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The 12th Confucius Institute Conference in Xian of China

The 12th Confucius Institute Conference was held from December 12 to 13 in Xian City of China. More than 2500 delegates from more than 120 countries around the world attended the conference. Xian City is an ancient city of China, rich in Chinese culture and history. One of the well-known features is the tomb of the first Emperor of a united China, Emperor Qin. His huge tomb is guarded by the now famous Terra Cotta Warriors.

At the opening ceremony, Madame Liu Yandong, Deputy Prime Minister of China, spoke as a keynote speaker. She confirmed the important role the Confucius Institutes are playing as a bridge for sharing Chinese culture around the world and supporting the growing needs of a world with an appetite to learn the Chinese language. She stressed that such will help



The CIE Receives the Outstanding Contribution Award for Organizing Chinese Language Proficiency Tests from 2007 to 2017

On December 12, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton received the Outstanding Contribution Award for Organizing Chinese Language Proficiency Tests from 2007 to 2017. The award was presented by the Hanban Headquarters of Confucius Institutes at the 12th Confucius Institute Conference. Ms. Bridget Stirling, Vice Chair of Board of Trustees, represented Edmonton Public Schools and CIE to receive the award.

others understand China and contribute to the development of understanding and peace in a global community of human beings.

Ms. Bridget Stirling, Vice Chair of Board of Trustees of the Edmonton Public Schools attended the conference with Dr. Mian Xie, the culture coordinator for the Confucius Institute in Edmonton. During the conference, Dr. Xie gave a presentation on the application of the Chinese language proficiency tests, HSK and YCT.

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The Confucius Institute in Edmonton is one of the largest Chinese test centres in North America. In 2017, more than 1300 students wrote YCT and HSK tests.

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A Great Chinese Cultural Experience at the CIE

On December 12, the Confucius Institute hosted a visit of a group of 25 students and 2 teachers from Edith Rogers School for a half-day Chinese culture experience.

After a brief introduction about the CIE by Dr. Wei Li, the director of CIE, the CIE teachers provided students with sessions in Chinese dough art and the art of traditional Chinese knots. All the students worked hard on making a dough figure panda and Chinese lucky doll made from a traditional knotting technique. They had a great cultural experience at CIE.



Professional Development for CIE Chinese Teachers

At the recent monthly meeting for all CIE visiting teachers, Dr. Liang Tian was invited to provide the PD session for all the Chinese teachers.

Dr. Tian is a Chinese special advisor from Alberta Education, providing support to Chinese language and culture programs across the province. Dr. Tian is also a professor from Beijing University of Language and Culture in Beijing.



In June of 2017, the CIE provided a culture day for Edith Rogers students who enjoyed the time so much that they decided to come back again. In order to encourage more students to experience the charm of Chinese culture and register in Chinese as the second language, two more groups of students from this school will be coming by the end of this school year.

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During the presentation, Dr. Tian talked about the special features of Chinese characters described in her research. She also shared her view and experience about how to teach Chinese characters effectively, based on her own teaching experience to overseas students, her research and her observations.

After Dr. Tian's presentation, all the teachers attended a discussion session in which they shared their experiences of teaching Chinese in the classroom.

Although this training session is only two hours, all the teachers appreciated this learning opportunity which will help improve their teaching in the future.

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Welcome New Chinese Director and Teacher to the CIE

The Confucius Institute in Edmonton has 21 visiting teachers from China working at the CIE to provide support to the Chinese language and culture programs in Edmonton and Alberta.



Christmas Celebration at Woodcroft

The decoration of a Christmas tree is one of the traditional ways to engage in a celebration of the holiday. On December 11, the CIE staff and teachers helped and worked together with the consultants and staff from IISLE to decorate

schools and communities.

A couple of weeks ago, the CIE welcomed Mr. Wang Jinjun and Ms. Du Yanming to Join the CIE team.

Mr. Wang comes to the CIE as the Chinese Director who will provide the support and assistant to the CIE, and assist the Director Dr. Wei Li. Ms. Du is a visiting teacher and she is assigned to provide the support to Parkallen Chinese Bilingual School.



Their arrival to help support the growing needs of the CIE and area schools is much appreciated. Their participation will enhance the work the CIE is doing to support our Chinese language and culture program, expanding the potential of the CIE.

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the Christmas tree. It was a great experience for some CIE teachers, since this was their first time to do so. It is for them one of the ways they learn to understand Canadian culture.

On December 19, IISLE organized a Christmas lunch, again sharing some of the local food culture with visiting Chinese teachers. The CIE teachers and staff participated in the lunch with all the staff from IISLE. It was a great gathering with many Christmas traditional foods like turkey, mashed potatoes and other foods of the season.

At the lunch, the Chinese director of CIE was formally introduced and welcomed by all the participated people.

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Alberta Education Donates Chinese Books to the CIE Library

Recently, Alberta Education donated hundreds of Chinese books to the CIE. Such support is very much appreciated and these books will be added to the collection of the CIE library. The new resources will be well used to provide the support to our Chinese programs and to enhance the learning and teaching of both teachers and students.

The CIE Chinese library is one of the biggest Chinese libraries in the country, now having a collection of more than 50 000 volumes. It is a full public access library, searchable online, and supporting students, teachers and community. It can be accessed through the CIE website.

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Edmonton Chinese New Year Singing & Dancing Gala (Coming Soon)

The Confucius Institute in Edmonton is working with community organizations to put on a Gala to celebrate the Chinese New Year, as well as the 10th Anniversary of the CIE. The winners of Edmonton First Chinese Singing Contest will be invited to perform at this gala. In addition, some professional singers and community dance groups will also participate in the performance.

This gala will be at 7:00 pm on Sunday, February 18, 2018 at Triffo Theatre of MacEwan University. For tickets, please contact CIE at 780 970 5233,

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