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**First Western Canada Symposium of Chinese Language Teaching &
CI and CC Development Was Held at Confucius Institute in Edmonton
on November 24**



The Second CIE Movie Night

On November 22, the second CIE Movie Night was successfully held at the Concordia University campus with the support of Concordia University and the Alberta Chinese Outdoor Adventure Club. About 260 people attended the event.

Dr. Manfred Zeuch, Vice President of International & Research at Concordia University, and Dr. Wei Li, the Director of the CIE, delivered greetings to the audience.

The highlight of the evening was a presentation by Dr. Mianmian Xie on Chinese films, focusing on the development of Chinese movies in recent Chinese history, including references to the people who made significant contributions to Chinese film. Among them was her father, Xie Tian, a famous director in Chinese movie development. At the end of the presentation, Mr. Tony Li, the president of the Alberta Chinese Outdoor Adventure Club expressed appreciation to Dr. Xie for sharing her stories and providing background on Chinese films.

After the presentation, the movie 'Love for Life' was shown. The film caused the audience to share the emotion of the characters in a moving story about a fight for life, love and the right to live with dignity.

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Chinesefolksongs.com Website Launch Ceremony

On November 17, the Chinesefolksongs.com website launch ceremony was held at the CIE. About 20 teachers attended the event, many of them are music teachers.

The Chinesefolksongs.com website is designed for music teachers around the world who want to teach their students Chinese songs in a culturally responsive way. Currently there are 13 songs in three categories: ancient poems, popular classics, songs and games. Each of the songs is available in Pinyin version with English Translation, Chinese characters, audio and notation, and some of them with video.



Ms. Kim Friesen Wiens, a music teacher in Meadowlark School (Confucius Classroom), made a great effort to put the website together with the help of Mr. Ken Lam (former principal) and also their



CIE Successfully Hosts the First Western Canada Symposium of Chinese Language Teaching & CI and CC Development

On November 24, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton successfully hosted the First Western Canada Symposium of Chinese Language Teaching & CI and CC Development. More than 30 delegates attended the symposium, including principals and teachers and leaders from the Chinese Consulate in Vancouver, the BCIT Confucius Institute, the Confucius Institute of Coquitlam Public School Board, the Fort McMurray Public School Confucius Classroom, and Confucius Classrooms in Edmonton Public Schools as well as Confucius Institute in Edmonton.

Special guests attended and spoke at the opening ceremony. They were Dr. Sandra Stoddard, Executive Director of EPSB, Dr. Lorne Parker, Executive Director of EPSB and Chief Consul Yu Changxue. At the opening, student representative Megan Tsang, parent representative Kelly Roth and teacher representative Jenny Li, were invited to give the presentations on their views and the experiences on CI work and Chinese language learning and teaching.

During the Symposium, all the participants had good discussions around the four topics regarding Chinese language teaching and CI & CC development. They

partner school in Shandong Province. The Confucius Institute in Edmonton is the sponsor for this project. In the future, more songs and videos will be added to the website.

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2016 Chinese Writing Contest Award Ceremony

On November 25, 2016, the Chinese Writing Contest Award Ceremony was held at the Confucius Institute in Edmonton. The contest has been organized annually by the Edmonton Chinese Journal and the CIE since 2010. Every year has witnessed a growing participation of adults and students in the writing event.



More than 200 people attended the ceremony. Among them were some special guests including Trustee Orville Chubb of the Edmonton Public School Board, Consul General Mr. Wang Xinping, ECBEA president Stephen Tsang and school

shared their work and experience, as well as their reflections. Everyone was positive about the experience and were grateful for the work the CIs have done to support and enhance learning Chinese language and culture.

On November 25, three delegates paid visits to Kildare School and Londonderry School to learn more about the Chinese bilingual program. They were much impressed by the language skills and achievements of the students in the Edmonton Chinese bilingual program.

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Visit from University of Alberta Delegation

On November 22, the Confucius Institute hosted a visit of a 32-person delegation from different universities in China. The delegates are attending a three-month special training program at the University of Alberta. During the visit, the group toured the office, library, teachers' office and other facilities and attended a session presented by Dr. Wei Li on the operations of CIE and the Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Program. He also provided an overview of the Alberta education system. A good discussion followed the presentations. All the

principals and teachers.

At the ceremony, the guests delivered greetings and presented medals and certificates. CIE teacher, Zhou Xiao, spoke on behalf of the judges. CIE teachers, Du Jinjin and Liu Xiao performed a Chinese dance and a Guzheng.

There were 5 categories for the contest: elementary, junior high, senior high, university and adult. Each category had 3 winners, along with some special awards.



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.

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St. Albert Students Enjoyed the Half Day Chinese Cultural Experience at CIE

On November 14, the CIE received a group of 9

delegates were impressed with the CIE's work and achievements in the past eight years.



After lunch, the delegation paid a visit to Kildare School which is one of the six Chinese bilingual elementary schools in Edmonton Public Schools.

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Interview by World FM

On November 29, Dr. Wei Li, the director of the Confucius Institute in Edmonton, was interviewed by World FM, a local radio station. World FM provides a radio program specialized to promote multiculturalism.

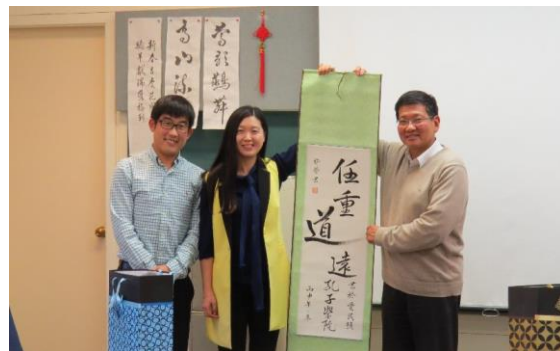
During the one hour interview, the host asked many questions relating to the nature and work of Confucius Institute in Edmonton, from the support to Chinese language learning and cultural programs, to support for schools and community organizations.

students and 1 teacher from Elmer S. Gish Junior High School for a half-day Chinese cultural experience.



After a brief introduction about the CIE by the director, Dr. Wei Li, the CIE teachers provided the students with a series of culture activities including paper cutting, Tai Chi and Chinese Dough Art. All the students were working very hard making a fish in the paper cutting, and enjoyed learning some movements of Tai Chi and using the Chinese dough to make a traditional monkey model. Although the visit was short, the students learned a lot of about Chinese culture and arts.

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Returning of Some CIE Visiting Teachers

During the summer of 2016, eight CIE visiting teachers completed their terms of work at the CIE

Dr. Wei Li described the establishment of the Confucius Institute in Edmonton, the nature of this organization, its operation and also the mission of the institute. In addition, Dr. Wei Li also provided information about the Chinese bilingual programs in Edmonton Public Schools, the major supports the CIE offers to the Chinese programs for the enhancement of student learning , such as Chinese Bridge language competition, YCT/HSK language assessments, summer camps, scholarships, and the Chinese writing competition. Some cultural supports discussed included cultural galas or performances, cultural art workshops, sessions at the schools, CIE cultural courses, China trips, movie nights and a variety of Chinese traditional festival celebrations.

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and returned back to China. In the month of November, four additional CIE visiting teachers also completed their working terms at the CIE and went back to China.

The teachers had completed a two or three year term of work at the CIE. Some of them had served at the CIE itself, while the majority were assigned to support Chinese language and culture instruction at a school (Confucius Classroom). We do appreciate with all the hard work and effort our visiting teachers have done. Their contributions to help students to learn Chinese language and culture are greatly valued. In addition, the visiting teachers did so much beyond the classrooms, spending a lot of their own time volunteering to help with cultural activities and various cultural celebrations. All their work was well received by the schools, teachers, students and parents.



We would send our best wishes to all of these visiting teachers for their continuing success in their careers and for their happiness with their families.

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