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**The 9th Alberta Chinese Bridge Competition for  
Elementary, Junior & Senior High School  
Students**

**May 28, 2016**

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## The 5th Alberta Chinese Bridge Competition for University Students

On March 12, 2016, the 5th Alberta Chinese Bridge Competition for University Students was held at the University of Alberta. This event was organized by Chinese Consulate in Vancouver and Confucius Institute in Edmonton, with support from University of Alberta, University of Calgary, MacEwan University, Concordia University of Edmonton, NAIT as well as China Institute. Eighteen students from different universities attended the competition and more than 70 people observed the event. The students used their own experiences to describe how they see current the relationship between Canada and China in their speeches and talent shows.

Consul Du Jian from Vancouver, Dr. Daniel Fried from U of A, Dr. Wei from MacEwan and Dr. Wang from U of C attended the award ceremony and brought the greetings. They also helped present medals to the winners of the competition.

Last year, two students from this competition were sent to China to attend the international final of Chinese Bridge Competition for university students.



## Tai Chi Session at EPSB's Centre for Education

The Confucius Institute in Edmonton was invited to provide the introductory session for Tai Chi at Edmonton Public School's Centre for Education during the noon hour on March 23, 2016. Fifteen Education Centre staff participated in this one-hour session.

Mr. Kong from the CIE gave a short presentation on the basic history and philosophy of Tai Chi and Ms. Du performed a Tai Chi demonstration of the simplified 24 form movements.



All the participants practiced these movements, acquiring an excellent introductory experience to this ancient and important element in Chinese culture. Participants also learned the health benefits of the movements and appreciated the experience and amazing feeling of Tai Chi.

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## MLA Chris Nielsen Visits the CIE

Honorable Chris Nielsen, Member of the Alberta Legislature, paid a visit to the Confucius Institute on March 24. During the visit, he toured the facilities of the institute and met the CIE visiting teachers.



Dr. Wei Li, the director of CIE, gave a presentation explaining to Mr. Nielsen the history and development of CIE, as well as all the support the CIE provides to the schools and communities.

Mr. Nielsen showed great interest in what the CIE is doing to build a stronger relationship between Canada and China and also demonstrated a deep interest in Chinese culture. He was very proud of

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## The CIE Hosts a Delegation from the Suzhou Board of Education

On March 25, the CIE received an education delegation from Suzhou City of China, led by Ms. Chen Lin, the senior chief of Inspections of the office of the Suzhou Municipal Education Bureau. Mr. Li Feng, the former consul of Chinese Consulate in Calgary was also in attendance.

The delegation spent a half day at the CIE getting to know about the Confucius Institute and enjoyed a tour the growing CIE library and other facilities, all of which left them favourably impressed.

During the visit, Dr. Wei Li gave a presentation on the Chinese bilingual program offered by Edmonton Public Schools. The delegation was captivated with the history and achievements of the Chinese Bilingual Program that has been offered in Edmonton Public Schools for over thirty years.

Following the presentation, a discussion ensued about ways in which there might be an on-

all the achievements of the CIE during the last 8 years.

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## Presentation at the "Second Language Matters" Conference

On March 7, the Annual "Second Language Matters" Conference was held at Fantasyland Hotel at West Edmonton Mall. The CIE was one of the sponsors for this conference which was attended by more than 400 second language teachers, among whom are a growing number of teachers of Chinese language.

At the conference, there were two sessions provided that related to the teaching of Chinese language. Dr. Mian Mian Xie gave a presentation on the use of mini-video in the Chinese language classroom. Her vivid teaching examples attracted a lot of interest and attention from the audience.

A second presentation was made by Dr. Wen Xiaodong, a visiting professor from Beijing

going exchange of ideas and experiences second language education and curriculum design. The delegation invited the CIE to visit their schools in Suzhou City.

The CIE then provided the delegation with a city tour, helping them better understand Edmonton and its environments.

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## Alberta Chinese Consortium Meeting

The CIE attended the Alberta Chinese Consortium meeting at Red Deer Public School Board on March 8. This meeting was also attended by representatives from Red Deer Public School Board, University of Calgary, Concordia University of Edmonton, Edmonton Public Schools, Walter and Gladys School and Confucius Institute in Edmonton.

At the meeting, the new website of Alberta Chinese Consortium with the newly designed logo was reviewed and had positive feedback. The purpose of this website is to provide the platform for all the members to share their information and resources for Chinese language learning and promotion. The development of this

Normal University. His topic was on the development and enhancement of thinking skills in the Chinese language classroom, which will serve to make the language learning more effective. His discussion was well received by the teachers. Dr. Wen will be providing a series of training sessions to Chinese language teachers in the area, during this coming spring.

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website was sponsored by the Confucius Institute.

The Alberta Chinese Consortium later presented an award to Angela Tang. Ms. Tang was the winner of the provincial contest to design a logo for the Consortium. Mr. Norman Sieweke and Dr. Wei Li presented the award and prize on behalf of the Consortium. Angela Tang is a grade 5 student at Meyonohk School of Edmonton Public Schools. Mrs. Karen Paterson who is the principal also received the gift from the Consortium for the school.

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