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CIE Staff with Dashan

Dashan was invited to Edmonton at the beginning of June to receive an honorary doctoral degree from the University of Alberta. During his visit, he hosted a show to display his excellent achievement of Chinese language. Dashan is one of the most popular and welcome foreigners in China.



Dashan in Edmonton

In June, Dashan (Mark Rowsell), who is known to be “the most famous foreigner in China”, brought a lively solo comedy show to an Edmonton audience which included a dialogue with the students and local community members. Dashan was visiting Edmonton to accept an Honorary Doctoral Degree – the highest honour conferred by the University of Alberta.



On the evening of June 5, there was a full house at the Myer Horowitz Theatre. During the 60-minute Mandarin comedy segment of Dashan Live (大山侃大山) - which combines traditional Chinese comedy with Western stand-up - Dashan shared stories of his 30 year of experiences between East & West with more than 700 people. He is quoted as sharing “Through my work I help people come to a new understanding of cultures and the world we all share.” During the show, Dashan referenced Chinese learning and the Confucius Institute in Edmonton. After the show, he kindly participated in group pictures with CIE teachers and staff.



2018 HSK/YCT Scholarship Award Ceremony

On the evening of June 7, the 2018 HSK/YCT Scholarship Award Ceremony was held in McCauley Chambers at the Centre for Education. The event was to celebrate students' excellent performances on the Youth Chinese Test (YCT) and Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi (HSK).

Dr. Wei Li, Director of the CIE, delivered welcome remarks, followed by remarks from Trustee Nathan Ip; Dr. Lorne Parker, Assistant Superintendent of EPSB; Dr. Tian Liang, Special Chinese Advisor of Alberta Education; Mrs. Karen Patterson, Principal; and Ms. Kelly Roth, Secretary of ECBEA. The student representative, Jia Li from Ottewell School, also shared her reflections on the HSK test.



Jia Li shared in her speech that she was really starting to like the HSK test because HSK was able to measure her Chinese language proficiency level and it also increased her confidence and motivation to learn Chinese language. HSK will provide more opportunities for students to study in China, earn scholarships and enhance career development in the future.

78 students from 15 different schools in

hosted a 'Dialogue meeting with Dashan' on June 7 for approximately 300 people. After sharing his experience in learning Chinese, he also answered questions about Chinese learning and cross-culture. The CIE teachers and approximately 150 students from Ross Sheppard and McNally High Schools attended.

The two events were organized by the China Institute and University of Alberta International, and sponsored by the CIE.



Health Qigong Workshop at Schools

On June 4, Master Cao Yun, Professor of Zunyi Normal University and President of the Zunyi Wushu Association, was invited by the Confucius Institute in Edmonton to hold a health Qigong workshop at Kildare and Dovercourt Schools. CIE is very appreciative of Jihong Martial College for the opportunity to meet Professor Cao Yun.



Health qigong is different than other forms of exercise as it specifically targets the energy or qi flow in the body for the purpose of improving health. It has been developed with infusion of principles of modern health exercise theories.

Edmonton received scholarship awards for their excellent performances on HSK/YCT tests. After the ceremony, the students, their families and VIPs were invited to a reception with refreshments and to have a photo taken to celebrate their achievement.



CIE Scholarships for Chinese Bilingual Program Students

Every year, the Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Education Association (ECBEA) hosts the scholarship award ceremony to recognize students who are studying Chinese in the Chinese bilingual program. There are many different kinds of scholarships, including the one from CIE which award grade 6 students who have achieved excellence in their Chinese language studies and who will continue to study Chinese language in junior high school.



The June 3, 2018 scholarship award ceremony was held at Edmonton's City Hall. This year more than 180 scholarships were offered to students with a total value equaling almost \$30,000. Dr. Lorne Parker, Assistant Superintendent of EPSB and Chair of the Board of Directors of CIE, and Mr. Jinjun Wang, Chinese Director of CIE, presented the CIE

During the workshop, Master Cao introduced and demonstrated some well-known forms of Qigong including Ba Duan Jin, Yi Jin Jing, Wu Qin Xi and Ma Wang Dui Dao Yin Shu. He was assisted by three instructors from Ji Hong Wushu & Tai Chi College. During the presentation, the students, teachers and principals were also invited to the stage to practice the movements of Wu Qin Xi. Everyone had a lot of fun imitating the actions of tiger, deer, bear, monkey and crane and experiencing the deep stretching and deep breathing exercise.

The workshop was received with warm applause. The principals expressed their thanks and appreciation to Master Cao for bringing health Qigong to schools from China, and also thanked the CIE for organizing the workshop. They hope that the students and teachers will have more opportunities to learn health Qigong in future.



Multi-Cultural Festival at Fort Saskatchewan

On June 23, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton was invited by the Multicultural Society of Fort Saskatchewan City to participate in the city's Multicultural Festival celebration. The Confucius Institute in Edmonton has provided much support to this event for the last four years.

The event was held in front of City Hall with more than 100 people in attendance. Mayor Gale Katchur offered the opening remarks for the event, followed by a speech from Fort Saskatchewan MLA, Ms. Jessica Littlewood.

scholarships to 10 students from 5 elementary schools and congratulated the students on their achievements.



More than 500 people attended the award ceremony including leaders from EPSB, principals and teachers as well as parents.



Farewell to Seven Visiting Teachers

On June 25, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton held a farewell ceremony for the seven Chinese visiting teachers who are completing their term of work at the CIE and returning back to China in July.

During the ceremony, Dr. Wei Li, director of the CIE, expressed his appreciation to the departing teachers for their hard work and contributions to the CIE, schools and community. Dr. Li also presented the teachers with the Certificate of Recognition and gifts. Dr. Tian Liang, Chinese Special Advisor of Alberta Education, also attended the ceremony and presented gifts to every teacher on behalf of Alberta Education.



The Confucius Institute provides a variety of Chinese culture workshops and displays at the event such as Chinese knots, Chinese dough art and paper cutting. Many people, old and young, showed great interest in the displays and some were trying to learn how to make these arts.



The Confucius Institute also provided a series of Chinese dances at the event. Approximately 30 students from Londonderry School, Rosslyn School and Ross Sheppard School performed 5 different styles of Chinese dances which were well received by the audience.



It is a great experience for the Chinese visiting teachers to work at the CIE. As Zhang Xingsheng, one of the seven leaving teachers, said “for the past two years, I have been privileged enough to work here in Edmonton with a team of terrific professionals who are dedicated to enhance mutual understanding between Canada and China. Working with the local teachers and in the schools, it has deepened my understanding of Canada’s primary and secondary education as well as its values of equality, safety, respect and nature. I feel honoured and proud to be one of Canada’s various multicultural groups. Meanwhile, through our passion and devotion to second language education, we’ve won recognition from both the officials and the general public. More and more local residents are benefitting from the cultural events and language courses we’ve been offering. It has been a fruitful and significant journey for all of us and it is a memory that I will always cherish.”



Visit from Binzhou Experimental School

On June 28, 3 teachers and 36 junior high students from Binzhou Experimental School in Shandong Province of China paid a visit to the Confucius Institute in Edmonton.



Canada Chinese Writing Contest "Confucius Institute Cup"

On June 9, the award ceremony for the 2018 Canada Chinese Writing Contest "Confucius Institute Cup" was held at Dawson College in Montreal. Dr. Wei Li, Director of the CIE, and Mr. Jinjun Wang, Chinese director of the CIE, were invited to attend the ceremony. Two students from Meyonohk School's Confucius classroom and Walter and Gladys Hill from the Public School Confucius classroom won the special award for this writing competition.

This event was organized by the Confucius Institute in Quebec and the Media Company 'Sept. Days'. It was also co-organized by 7 Confucius Institutes across Canada, the Quebec Chinese Schools Association and Huayu App Montreal City Channel. The intent of the contest is to promote Chinese culture and Chinese language, to strengthen communication between Chinese people and Canadian people, and to encourage more people to express their feelings in Chinese as well as improve their Chinese writing skills.



The award ceremony was attended by the

Binzhou Experimental School is a partner school of Edith Rogers School which is one of the 21 Confucius Classrooms affiliated with the Confucius Institute in Edmonton. This was the first time for this school to visit Edmonton and their partner school, Edith Rogers School. The leading teacher told the CIE staff that they heard a lot about the Confucius Institutes and Confucius Institute in Edmonton back in China. They didn't want to miss the opportunity to visit the CIE in person during their trip to Canada. Although they had only gotten 2 - 3 hours of sleep after arriving at their hotel very early that morning, the delegates listened to the introduction on the CIE carefully and demonstrated a strong interest in the activities and events the CIE organized to promote Chinese language and culture when touring around the hallway photo gallery. Before their departure, the CIE presented gifts to the teachers and students and participated in a group picture.



After their visit to Edmonton they flew to Montreal to attend a summer camp. It is certain that this is a great trip for the students to learn more about Canadian culture and English.

president of Dawson College, Minister of Counselor from the Chinese Embassy, consuls from the Chinese Consulates of Toronto and Montreal as well as directors from some Confucius Institutes. More than 100 people and VIP's participated in the award ceremony. During the ceremony, some winners recited their writings with some performances from the local art groups.



Book Donation at Meyonohk School

Meyonohk School hosted a book donation ceremony in the school gymnasium on June 22. This is a very special book donation since all the books donated are braille books on the subjects of Mandarin and Mathematics for Grades 1 to 6.

A few years ago, Meyonohk School sent a request to the Confucius Institute in Edmonton, seeking CIE's help to find books in braille in order to support the needs of some of the students in the school. Efforts to find braille books at the bookstore and market were unsuccessful.

Thanks so much to Echo Li for providing her support by contacting the International Culture Center of Nanjing City of China and obtaining their donation of books to Meyonohk School.



Chinese Culture Day for Kildare School Students

On June 27, the CIE received a group of 60 students and 3 teachers from Kildare School whose year-end field trip was to have a Chinese Culture day at the CIE.

After a brief introduction on the CIE, the CIE teachers provided the students with a variety of Chinese cultural activities such as jump rope, Chinese handkerchief dance and Chinese painting. Different from the previous visits, this time the CIE added a new activity - Taiji Bailong Ball (or roliball)). Taiji Bailong Ball is a good physical exercise for different ages. By playing with a ball and racket, the player can make the whole body move in a balanced way. The students were immediately attracted by this new activity. Following the demonstrations of the teacher, the students tried their best to keep the ball stick to the racket. For most students, this was the first time they had seen or played Taiji Bailong Ball.



The students had a wonderful and enjoyable time at CIE to try different formats of Chinese culture. This is especially the case for the students from the regular English classes, as

At the ceremony, Dr. Wei Li expressed his thanks to Echo Li for her work to bring all the books from China, and shared his appreciation for the generosity of Nanjing City to support our Chinese program. School principal Mrs. Karen Patterson also spoke to share her thanks with Ms Li and China. Finally, Ms. Echo Li herself congratulated all on the success of the Chinese Bilingual Program and thanked the school for providing quality Chinese programming to the students.

These braille books will be housed in Meyonohk School however they will be shared among all the schools when needed.

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