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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



**Performance Celebrating**

**the 10th Anniversary of the Confucius Institute  
&  
the First Global Confucius Institute Day**



### **CIE Open House**

September 27 is the 10th Anniversary of founding of Confucius Institute initiative and is the occasion this year of the first global Confucius Institute Day. It also coincided with Alberta Culture Day. This special occasion was celebrated in more than 100 countries, at about 500 Confucius Institutes around the world. The Confucius Institute in Edmonton hosted an open house at Edmonton Public Schools' Center for Education. More than 500 people attended this open house. A series of activities were planned to provide the opportunities for Edmontonians to experience some aspects of Chinese traditional culture and also to have opportunity to learn more about the local Confucius Institute. Many people enjoyed the sampling Chinese food including spring rolls, onion cakes, fried dumplings and wonton. The cultural workshops attracted a lot of young students as well as adults. The workshops included Chinese dough art, paper cutting, Chinese knots, Chinese calligraphy, Chinese painting, Chinese massage and medicine as well as Chinese chess. A photo exhibition displayed many pictures showing the development of CIE over the past 7 years, as well as many Chinese language and culture learning activities at all 16 different Confucius Classrooms. At the same



### **Performance from Zhejiang Normal University Art Troupe and the China Gymnastic Skill Team**

In the evening of September 27, the CIE and the East China Immigrants Society of Edmonton hosted a performance at the Eva O. Howard Theater. Zhejiang Normal University and China Gymnastic Skill Team put on excellent performances including the Lion dance, Gongfu, Chinese traditional dances, Chinese musical instruments and gymnastic skills. Some local artists and students from CIE also participated in the performance. All 700 seats in the theatre were sold out. The audience included many special guests. Among them were the Health Minister of Alberta, Honourable Stephen Mandel, the Associate Minister of Asia Pacific Relations of Alberta .Honorable Teresa Woo-Paw, Consul General Wang Xiping from Chinese Consulate General in Calgary. Board Chair Sarah Hoffman, other trustees and senior leaders from Edmonton Public School Board also attended the performance.

The performance celebrated the first Global Confucius Institute Day, the 9th Anniversary of ECISE as well as Alberta Culture Day.

time a number of representatives from the business community gathered together to have a panel discussion on "Doing Business with China", while in another part of the facility cultural performances from different schools displayed the lion dance, dragon dance, traditional Chinese dances, singing and musical instruments.

The event was a great success and thanks for all the committee members and volunteers who helped make this happen.



## Zhejiang Normal University Art Troupe Visit Several Confucius Classrooms

On September 26, the Zhejiang Normal University Art Troupe visited 3 Confucius Classrooms in Edmonton. During their visit, they put on a brief performance for the students and teachers at those schools. Their well honed talents were applauded by their audiences. The Gongfu performance was especially popular and enjoyed by students and teachers. After the performance, many students sought to talk to the performers and have photos taken with them.

This tour was sponsored by Hanban to help celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Confucius

The performance was a great success and well received by the audience. It was a wonderful opportunity for Edmontonians to enjoy Chinese culture and performing arts.



## Grand Opening Ceremony for the Confucius Classroom at Centre High Campus

Centre High School hosted a grand opening ceremony on the occasion of the establishment of a Confucius Classroom at their school. The number of students at Center High wishing to study Mandarin has been increasing during last few years. Therefore, the school decided to provide the Mandarin courses to meet the students' need. Under the support of CIE, the Mandarin classes started last year and the program has been well received.

On September 14, the opening ceremony was held

Institutes initiative. The visit provided a rare opportunity for our students and teachers to have a better understanding about Chinese culture and also enjoy Chinese traditional performance art.

to officially start the Confucius Classroom. Board Chair Sarah Hoffman and assistant superintendent Diana Bolan brought greetings on behalf of the school board. Some special guests were also invited to the ceremony, including the city councilor Michael Oshry and the president of Chamber of Commerce James Cumming. Principal David Morris officiated the ceremony which was also attended by CIE Chair Stuart Wachowicz and the CIE Director Dr. Wei LI.

More than 100 people attended the event, including students, administrators and members of the business community.



## CIE Receives a Award at 2014 Overseas Chinese Testing Conference

The 2014 Overseas Chinese Testing Conference was held from August 28 to 29 in Dalian, China. This conference was organized and sponsored by Hanban and the Chinese Testing International Corporation. At this conference, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton was awarded as



## Celebration of the Mid-Autumn Festival

On September 14, the CIE participated in the celebration of Mid-Autumn Festival, that is one of the biggest Chinese traditional cultural events. The occasion saw perfect Edmonton autumn weather, blue sky with a few white clouds and a warm temperature.

On Churchill Square in front of the City Hall, many

'Overseas Chinese Test Center of the Year' . This conference was attended by more than 160 representatives from 149 testing centers in 52 different countries.

As the population learning Chinese increases, international recognized credentials in Chinese language are in growing demand. Edmonton has become a world leader in this area.

The CIE has become one of the largest Chinese testing centers in the world credentialing on average more than 1200 candidates per year writing the YCT and HSK tests.

tents were set up for different kinds of Chinese culture activities. CIE teachers provided culture workshops and displays, such as Chinese dough art and Chinese knots. Some teachers did some story telling about the festivals so people could learn the background of the Mid-Autumn Festival and its place in Chinese culture.

This event was organized by Chinese community and the involvement of CIE was greatly appreciated. It offered a good opportunity to expose Edmonton citizens to this annual event. Hundreds of people attended.



### **Cultural Sessions at Landing Trail Intermediate School, in Athabasca**

Annually for the past 4 years, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton has provided cultural support to Landing Trail Intermediate School, in Athabasca, Alberta. Students in that school are provided cultural workshops in Chinese dough art, paper cutting and Chinese knots. The CIE sent two teachers to Athabasca to share skills in Chinese art with more than 100 students.



### **New Specialized Mandarin Classes now Offered by the CIE**

As the new school commenced, the CIE has been getting busier with the start of a new series of Chinese language and culture courses for the public.

In addition to the regular Mandarin classes at the CIE on Monday and Thursday evenings, the CIE has now started some new Mandarin classes for communities. At this moment, four different classes are running. One class is serving

Chinese dough art was the most popular session and the students and teachers really enjoyed making different animals by using different colour dough.

professors at MacEwan Univesiry, another is an Executive Business Chinese Class supported by the China-Canada Business Association, while another Mandarin class is for a local law firm, and a fourth serves parents learning Mandarin at Dovercourt School.

Our teachers are working very hard to provide the quality programs for the students in those offerings.

CIE cultural courses will also start very soon. If you are interested in learning Mandarin or something about Chinese culture, please go to our website at [www.confuciusedmonton.ca](http://www.confuciusedmonton.ca) or contact us at (780) 970-5233.

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