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**Registration Has Been Started
for the 2014 Alberta Chinese Bridge for Schools**

Date for Chinese Bridge Competition: May 31, 2014

Time for the Competition: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Award Ceremony: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

**For Registration, please go to the CIE website to download the registration form,
www.confuciusedmonton.ca.**

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EPSB Trustees Visit the CIE

On April 16, the CIE was honoured to host a visit from 7 trustees of the Edmonton Public School Board. Board Chair Sarah Hoffman, Vice Chair Michael Janz, Trustee Ray Martin, Trustee Michelle Draper, Trustee Sherry Adams, Trustee Nathan Ip and Trustee Orville Chubb toured the CIE facility and received a presentation of the work being done.

The trustees met all CIE staff and spoke with



Seminar on Chinese Painting

With the support and help of the Quebec Confucius Institute, the CIE was very pleased to be able to invite a special guest, Professor Wang Xiao Yin, from Shanghai Normal University, to present a seminar on Chinese painting. The seminar provided basic knowledge and understanding of how to appreciate characteristics of Chinese painting from the

the six visiting teachers from China. Trustees expressed their appreciation for the work the visiting teachers are doing to support Chinese language and culture learning in the school district. They were impressed with all the resources the CIE library has to help support the school language and culture program, as well as the community at large.

The Trustees were presented with an introduction to the work of the Confucius Institute in Edmonton presented by Stuart Wachowicz, chair of the CIE board of director and advisory board. This provided an opportunity for Trustees to get to know more about the CIE and the work being done to support the community and district schools. A number of questions were then asked by Trustees, which led to a good discussion.

The staff of the CIE is very appreciative that Trustees took the time to come and visit and learn more about the operations of the CIE. Their support is much valued.

perspectives of time and space.

Professor Wang is well known in Shanghai. She is not only a professor of Shanghai Normal University, but she also is a member of Shanghai Civil Artists Society, she serves as Deputy-Secretary of Shanghai Specialist Committee of Fine Arts Education, and is assistant editor-in-chief of the Textbook of Fine Arts for Secondary Education. Prof. Wang is a guest specialist of the Shanghai Education Department and is the Shanghai Art Museum art advisor.

The seminar was presented in English and to an audience of 30, composed of Chinese teachers, English art teachers and local Chinese painting lovers. It was well received by the attendees.

Professor Wang also took a day to visit three EPSB schools: Meadowlark, Ottewell and Ross Sheppard. She was excited to meet the principals and Chinese teachers and to learn more about the Chinese bilingual program. Professor Wang, while visiting classrooms, delivered a couple of mini lessons about Chinese painting to the enjoyment of the students.

Professor Wang was impressed by the Chinese bilingual program and the language achievement displayed by students. She expressed that she would like to come back again to do more work with our teachers.



Graduation Ceremony: 2014 Winter Session of Chinese Language and Culture Classes

The Confucius Institute hosted the graduation ceremony for the 2014 winter session of Chinese language and culture classes on April 29 at CIE Culture Center. This was a celebration of learning for both students and teachers at the conclusion of the ten week study session.

The CIE has offered classes to the community for the last 5 years, helping to meet the needs of community members to learn Chinese language and culture. The winter session included several different levels of Mandarin instruction, as well as different culture classes, such as Er Hu, Yangqin, Guzheng, Tai Chi and Chinese Painting.

At the ceremony, the students from all the classes gave demonstrations of their learning. Students gave performances of their skills through singing, poem recital, plays and Chinese music instruments. The CIE also provided the door prizes. More than 50 people attended the ceremony and had a wonderful time.

Two students took some time to present to the audience their experiences at the CIE



2014 Spring YCT & HSK Tests

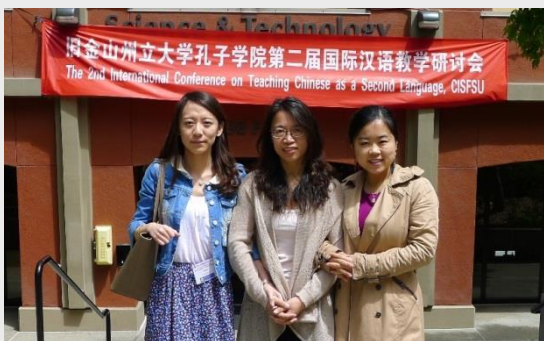
The Confucius Institute in Edmonton is one of the biggest Chinese testing centers in North America. It has offered official Chinese proficiency tests for the last 7 years.

On April 29 & 30, the CIE organized the 2014 Spring YCT & HSK tests for the students from Edmonton Public Schools, as well as schools in Calgary and Red Deer. About 1100 students registered in one of the different levels of YCT or HSK tests. A big change this year is that the number of students who wrote the test online. This has increased by 40% from last year when 550 students wrote online, to 930 this year.

To organize the test on such a large scale and in so many different levels, it is a challenge. The strong support received from principals, teachers, Hanban and also Chinese testing center in Vancouver helped ensure the success of this year's administration. All the help and cooperation is deeply appreciated. The YCT and HSK tests are internationally recognized and the students may use their achievement to apply for scholarships, summer camps and employment.

These tests are a tangible measure of the success of the Chinese language courses offered by schools, and serve to boost student

and expressed how much they valued the opportunity to study at the CIE.



Three CIE Visiting Teachers Attend the Chinese Language Conference at San Francisco

In order to provide professional training to CIE visiting teachers and to improve their teaching, the CIE sent three visiting teachers, Molly Wu, Blair Ren and Uni Liu to the Chinese language teaching conference, hosted by the Confucius Institute of San Francisco State University in San Francisco.

During the two day conference, the teachers attended several sessions presented by professors and experts from USA and other countries. They also met many teachers from other Confucius Institutes and shared their teaching experiences.

This experience really helped our teachers discover new approaches about teaching Chinese to foreign language learners. It is hoped that this experience will also help enhance their teaching and working at our

confidence in learning the Chinese language.



Visit from Students of Colonel Irvine School in Calgary

On April 24, the Confucius Institute hosted a visit from a group of 31 junior high school students and 3 teachers, including the principal, from Colonel Irvine School in Calgary. The purpose of their trip was to experience Chinese culture at the Confucius Institute in Edmonton.

Right after lunch, the group arrived at the CIE after a long drive from Calgary. The CIE director, Dr. Wei Li, provided a very brief introduction about the CIE and also explained the programs that are available to support the Chinese language and culture learning, such as Chinese testing, Chinese Bridge and scholarships.

The students were very excited about the workshops which included Chinese Dough Art, Chinese knots and Tai Chi, provided by the CIE teachers. They made fish, birds and butterflies and many of them mentioned this was their first

institute.

time to experience these art forms.

The Calgary group also visited Londonderry Junior High School and had some interactive activities with the Chinese bilingual students in Londonderry School. It was a great opportunity for the students from both schools to share their learning experience and practice their Chinese language skills.

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