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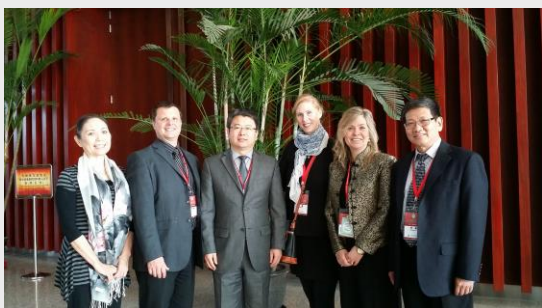
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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



**May your world
be filled with warmth,
joy and good cheer...**

**Wishing you a
Happy New Year!**



The 10th Global Confucius Institute Conference

From December 5 to 7, the 10th Global Confucius Institute Conference was held in Shanghai. This is the annual conference organized by Hanban and the Headquarters of Confucius Institutes. This year, more than 2500 delegates from more than 120 different countries attended the conference. Madam Liu Yandong, the Vice Premier of China, attended the opening ceremony and also delivered an important speech.

By the end of 2015, 500 Confucius Institutes and 1000 Confucius Classrooms had been established around the world and located in more than 120 different countries.



Dr. Sandra Stoddard, executive director of EPSB, Dr. Mian Xie, CIE culture coordinator, and Dr. Wei Li, CIE director, attended the conference. Two

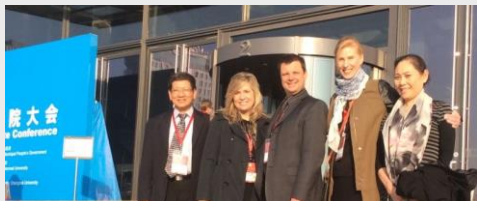


The 12th World Chinese Language Teaching Conference

The 12th World Chinese Language Teaching Conference was held in Shanghai from December 8 to 10, following the Global Confucius Institute Conference. More than 400 delegates attended.

The opening sessions took place at the campus of East China Normal University on the morning of December 9. Madam Xu Lin, Hanban Director General, delivered an opening address at the commencement ceremony. Dr. Dong Shijun, president of East China Normal University also brought greetings at the opening session. Several keynote speakers gave presentations on the topics related to Chinese language teaching and learning. Among them were Dr. Cui Xiliang, the president of Beijing Language and Culture University, Dr. Ren Youmei, Director of Confucius Institute of University of Hawaii at Manoa and Professor Zhang Jianmin, assistant director of the International Chinese Teacher Training Center at East China Normal University. Both Dr. Mian Mian and Dr. Wei Li from Edmonton were asked to give presentations at

principals of Confucius Classrooms in Edmonton Public Schools also attended - Rom Thompson and Heather Langenhahn.



At the conference, Dr. Wei Li was invited to give a presentation on the topic "Development, Achievement and Challenges of the Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Program."

The conference provided a great opportunity to share information and learn along with many delegates from all over the globe.



Shandong Visit

After attending the 10th Global Confucius Institute Conference and the 12th World Chinese Language Conference, the CIE delegates paid a visit to Shandong. Arrangements were made by

the conference.

In the evening of December 9, the International Society for Chinese Language Teaching held the annual meeting. Dr. Xu Jialu, president of the society and also former vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, attended the annual meeting. Dr. Ma Jianfei, the society secretary and deputy director general of Hanban, gave the annual report on the Society's work for 2015. At the annual meeting, the election of the board of the society followed. Sixty four directors were elected and the Edmonton Public School District representatives were elected as the directors of the board of the Society. And for the first time, a representative of Edmonton Public Schools was elected as a member of the standing committee of the Board. It was a great honor and recognition of the Edmonton Chinese programs.



Farewell to Some Visiting Teachers and Welcome New Visiting Teachers

On December 17, the CIE held a meeting with all the visiting teachers and CIE staff. The

the Shandong Education Department for Dr. Sandra Stoddord and Dr. Wei Li to visit the Taishan School, which is one of the Edmonton's Confucius Classroom partner schools.

Taishan School is located near Mount Tai, one of the most famous mountains in all of China. Taishan School is a partner school of Lillian Osborne High School. Taishan is an elite institution with more than ten thousand students, ranging through kindergarten, elementary, junior and senior high school programs.



During the visit, the delegates were able to visit the classrooms at different levels and observe teaching and learning in progress. The visit with teachers and students left a deep impression for the delegates.

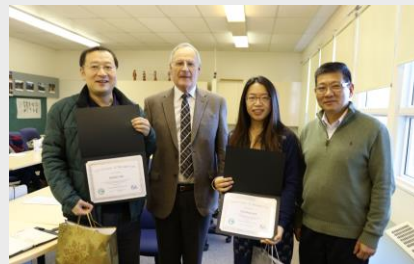
Mr. Zhou, the principal, welcomed the delegates, with whom he had a great conversation. He expressed the appreciation of the opportunities provided through the exchange program and the activities between schools. He mentioned that he looked forward to further cooperation and partnership for the benefit of the students and teachers, which will enhance our mutual global education objectives.

After the school visit, the delegates also had the

meeting included a farewell to two of CIE visiting teachers, Ms. Blair Ren and Mr. Steven Sun. It was provided an opportunity for the monthly meeting for the visiting teachers, and enabled all to attend the CIE Christmas party.

At the meeting, Mr. Stuart Wachowicz spoke on behalf of the Confucius Institute to express the thanks to Ms. Ren and Mr. Sun for their contribution during last three years. Many other teachers also reflected on the time working together with them and spoke of many unforgettable stories and experiences. It was quite a moving moment and all the teachers expressed their appreciation to have the opportunity to work at CIE which they consider as part of their family.

We do appreciate all their hard work and effort to help the CIE provide support for Chinese language and culture education and the promotion of Chinese language in the region.



Meanwhile, we also welcomed five new visiting teachers. They all arrived during the last two months. Among them, four will work out of the Confucius Institute and one will be assigned to work at a school (Confucius Classroom). We are very confident that these new teachers will continue to work hard and make even more contributions to the development of the Confucius Institute and provide more support to

opportunity to visit the hometown of Confucius, Qufu. During the visit, the delegates paid a visit to Confucius compound, Confucius' residence and the cemetery still used for descendants of Confucius' Family. The visit enriched understanding of Chinese culture for the delegates.

our Chinese programs at schools as well as in the communities.

At this moment, CIE has 17 visiting teachers, 6 at CIE and 11 at schools.



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