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**Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year**

- from CIE Staff



Photo Exhibition of the 150th Anniversary of the Birth of Dr. Sun Yat-sen and the 92nd Anniversary of the Founding of the Whampoa Military Academy

On December 2, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton and the National Congress of Chinese Canadians hosted the Grand Opening Ceremony of a photo exhibition of the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of the birth of Dr. Sun Yat-sen and the 92nd Anniversary of the Founding of the Whanpoa Military Academy. More than 100 people attended the ceremony. Among them were Consul General Wang Xinping from Chinese Consulate in Calgary; Hon. Kerry Diotte, member of Parliament for Edmonton-Geisbach; Mr. Nathan Ip, Trustee of Edmonton Public Schools; and Mr. David Choi, National Executive Chair of National Congress of Chinese Canadian. Professor Jennifer Jay of the University of Alberta was also invited to give a presentation on the life of Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

The photo exhibition was held at the Confucius Institute in Edmonton from December 2 to December 6. Many local residents, students, teachers and seniors came to view the exhibition.



The 11th Global Confucius Institute Conference

The 11th Global Confucius institute Conference was held from December 9 to 11 in Kunming City in southern China.

This was one of the biggest conferences organized by the Headquarters of the Confucius Institute and Hanban, and was attended by more than 2200 delegates from more than 140 different countries around the world.

Four representatives from the Confucius Institute in Edmonton attended the conference. They were Trustee Michelle Draper, Vice Chair of EPSB, Trustee Ray Martin, Dr. Mian Mian Xie, CIEculture coordinator and Dr. Wei Li, Director of the CIE.

Madam Liu Yandong, the vice premier of the State Council of China attended the conference and made the keynote speech. Mr. Chen Baosheng, the Minister of Education of China chaired the opening ceremony of the conference. Many other officials from China and Yunan Province attended as well.

The exhibition provided the opportunity for them to learn more modern China.

This exhibition was sponsored by the Guangdong Museum of Revolutionary History and Whampoa Military Academy Memorial. Their support in providing all of the photos and booklets made this exhibition possible.

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Christmas Celebration at CIE

On December 19, the CIE held the monthly meeting with all the Hanban visiting teachers serving in Alberta attending. At the meeting, Dr. Wei Li gave a presentation on the 11th Global Confucius Institute Conference that took place in Kunming City of China, as well as providing an update on this year's achievements and the CIE's plans for 2017. At the meeting, all the visiting teachers had opportunity to share their best working practices and experiences at the schools and in CIE operations. A discussion was held on some the issues and questions that had come up in the course of their work. The meeting was a great opportunity for all the visiting teachers to provide support to each other in both work and in

The theme of the Conference was Innovation, Cooperation, Inclusion and Sharing. Dr. Wei Li gave a presentation on the Chinese YCT and HSK tests and also received the award of Individual Excellence presented annually by Hanban.

During the conference, the CIE representatives had opportunity to get to know many people from other CI's around the world and were able to experience the varied and rich culture of Yunan province.



CIE Upcoming Events

2017 has arrived and the CIE will host and organize a variety of language and culture activities to start the new year. The following are some of these forthcoming activities and we hope that you will be able to participate and enjoy some of them.

January 14 & 15

Chinese Celebration at West Edmonton Mall with Chinese cultural displays and performances.

January 19

The CIE Dance Group will perform at the Oil Kings Hockey Game at Roger Place.

living in a new country.



Since majority of the visiting teachers have only been in Canada a few months, the CIE organized a party after the meeting allowing new teachers to experience a Christmas themed celebration, which for many was a new experience. One of the staff prepared every teacher a small Christmas gift as well as a cake. There was also a door prize draw, and the lunch was followed by a karaoke session in which the teachers displayed their singing talent. Everyone enjoyed the event.

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January 21

A CIE Cultural Display for a Chinese New Year Celebration will be placed at the Chinese Catholic Church.

January 25

Chinese New Year Celebration for Seniors at CIE

January 30 & February 4

CIE Chinese language and culture courses begin for the winter session.

February 12

Cultural performances will be held at the Horowitz Theater of the U of A by the Lanzhou University Art Troupe

January & February

The CIE will provide many Chinese culture workshops and activities like dough art, Chinese knots, paper cutting, Tai Chi, Tai, Calligraphy and dance for many schools helping their Chinese New Year celebrations.

If you are interested in any of the Chinese language and culture courses, please go to our website to do the registration or contact us.
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