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**The 3rd International Chinese Teaching
Conference of North America Confucius Institutes
and Classrooms**

Date: October 16 to 18

Location: Barnet House (ATA Building) - 11010 142 Street, Edmonton, Canada

Registration: www.confuciusedmonton.ca

Performance - Golden Autumn Gala

7:00 pm, October 17, 2015

Eva O Howard Theater

10210 - 108 Avenue, Edmonton

For Tickets: Call 780 970 5233



Concert of Oriental Charm

The CIE hosted a gala 'Concert of Oriental Charm' on September 26 to celebrate the Second Global Confucius Institute Day. This gala was performed by the Shandong University Art Troupe.

Hanban/Confucius Institute Headquarters organized and sponsored this performance.

Alberta Premier Rachel Notley, Consul General of Chinese Consulate in Calgary Wang Xinping, Minister of Culture and Tourism David Eggen, Mayor of Edmonton Don Iveson, Board Chair of EPSB Michael Janz and Superintendent of EPSB Darrel Robertson sent written greetings for this event.

Deputy Consul General Wang Lei, Vice Chair of EPSB Michelle Draper, Executive Director of EPSB Dr. Sandra Stoddard and President of Edmonton



Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival

The Confucius Institute was invited to join with local Chinese communities to celebrate the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival at Churchill Square on September 19. Many CIE teachers were involved in this event displaying Chinese cultural arts such as Chinese dough art, paper cutting and Chinese knots. Many local students young and old, showed great interest in observing and practicing some of these Chinese traditional arts. Meanwhile, many adults expressed interest in learning more about the services provided by the CIE for the community, especially courses in Mandarin language and classes in cultural arts. During the event, CIE collected about \$100 in donations that was contributed to Edmonton Food Bank.

In the evening, hundreds of lighted hand-made little

Concordia University attended the performance. Attended were also many principals, teachers and more than 600 members of the public.

The performance was very successful and well received by the audience. The concert provided a great opportunity to share Chinese culture with Edmontonians.



Confucius Institute Hosted a Visit from U of A

On September 18, the Confucius Institute hosted a visit from a delegation of 30 people from 26 different universities in China. The delegates are attending a special training program at the University of Alberta. During the visit, the group toured the office, library, teachers' offices and other facilities, and attended a session presented by director Wei Li to learn about the operations of the CIE. The Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Program and the Alberta's education system were also described. The work of the CIE and Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Program left the delegates with a very good impression.

After lunch, the delegation paid a visit to one of Chinese bilingual elementary schools (Meyonohk School). They visited classrooms and toured the facility. They took the opportunity to speak with the principal Mrs. Patterson and Chinese teachers. They were impressed by the Chinese language abilities the students acquired in the program.

boats that were floating on the reflecting pool in front of City Hall provided a fantastic display in celebration of the Lantern Festival.

This was the second time for the CIE to participate in this event. Attendance was far higher than last year, adding to the numbers who were able to enjoy to enjoy the variety of performances and traditional Chinese arts.



Chinese Dough Art at Landing Trail Intermediate School of Athabasca

Invited by Landing Trail Intermediate School, two of the CIE's teachers drove more than 160 kilometers to Athabasca to provide a session in Chinese dough art to more than 100 students on September 17. This session was integrated into one of the school's big events named 'Fly High'. At this event, the students had opportunities to attend a variety of activities including cultural learning, career development, and health.

The CIE has provided this support to Landing Trail Intermediate School for the last 6 years. The sessions like Chinese dough art, paper cutting and Chinese knots have always been well received by the students, teachers and parents. They are thankful that CIE continues to provide activities for their event.



2015 CIE Language and Culture Classes

The CIE has provided Chinese language and culture classes to the community for the last 7 years. Hundreds of people have attended the different language and culture classes, and many have become credentialed with the international standard (HSK) in Chinese language.

The CIE 2015 Winter Session started on September 28. Five different levels of Mandarin classes and a variety of Chinese culture classes are being offered including a new class in Chinese calligraphy as well as Tai Chi Fan, Chinese story telling and musical instruments such as Yang Qin, Er Hu and Guzheng.

The CIE Chinese language and culture classes are welcomed by the community. Many non-Chinese background students continue to register. Currently about 80 adult students are attending the different classes being offered during evenings and weekend.

In addition, the CIE also provides culture sessions business associations and other community organizations.



Go Abroad Fare

The University of Alberta held its annual event 'Go Abroad Fare' on September 24 at the Student Union building. This event is organized by the International Office of the university. CIE was invited to participate in this event.

The purpose of the event is to provide information about the opportunities to study in other countries. The CIE sent two visiting teachers who provided information about scholarships that are available through the Confucius Institute in Edmonton for students wishing to study Chinese language and culture or degree program in China.

Many different organizations were in attendance with many students expressing interest in foreign study, with an increasing number considering study in China.

This is the second year that the CIE participated.



Recognition of the 66th Anniversary of the Establishment of Modern China

On October 1, Edmonton Chinese Community organized a banquet to commemorate the 66th anniversary of the establishment of the People's Republic of China, an event that commenced the most recent period in 5000 years of Chinese history. The event took place at the Century Palace Restaurant. More than 300 people attended the banquet. The organizers also extended an invitation to the CIE to attend.

The Honourable Brian Mason, Minister of Transportation and Minister of Infrastructure, Honorable MP Laurie Hawn and the Mayor of Edmonton Don Iveson attended the banquet and also brought the greetings. Consul General Wang Xiping of Chinese Consulate in Calgary was also invited to the banquet.

One week earlier, CIE was also invited to attend the reception in Calgary by Chinese Consulate in Calgary to celebrate the 66th National Day.



First Principal Meeting for All Confucius Classrooms and the School Offering Chinese Program

On September 28, the CIE hosted the first principal meeting of this new school year. It was attended by all principals of Confucius Classrooms, schools teaching Chinese language in EPSB. More than 20 principals and some assistant principals attended the meeting. Dr. Sandra Stoddard, Executive Director at EPSB, welcomed all attending this meeting.

Since some of the principals are new to the schools offering the Chinese programs, a brief introduction about the Confucius Institute and Confucius Classrooms was presented, providing background and information about the supports, services he CIE makes available to schools to enhance the teaching and learning of Chinese language and culture.



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