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2017 YCT/HSK Scholarship Award Night

**Confucius Institute in Edmonton hosted 2017 YCT/HSK
Scholarship Award Night at McCauley Chamber on June 26,**

2017. More than 70 students from 15 schools received the awards.

THANKS

Confucius Insitute would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to all the people to show your support and help to CIE during the 2016-2017 school year !

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Retirement and Appreciation Party at CIE

On the evening of June 15, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton and the Alberta Chinese Language Association jointly hosted a retirement and appreciation party. Around 80 principals and teachers attended the event, including the Chinese teachers, principals, former retirees and family members.



2017 YCY/HSK Scholarship Award Night

On June 15, the CIE hosted the 2017 HSK/YCT Scholarship Award Night at McCauley Chambers in the Center for Education, to celebrate and recognize the success that the students have achieved in their 2016 HSK or YCT Test.

More than 250 people attended the ceremony, including students, family members, teachers, principals as well as special guests. Trustee Orville Chubb brought greetings on behalf of Edmonton Public School Board. Dr. Lorne Parker, the Executive Director of EPSB, spoke on behalf of the



Dr. Wei Li, the director of CIE, and Dr. Mianmian Xie, the president of ACLTA, made welcome greetings and congratulated the retirements of 2 principals - Dr. Gerry Falk (Dovercourt) and Donna McLissac (Caernarvon), 2 assistant principals - Brenda Braun (Dovercourt) and Dr. Wenqi Chen (Kildare) and 3 Chinese teachers - Ching Pong (Caernarvon), Grace Yao (Kildare) and Jackie Chau (Meadowlark), all who have served the Chinese bilingual program for many years. All their contributions and dedication to the Chinese program have been much appreciated.

During the party, a wonderful performance was welcomed by the attendees, including Chinese dance, Guzheng, and Erhu. The attending teachers were also singing a Chinese song named "Farewell to Old Friends", which greatly moved everyone.

Meanwhile, Dr. Wei Li, on behalf of CIE, also took this opportunity to express the appreciation to all the teachers who helped out the 10th Alberta Chinese Bridge Competition for School Students on May 27. All their effort and support are crucial for the success of the Chinese Bridge Competition.

A farewell ceremony was also held to say goodbye to three CIE visiting teachers who are completing their term of work at the CIE and will be leaving Canada soon. We wish these three teachers the best for their future back to China.

Superintendent who had sent his congratulations to all of the students, recognizing their achievement and emphasizing the importance of learning Chinese. Dr. Tian Liang, the Special Chinese Advisor of Alberta Education, Principal Karen Patterson, as well as Mr. Stephen Tsang, the President of ECBEA, also made speeches congratulating the students. Cameron MacPherson shared his thoughts on Chinese learning and HSK test as a student representative. During the ceremony, the dance team from Ross Sheppard High School performed a Chinese Fan Dance which brought much applause from the audience. Mrs. Nancy Petersen, acting executive director and many principals attended the award night.



This was the 9th year that the CIE organized such an event. After the ceremony, a reception was held and many principals, teachers and parents expressed their appreciation for the support of CIE to the Chinese program.

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CIE Culture Day for Edith Rogers School & Malcolm Tweddle School

The Confucius Institute in Edmonton hosted a group of 31 students and 2 teachers from Edith Rogers School and Malcolm Tweddle School on June 6. The purpose of their trip was to experience a Chinese Culture Day at the CIE.



After a brief introduction to the CIE by Director Dr. Wei Li, the second language consultants Angela Hernandez and Tamie Beattie from the Institute for Innovation in Second Language Education met the students and spoke to them, encouraging them to learn or continue learning a second language, which will be of great value in the future. The students were then divided in two groups to take part in the activities at different stations in turns. The CIE teachers prepared some Chinese cultural activities



Kildare Students Had a Great Chinese Culture Day at CIE

On June 22, the Confucius Institute received a group of 65 students and 4 teachers from Kildare School for a Chinese Cultural Experience Day as their year-end field trip.

After a brief introduction about the CIE by Director Dr. Wei Li, the CIE teachers provided the students with a variety of Chinese cultural activities, such as ping pong, Chinese checkers, Chinese Yo-yo and Chinese painting. All the students worked hard on painting a fish, learning the art of ping pong, and keeping the Yo-yo spinning. They had a great culture day at CIE.

The students were not only from Chinese bilingual program but also one group was drawn from a regular English classroom. Although these students did not know any Chinese but they still benefited from the Chinese culture activities prepared by CIE.

for the students, such as Chinese dough art, ping pong and Chinese yoyo. All the students were excited and keen trying learning all these activities.

Man expressed that these Chinese culture activities were a great and enjoyable learning experience. It was a great Chinese culture day for all the students and teachers.

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The one day visit was so successful that all the teachers and the students hoped that they will be able to come back every year.

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CIE Involved in Canadian Multicultural Day Celebration

In middle of June, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton was invited to be involved in the celebration of Canadian Multicultural Day both in city of Fort Saskatchewan and city of Edmonton, to provide a sharing of Chinese culture in recognition of Canada's rich diversity and to demonstrate the significant contributions many ethnic cultural communities have made and continue to make to the development of Canada.



Heritage Day Festival at the City of Sherwood Park

On June 11, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton was invited to participate in the Heritage Day Festival at the Spark Gallery in Sherwood Park.



During the two celebrations, the CIE teachers provided Chinese traditional games and displays of Chinese traditional art such as Chinese checkers, Chinese chess, burr puzzle, Chinese Yo-yo, Chinese dough art and Chinese knots.



In addition, the CIE also organized half hour performances, including Chinese folk and classical dances, musical performances on Guzheng and Er Hu, Chinese songs and Tai Chi. The beautiful dances and Chinese music were well received by the audiences who had very positive comments as a result. All the effort of the CIE to help promote multiculturalism in the communities were much appreciated by the communities.

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The event was organized by the Arts & Culture Council of Strathcona County to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary, and to display the diversity of arts & culture through a variety of multicultural activities including dance, singing, symphony, food taste and different cultural displays, etc.

CIE teachers provided displays of Chinese traditional art such as Chinese dough art and Chinese knots, sharing Chinese culture with people from many different ethnic backgrounds. Many people visited the CIE booth and showed their great interest in these traditional Chinese arts.



In addition, the Ottewell Confucius Classroom also organized a half hour performance including Chinese folk dances and folk songs.

The CIE will provide ongoing support for these community events to better share Chinese culture with Canadian people in the future.

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2017 ECBEA Scholarship Award Ceremony

On June 4, Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Education Association (ECBEA) hosted its annual scholarship award ceremony and more than 150 students received the awards. The total value of scholarships awarded this year was \$25000.

This award ceremony was held at the city hall and more than 500 people attended. Among them were leaders from EPSB, principals and teachers as well as parents.



The Confucius Institute sponsored 10 scholarships for grade 6 students. The scholarship recipients must continue their Chinese program when they go to



The CIE Celebrated Canada Day 150

The Confucius Institute in Edmonton was invited to participate in the event to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the establishment of Canada as a nation. The celebration was located in the heart of the city of Edmonton.

CIE teachers provided different Chinese traditional games at the event, such as Chinese chess, Chinese checkers, chopstick games, Chinese yoyo, etc. Many people, especial the young students, showed great interest in these games as they tried to learn how to play.



Canada is a multicultural country and all ethnic

junior high schools, as well as maintain an excellent standard of achievement in their Chinese language study.

The CIE dance group was invited to perform at the award ceremony. This was a very special performance since most people in the CIE dance team are teachers and principals from Chinese bilingual schools, so their performance had a special meaning.

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cultures are well respected and welcome. Chinese culture is one of the major ethnic groups in the city. This year, at the 150th birthday celebration, it was so nice to see all the different ethnic groups celebrating the 150th anniversary of this multicultural country together.

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