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**The 3rd International Chinese Language Conference of North
America Confucius Institutes & Confucius Classrooms Was
Successfully Held from October 16 to 18
in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada**



The Largest Chinese Language Conference Ever Held in Alberta

From October 17th to 18th, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton hosted the 3rd International Chinese Language Conference of North American Confucius Institutes and Confucius Classrooms. The event was jointly hosted by the Confucius Institute of Portland State University.

This conference received the support from the Hanban/Headquarters of Confucius Institutes. Director General of Hanban, Madam Xu Lin, composed a greeting letter and also sent 3 officials to attend the conference.

Dignitaries brought greetings at the opening of the conference and emphasized the importance of learning Chinese language and culture in the contemporary world. Special guests included Hon. Thomas Deng, Councillor Bev Esslinger, Consul Chief, Yu Changxue, Consul, Du Jian, President of Concordia University Edmonton, Dr. Gerald Krispin and Executive Director of Edmonton Public Schools, Dr. Sandra Stoddard.

The conference was attended by more than 160 delegates from USA, Canada and China. Six well-known Chinese language experts and professors were invited to be the keynote speakers and more than 40 Chinese teachers and professors also gave presentations during



Golden Autumn Gala

The Confucius Institute in Edmonton worked with three other Confucius Institutes to organize a performance entitled 'Golden Autumn Gala'. The other three Confucius institutes were the Confucius Institute of the University of Saskatchewan, the Confucius Institute of New Brunswick and the Confucius Institute of Beijing Opera located at Binghamton University.

The performance celebrated the opening of the 3rd International Chinese Language Conference of North America Confucius Institutes and Classrooms and also the Second Global Confucius Institute Day.



The gala was held at Eva O Howard Theatre on October 17th. Hon. Thomas Deng, Vice Chair of Edmonton Public School Board, Michelle Draper and Trustees Nathan Ip and Bridget Stirling attended the performance along with more than

the conference.

The event was very successful and was well received by all the delegates.



700 people.

The gala included a variety of performances such as dancing, instrumental pieces, singing, comedy cross-talk and Beijing Opera. It drew a warm response from the audience.



School Visits

Before opening of the 3rd International Chinese Teaching Conference of the North American Confucius Institutes & Classrooms, the CIE organized school visits on October 16 for a number delegates who had registered for the conference. The guests were divided into two groups and each group had the opportunity to visit one elementary school, one junior high school and one senior high school.

Each school provided information about the development and nature of their Chinese programs. The delegates visited classrooms and were able to observe instruction at these locations.

All the delegates were impressed with the language abilities of the students. They were able to communicate easily with higher grade students and interacted well when asking them questions. One of the delegates said that it was amazing to see the quality of Chinese program in the English speaking country.

Chinese Culture Sessions at ASSIST of Edmonton

ASSIST is a non-profit organization in Edmonton for new immigrants. At the request of ASSIST, the CIE has offered Chinese culture workshops and sessions for several years. On October 15, Kathy Guo, a teacher based in the CIE, delivered the first session to more than 20 seniors at an ASSIST location. All the seniors enjoyed lessons in Chinese traditional art, especially Chinese Dough Art.



During the 90 minute session, the students learned how to make a parrot and they were amazed that with a few simple steps they could



Newly Arrived Visiting Teachers

There are three new visiting teachers who recently arrived in Edmonton in the last two weeks. They are Ms. Jing Tianjie, Ms. Du Jinjin and Ms. Zhou Xiao. They come from different parts of China including Shanghai, Tianjin and Harbin.

These 3 new teachers will work at the Confucius Institute in Edmonton providing support to our Chinese language and culture programs, and demonstrating Chinese culture in other schools and community organizations.

They will stay in Edmonton for two years. We sincerely welcome them as new members of the CIE team and hope that they will enjoy their stay and work in Edmonton.

create a model of this beautiful bird.



CIE Chinese Language & Culture Classes

A new session of CIE Chinese language & culture classes began this fall. CIE once again offers 4 different Mandarin classes from Level 1 to 4 in the evenings of Mondays and Thursdays. The CIE has developed a reputation for excellent instruction in Chinese language and is becoming a popular source for language learning for adults in the region.

The CIE also offers the a variety of Chinese culture classes on Saturdays, including Chinese traditional arts, Tai Chi, Chinese calligraphy, Erhu, Yangqin and Guzheng. There are about 80 students registered with the different classes. Please contact our office to find out more information.



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