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***CIE Open House***

**Celebration of  
the 4th Global Confucius Institute Day**

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## CIE Open House

On October 1, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton hosted a CIE Open House in celebration of the 4th Global Confucius Institute Day. Three years ago in 2014, the Global Confucius Institute Day was established on the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Confucius Institute initiative.

The CIE prepared a variety of Chinese cultural activities, such as performances, acupressure workshop, Chinese massage, Chinese traditional consultation, taste of China, Chinese dance, ping pong, Chinese traditional handcrafts and games. More than 300 people attended this event.



Mr. Orville Chubb, trustee of EPSB, Dr. Lorne Parker, executive director of EPSB, Mr. Stephen Tsang, former president of ECBEA and Dr. Tian Liang, special Chinese adviser of Alberta



## Visit from Shandong Provincial Education Department

On September 11, 2017, a delegation from the Shandong Provincial Education Department paid a visit to the Confucius Institute in Edmonton. This delegation included three people, led by Mr. Zhang Shijun, the Deputy Minister. Shandong Provincial Education Department is the Chinese partner of the CIE.

Mr. Stuart Wachowicz, the Chair of the CIE Board of Directors and Advisory Board and Dr. Wei Li, the Director of CIE, toured the delegation around CIE facilities and provided a brief introduction on the history and development of CIE. They also met the CIE visiting teachers. Mr. Zhang Shijun indicated during the visit that they would provide CIE library with more children's videos about Mandarin and culture learning in support of our Chinese programs.



Education, also attended the open house and brought greetings at the opening ceremony. They all expressed their appreciation of all the support by the CIE to Chinese language and culture programs at schools as well as at communities.

Many students from different Confucius Classrooms performed at the opening ceremony and also helped as the volunteers.

The open house was well received by the students, parents, teachers and local people and all looked forward to coming back again next year.

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## Center High Campus & the CIE Host an English Summer Camp for Students from China

The CIE and Center High Campus worked together during the summer to host a group of 30 students and teachers from Jiaozhou # 1 High School here in Edmonton. Jiaozhou # 1 High School is the partner school of Center High

The visit was followed by a meeting with Trustee Michelle Draper, Chair of EPSB, Mr. Darrel Robertson, Superintendent of EPSB, and Dr. Lorne Parker, Executive Director of EPSB, who showed their appreciation for all the support from the Shandong Provincial Education Department over the past 10 years. Mr. Zhang expressed his pleasure in visiting the CIE and the opportunity to meet the senior leaders of Edmonton Public Schools. He was impressed by all the achievements of Chinese program in Edmonton Public Schools and its uniqueness. Both parties expressed support for a strong partnership and continued cooperation. The partnership of 9 years has been much valued by all parties and the desire to maintain this valuable relationship was the mutual desire of all.

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## International Symposium on Internationalization, Education, and Social Development

On August 17 and 18, Dr. Wei Li was invited by the Confucius Institute of Saskatchewan University to attend the International Symposium on Internationalization, Education and Social Development. This conference was organized by the University of Saskatchewan in collaboration with Beijing Institute of Technology, Huazhong Agriculture University and University of Lagos of Nigeria.

Campus in Shandong Province of China. This is the first time for this group to visit Canada and the primary purpose of this visit was to provide the opportunity for the Chinese students to improve their English as well as to experience Canadian culture and history.

This group came to Canada for three weeks and the CIE and Center High Campus designed a rich program for them, including English instruction and a variety of field trips and activities to learn about the culture and history of Canada. They visited Alberta Legislature, West Edmonton

Mall , China Town , Edmonton Waste

Management Center , Fort Edmonton, Klondike Days, Ukrainian Village, Elk Island National Park, Vancouver, etc. They also had the opportunity to try many different kinds and Canadian and western food. During the time visiting Alberta Legislature, Deputy Minister Sarah Hoffman met the students to welcome them and had a group photo together.



About 15 students from Ross Shepard High School were volunteering to help the Chinese students. It was also a great opportunity for Canadian students to do the exchange ideas with Chinese students and to practice both Chinese and English language skills. At the end of the

This conference was attended by more than 100 scholars from Canada, Nigeria and China. The main theme of this conference was to discuss the importance of the internationalization as well as the strategies to enhance internal collaboration and cooperation. Many scholars from Canada indicated in their presentations that the Confucius Institutes around the world have played an important role to help and strengthen such international partnerships and cooperation.



Mr. Lu Shaye, the ambassador of P.R. China to Canada, and Dr. Peter Stoicheff, the president of Saskatchewan University attended the open ceremony and brought the greetings.

During the conference, Ambassador Lu met all the CI directors attending the conference and listened to a brief report on the development of those CIs and expressed his support to CIs in building a strong relationship between Canada and China.

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camp, both Chinese and Canadian students became good friends and this relationship could last for a long time.

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## 2017 CIE Summer Camp

The CIE held the 2017 Summer Camp for about 60 students during the first week of July. This is the 7th year the CIE organizes such a camp. Although the camp is only one week, the students learned a lot about Chinese language and culture. It has become extremely popular among the students and parents.

The CIE put a lot of effort to plan a very extensive program so the students could learn as much as possible during such a short time. The activities include Mandarin, Chinese dough art, Chinese paper cutting, Chinese painting, calligraphy, dancing, singing, Chinese traditional games, Chinese traditional music instruments, etc. All these cultural activities provided the rich experiences for the students.



## CIE Hosted a Chinese Traditional Medicine Workshop

On the evening of September 2, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton organized a Chinese Traditional Medicine workshop named 'Integrative Compassionate Medicine for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and Beyond'. It is one of the series of activities to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> Global Confucius Institute Day. More than 100 people attended the workshop.



Dr. Steven Aung, a clinical professor of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry of University of Alberta and adjunct professor of Extension, Rehabilitation Medicine, Public Health, and Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences of University of Alberta, was the lead presenter. In the presentation, Dr. Aung demonstrated integrative compassionate medicine by



At the last day, the CIE offered the students a hot Chinese lunch and also hosted the closing ceremony. About 200 parents and family members attended the ceremony. The students participated in a variety of shows to demonstrate what they have learned during the camp. This included singing, dancing, poem recitations and dramatic plays. At the closing, some of the students' work were also displayed to the parents, such as paper cutting, dough art, calligraphy and paintings.

The summer camp has had a great impact to motivate and encourage students to learn more Chinese language and also the Chinese cultures.

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emphasizing using the best of TCM and the various complementary therapies in a competent, conservative, communicative and compassionate manner.



In the following Q and A session, Dr. Aung also showed a demonstration of diagnosis for the audiences, using Qigong therapy. The audience was impressed by the presentation. One of the main messages from the presentation is that “East meeting West makes the best”.

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## The 2nd Annual Multi-Cultural Children's Talent & Fashion Show

On September 3, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton was invited to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Multi-Cultural Children's Talent & Fashion Show at Castle Downs Park.

The event was organized by North Edmonton Business Association and Canadian Multi-Cultural Education Foundation in celebration of the heritage and talents from various multi-cultural communities, building opportunities through interactions. A number of children between the ages of 5 to 12 years old, from different ethnic backgrounds, performed dances, singing, instruments, etc. and showed off their cultural outfits.



NEBA president Loan Gowers and CMEF president Beryl Scoot made a welcome remarks at the opening ceremony. MP Ziad Aboultaif, MP Kerry Diotte, MLA Nicole Goehring and MLA Chris Nielsen attended the opening ceremony and brought greetings. Dr. Wei Li from CIE also congratulated the celebration of the multiculturalism and expressed the best wishes.

The CIE teachers worked hard to share their cultural talents. They displayed Chinese traditional dough art, Chinese knots and Chinese

## Alberta Culture Days

On September 29, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton was invited by Alberta Culture and Tourism to participate in the celebration of Alberta Culture Days. Alberta Culture Days began in 2008. The purpose of the event is to raise awareness, accessibility, participation and engagement of people in the arts and cultural life of their communities and to enhance the appreciation of the students on different cultures since Canada is a multi-culture society.



This event took place at the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium of University of Alberta. The CIE sent four teachers who demonstrated and taught the Chinese traditional dough art to more than 200 students, teachers and parents.

Under the CIE teachers' step-by-step instructions, many students became devoted to the dough figure making. They were amazed when they created red roses by using the dough.

The CIE provides a variety of cultural supports to the community and schools, which help people to experience Chinese culture and build a vibrant society.



chess and other games. Many people visited the CIE booths and showed their interest in these traditional Chinese arts. The CIE teacher Du Jinjin also acted as one of the judges for the show.

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## University of Alberta Delegation Visits the CIE

On September 19, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton welcomed a visit from a delegation from the University of Alberta. The delegation consisted of 28 administrators from different universities in China who are currently working in departments dealing with international students and programs. These people are attending a three-month special leadership training program at the University of Alberta.

During the visit, the group toured the CIE facilities, including offices, Chinese library, teachers' office and hallway photo gallery. They also attended a session presented by Dr. Wei Li on the CIE and Edmonton Public Schools' Chinese Bilingual Program. The delegates had the opportunity to meet with 5 Chinese visiting teachers currently assigned to the CIE.



## Celebration of Mid-Autumn Festival

On Saturday September 23, the CIE was invited to participate in the celebration of the Mid-Autumn Lantern Festival, organized by the Chinese Benevolent Association at Churchill Square. This took place in front of Edmonton City Hall. Hundreds of people from the community attended the event. The activities included a variety of performances, moon-cake making, shadow puppet show, parade, brightly lit lanterns and wish boats, as well as other cultural games and activities.







After lunch, the delegation paid a visit to Meyonohk School, which is one of the six Chinese bilingual elementary schools in Edmonton Public Schools. Mrs. Karen Patterson, the principal, gave a warm welcome greeting to the delegates and briefly described the Chinese bilingual program at Meyonohk School. Then, the delegates observed the students learning Chinese in classrooms and also had opportunity to talk to some students and teachers.

Since 2014, the CIE has hosted 9 visits from this University of Alberta program, totaling more than 320 guests. They learned a great deal about CIE and the Chinese bilingual language program. They were impressed with the achievements made by CIE and Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Program with regard to the successful acquisition of Chinese language and culture education.

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Many special guests attended the event, MP Kerry Diotte, MP Kelly McCauley, MP Randy Boissonnault, MP Amarjeet Sohi, MLA Thomas Dang, MLA Brian Mason and City Councillor Tony Caterina. In their greetings, they expressed their best wishes for a happy Moon Festivals.



During the festival, the CIE teachers shared and displayed the Chinese traditional handcrafts and games like dough art, Chinese knots, Chinese chess, Chinese checkers and Chinese Yoyo. Many people showed great interest in the CIE booths and tried to learn Chinese traditional games, arts and handcrafts. This was a great opportunity to share Chinese culture with the community.

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## CIE Fall Session: Chinese Language and Culture Classes Started Again

On September 25, the fall session of the CIE Chinese language and culture classes commenced for the 8th successive year.

The Confucius Institute in Edmonton has worked very hard during the last 8 years to provide quality Chinese language and culture programs for the benefit of the community, helping to meet a need to assist in the learning of Mandarin and also the different cultural subjects. The CIE teachers have tried their very best to make their teaching more effective and interesting. Our classes are now increasingly well received by students coming to the CIE to study Chinese language or cultural arts. This year, the number of the registered students has increased. There are about 70 adult students registered for evening Mandarin classes and about 60 students registered for the various culture classes.

The CIE is not only offering the language and culture classes to the community but also a variety of Chinese culture sessions and workshops to the schools in Edmonton. Increasing numbers of schools are seeking cultural sessions from the CIE each year.



## CIE Staff Change

The Confucius Institute in Edmonton has 20 visiting teachers from China assigned to provide the support to the Chinese language and culture programs at schools and within the community. Most of them are working full time at the schools which have been designated as Confucius Classrooms, while the teachers assigned to the CIE are available for day programs at other schools upon request.

This year, three of our visiting teachers completed their terms here at Confucius Institute in Edmonton and have returned back to China. The Confucius Institute in Edmonton organized a farewell party for them, expressing our deep appreciation for all the hard work and contributions these three teachers made in enhancing the CIE's programs. A number of schools also sent cards to thank them for all their excellent work to help their Chinese program.

The CIE will receive 5 more new visiting teachers and three will arrive soon, while others are still waiting for their Canadian visas.

As the demand for learning Chinese language and culture in Edmonton is increasing, the number of our visiting teachers from China is

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also increasing. Although these teachers are qualified teachers in China, they are all also extensively interviewed by the CIE Director and in many cases a school principal to ensure they meet the standards expected by Edmonton Public Schools. This is to ensure that the highest standards of instructional quality are provided by the staff of the CIE when interacting with students.

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