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Visit to China

In early November, the CIE organized a principal delegation to China. During the visit, the delegation visited Hanban, Shanghai and also their partner schools in Shandong and the Shandong Education Ministry.



CIE Principal Delegation to China

From October 30 to November 7, the CIE organized a principal delegation to China. This trip provided an opportunity for the new principals of schools offering Chinese language programs to get to know their Shandong partner schools and also personally experience Chinese culture while gaining more understanding of contemporary China. During the trip, the delegation had a short visit to Shanghai, the most modern city in China. In Shandong Province, the delegation met with Mr. Meng, the deputy minister of Shandong Education Department and other officials. The delegates also visited their partner schools to discuss and plan exchange programs and other joint activities. The last stop on the trip was Beijing. There the delegation paid a visit to the offices of Hanban. During this visit, the delegates experienced the amazing culture center and also met Mr. Wang, the deputy director general of Hanban, and other officials. The



2015 Chinese Writing Contest Award Ceremony

The Edmonton Chinese Journal and the CIE has organized and hosted the Chinese writing contest for the last 6 years. This year saw the seventh and largest participation in this growing effort to support development of Chinese language in students.

On November 20th, the award ceremony for 2015 was held at the Confucius Institute Cultural Centre in Edmonton.

More than 150 people attended the ceremony. Among them, were some special guests including Trustee Orville Chubb of the Edmonton Public School Board, Deputy Consul General Ms. Wang Lei and Consul Wen Fulin, ECBEA president Stephen Tsang and school principals and teachers.



delegates subsequently visited two famous historical sites, Great Wall and Forbidden City.



Although the visit was very short, the trip left a profound impression and laid the foundation for a better understanding of China.

At the ceremony, guests delivered greetings to all the winners and were called upon to present medals and certificates. CIE teacher, Robert Kong, spoke on behalf of the judges. Mr. Raymond Matthias shared his reflections of learning Chinese language and culture and how it has impacted his life, career and future. There were 4 categories for the contest, elementary, junior high, senior high and adult. Each category had 3 winners, along with some awards in special categories.



The purpose of this contest is to encourage students and the community members to improve their Chinese writing skills and learn more about Chinese culture.



Visit from U of A Delegation

A delegation of about 30 people from University of Alberta visited CIE on the morning on November 27, 2015. The visitors are all administrators from 25 China universities and are attending a special training program offered by the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

During the visit, they toured the CIE facilities including CIE Chinese library, Culture Center and visiting teachers' offices. The CIE provided a presentation giving an introduction about the CIE and the Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Program which it supports. All the delegates showed great interest in the work the CIE is doing to promote Chinese language and culture and also were impressed by the achievements of the past eight years.

After lunch, the delegation had the opportunity to pay a visit to the Caernarvon School Chinese bilingual program. The principal gave a brief background of the Chinese program which was followed by visits to several classrooms of different grade levels of both Chinese and English programs. During the classroom visits, the delegates were able to observe classroom teaching and also had the opportunity to speak



Presentation at Confucius Institute of Saskatchewan University

Dr. Mian Xie (Cultural Coordinator of the CIE) and Dr. Wei Li (Director) were invited by the Confucius Institute of Saskatchewan University to provide presentations on the occasion of a Chinese teacher training session held on November 17th, 2015. Dr. Wei Li delivered a session on the Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Program, covering its development in areas of curriculum and achievements and present challenges. Dr. Mian Xie provided a session on the Chinese language teaching strategy, using body movements and gestures. In addition, Dr. Mian Xie also provided a session on the overview of the movies produced and directed by her father, Xie Tian, who is still today renown as one of the greatest movie producers and directors in the Chinese film industry. More than 25 Chinese teachers attended the pedagogical sessions and close to 100 people participated in the movie session.



with teachers and students.

The group was very impressed with the Chinese languages skills the students demonstrated and the ways in which language instruction was delivered. They were also impressed that the Chinese language was used to teach mathematics.

In all the visit created an awareness of the impact Chinese language instruction is having in the Edmonton area and of the quality of instruction students are privileged to receive.



Chinese Dance Class at Ross Sheppard High School

Chinese dance classes are always welcomed by the students at the schools. Upon the request from Ross Sheppard Senior High School, the CIE provided support to the dance class at the school. Ms. Du Jinjin, one of the newly arrived visiting teacher at the CIE, provided instruction in Chinese dance to one of the dance classes. After a few weeks of instruction, the students in the class were able to impress all who saw them perform, much to the gratification of the

After the movie session, a guests enjoyed a movie that had been directed and produced by Dr. Mian Xie's father. A group of local musical artists played pieces from the film.



The CIE Offers a Seminar at Southwest University of China

On November 8, Dr. Wei Li from the CIE was invited by Southwest University of China to provide a seminar on Chinese language teaching, The Edmonton Public Chinese bilingual program as well the Confucius Institute were featured in his presentation. More than 100 graduate students and teachers attended the seminar. The seminar raised much interest in the audience on the subject of Chinese language education in North America, as well as the work and operation

participating students.



of the Confucius Institute in Edmonton. A good discussion followed the presentation. Many attendees stated that this seminar helped them understand the work of Confucius Institutes as well as current Chinese language education in North America, especially in Canada. Most of the students at the seminar were taking master degrees in International Chinese Language Teaching.



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