013 Fall HSK tests at Ross Sheppard High School. The fall sitting of the HSK primarily serves members of the public and students from university.

CIE organizes the Chinese Language Proficiency Test (HSK) two times every year, in the spring and in the fall. The CIE is one of the biggest testing centers in North America. Every year, more than 1200 students write the tests, YCT and HSK. CIE is also offering the Chinese Business Test. This produces a large pool of certified users of Chinese language in Alberta, and will contribute to Alberta's capacity to interact with China in the future.

If you would like more information about the tests, please go to CIE website -[www.confuciusedmonton.ca](http://www.confuciusedmonton.ca).

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## CIE at SLIC Conference

The Second Language Instruction Council (SLIC) Conference was held in Canmore at the end of October. This conference focused on the second language teaching and was attended by many teachers representing a variety of languages that are taught in Alberta, including Chinese. The CIE participated in this conference and operated a booth to promote Chinese language and culture. Mr. Wu Sijun, the Chinese director of CIE and one CIE teacher Mr. Kong Qingmin attended the conference.

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## Culture Support to Schools

CIE continues to provide culture support to schools free of charge. In October, the teachers from CIE were invited to a number schools to offer the culture workshops, such as Tai Chi, Paper Cutting, Chinese Dough Art, Chinese Knots and Chinese Painting. Students from Londonderry School, M.E. LaZerte High School, Mayfield School and Queen Elizabeth High School benefited from the CIE culture program.

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