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CIE Open House

**Celebrate the 5th Global Confucius Institute Day & the 10th
Anniversary of Confucius Institute in Edmonton.**

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2018 Alberta Summer Camp to China

In the first two weeks of August, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton and Alberta Education were working together to organize the first China summer camp for all the high school students across Alberta. The purpose of the summer camp is to provide the opportunity for the students to learn some Chinese language and culture as well as to have a personal experience of real China. More than 50 students applied but only 20 students were selected. The group was led by Mr. Wang, Chinese Director of CIE and Ms. Angela Hernandez, second language consultant of EPSB. Ms. Jenny Luo from Alberta Office in Beijing also provided the help.



The students visited Qingdao and Beijing during this two-week trip. Qingdao Number 9 and 58 Schools hosted the group. They offered a variety of Chinese language and culture sessions, organized many interested interactive activities



CIE Open House Celebrate the 5th Global CI Day & 10th Anniversary of CIE

On September 29, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton held its open house in celebration of the 5th Global Confucius Institute Day and 10th anniversary of the CIE.

Trustee Trisha Estabrooks, Dr. Lorne Parker, Assistant Superintendent of EPSB & Mr. Stephen Tsang from ECBEA attended the event and also brought the greetings. Other special guests were Dr. Tian from Alberta Education, Principal Rick Gingras of Parkallen School and many teachers and leaders from the community. More than 500 people participated and enjoyed the wonderful performances including Chinese dances, Chinese musical instruments, Chinese rap song, martial arts and Chinese Yoyo.

The CIE also prepared a wide range of cultural activities, including taste of China, Chinese handcrafts, Chinese painting, calligraphy, Chinese games, photo booth, Chinese dance, acupuncture workshop and massage as well as Chinese calligraphy exhibition. Paper cutting was a very hot spot. Ms. Wang Hongmei, the expert of paper cutting, demonstrated her excellent talent and drew a big crowd.

to enable the Chinese students and Canadian students to exchange and learn from each other. Alberta students were also able to tour some historical and cultural sites in Qingdao.

During the time in Beijing, the students visited Hanban/headquarter of Confucius Institutes who sponsored the group for all the cost in China. The students also had the chance to visit Great Wall, Forbidden City, Summer Palace and many other historical sites.

Although the trip was short, it was a life-time experience for all the students since most of them were first time to China. Many students and parents expressed their appreciation and thanks to Alberta Education and CIE for providing the students such rewarding opportunity.

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CIE Summer Camp of Chinese Language and Culture in Edmonton

From July 3 to 6, the CIE hosted a four-day summer camp for the YCT scholarship recipients and Chinese Bridge winners. 51 elementary students participated in the camp. This year is



The Chinese calligraphy exhibition displayed more than 30 art work by calligraphers Yuan Xulin and Yuan Jun. Calligrapher Mr. Yuan Yun is a well-known calligrapher in China and he is the vice-president of Calligraphy Association of Shanxi Province. His work has won many awards in China. Mr. Yuan showed his calligraphic skills at the event and wrote many verses for the audience.

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CIE 2018 Fall Chinese Language and Culture Classes

CIE has offered the adult Chinese language and culture classes for the community since 2009. At the beginning, only 19 people registered the Mandarin classes. But this fall the number of students reached a record high with more than 80 students signing up for the different levels of Mandarin classes. Meanwhile, about 50 students

the 8th year for the CIE to offer this program.



The camp provided the students with a variety of Chinese cultural and language learning activities, including Mandarin courses, public speech, singing, dance, Beijing opera presentation, painting, calligraphy, paper cutting, Chinese origami, Chinese knots, dough art, pulling bell, badminton, rope skipping, rubber band skipping, etc. The students loved all the activities and enjoyed every day in camp.



The closing ceremony on the last day was the highlight of the camp. In the gym decorated with the works of Chinese painting, Chinese knots, dough art and paper cutting from the students, the students performed Chinese songs, drama, Chinese handkerchief dance, etc. The students, parents and the CIE teachers had a fantastic time to celebrate the learning of Chinese language and culture. The students expected to come back next year.

registered the Chinese culture classes, including Erhu, Guzheng, Chinese Painting, Calligraphy, Chinese Dance and Tai Chi.



Students learn Mandarin in the CIE for different purposes. Some people are going to work or study in China; some people are planning a trip to China; and some people are just interested in Chinese language and culture. In spite of different purposes, they all have a passion for learning a new language. Fred, who knew little about Mandarin at first, can now fluently talk about his favorite TV show in Mandarin after 8 years' study in the CIE. This fall, even a family of 4 people had registered for Mandarin class as they wish to understand more Mandarin and learn more about Chinese culture as well as be well prepared for their trip to China.

The increasing number of students in the CIE shows the recognition of the role the CIE plays in promoting Chinese language and culture in the community. And it also shows that CIE provide the quality of Chinese language and culture program. It is exciting that more and more people are interested in learning mandarin and its culture.

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Calligraphy and Paper Cutting Workshop

On October 1, Mr. Yuan Jun, a well-known calligrapher in China and Ms. Wang Hongmei, the paper-cutting expert, were invited by the Confucius Institute in Edmonton to offer workshop on calligraphy and paper cutting for more than 20 Chinese teachers from CIE and local schools as well as the calligraphy lovers from the community.

Mr. Yuan started his calligraphy practice when he was 3 years old. He was taught by his father, Mr. Yuan Xulin, who is also the well-known calligrapher in China.



During the workshop, Mr. Yuan presented the history of the development of calligraphy in



Support 'Make a Wish'

On September 30, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton was invited to participate in the Let It Glow Festival at Southgate Mall to provide the support to a fundraising event 'Make a Wish'. The event was organized by the Make-A-Wish Foundation, a non-profit organization of north America, aiming at creating life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses.

The event is happening from September 24 to October 13 in Edmonton. It encourages the shoppers to make a donation to the foundation to dedicate a wish and light up a lantern.



All the teachers from CIE volunteered their time to help this event by displaying Chinese cultures to the shoppers in the mall, such as Chinese dough art,

China and also to share the basic knowledge about calligraphy that are unknown for many people. Mr. Yuan's presentation was so impressive and open the minds for all the audiences.

Ms. Wang Hongmei displayed her skills of paper cutting and taught a few tricks of paper cutting to the teachers. Ms. Wang's paper cutting work has been selected to display at the Chinese Embassy in Ottawa.

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Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration

On September 22, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton participated in the Mid-Autumn Festival at the Edmonton Chinatown Multi-Cultural Center. This is the annual event involving many local Chinese community organizations.

All the CIE teachers attended the event and set up the three table booths to display the Chinese traditional art works and games. Since this was the whole day event from noon to evening, the CIE teachers were divided into two groups for the two shifts of work.

paper cutting and other Chinese games. These wonderful arts attracted many adults and children's interests. They not only watched the art work but also sat down to learn how to make them.

CIE raised about \$100 and donated all to the 'Make a Wish' foundation. The contribution and support from CIE were much appreciated by the event organizer and the 'Make a Wish' foundation.

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Visit from University of Alberta

On September 18, 2018, a delegation of 35 special guests from U of A paid a visit to the Confucius Institute in Edmonton. These guests are all from many different universities in China and they are attending a special training program called GALD at the University of Alberta. The purpose of the visit is for them to learn more about the Confucius Institute in Edmonton as well as Edmonton Chinese Bilingual program and Canadian education system.



This festival event features many different Chinese activities and performances including parade, moon cake taste, arts and crafts, lion dance, etc. Many people showed the great interest in the CIE booths displaying Chinese cultural handcrafts, such as Chinese dough art and Chinese knots. Many young people had so much fun playing Chinese Yoyo. Although it was cold outside, people were immersed in the happiness and warmth brought by the variety of Chinese traditional activities.

Mid-autumn festival is a festival for a family union. All family members are gathering together appreciating the bright full moon. Moon cake is the traditional food particularly for this festival.

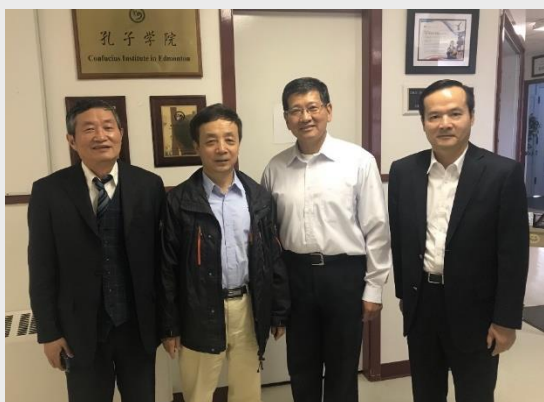
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The guests toured the facilities of the Confucius Institute and listened to the introduction of the institute in the morning and then visited Dovercourt Chinese Bilingual School in the afternoon. During the visit, Dr. Wei Li, the director of CIE introduced the Chinese Director and CIE visiting teachers and then gave the overview of the CIE development in the past 10 years. Mrs. Leanne Moncrief, the principal, provided the information about Chinese and English program at Dovercourt.

One of the visitors said, "I am so impressed with the CIE has excellent facilities and teachers. They have provided different levels of Chinese language classes and organized a variety of cultural activities and performances for the public. CIE has done a lot to build a bridge of friendship between Canada and China."

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Visit of Doctor Wang Zhenzhong to CIE

Doctor Wang Zhenzhong from China Academy of Social Science visited the Confucius Institute in Edmonton on August 14, 2018. Doctor Zhu Jianhua and Doctor Deng were with our special guest for the visit.

Dr. Wang Zhenzhong is a well-known scholar and researcher in China and his research focus is Chinese history and has rich knowledge about the Chinese traditional culture.

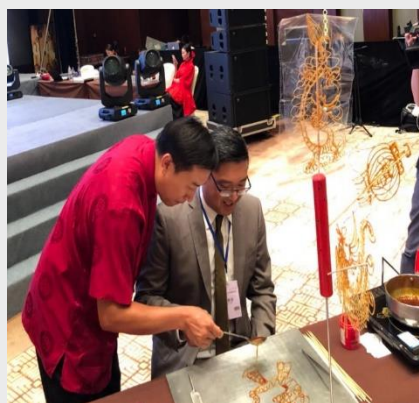


Dr. Wang has shown great interest in the development of Confucius Institutes around the world. He toured the facility of CIE and listened to the introduction of CIE. He was so impressed with the development of CIE to this stage and all the work that has been done to support the



Shandong Culture and Tourism Conference

In the middle of August, A Chinese Cultural and Tourism submit conference was held in Qufu City where Confucius was borne. This conference was hosted by Hanban and Shandong Tourism and the purpose was to promote the Chinese culture and thoughts about Confucius as well as Shandong as the tourism destination.



Trustees Stirling and Ip from Edmonton Public School Board were invited to attend this conference. At the conference, Trustee Bridget and Ip made a presentation on the development

Chinese language and culture program in schools and community.

Dr. Wang also provided the workshop to the community on August 15. More than 50 people from the community attended the presentation. His presentation on Dragon was very interesting and gave a different vision and story on Dragon.

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of Confucius Institute in Edmonton as well as the partnership and connection with Shandong. More than 300 people from many countries across the world attended the conference.

After the confront, the conference organizer provided the opportunity for the guest to see different places in Shandong, such as Jinan, Qingdao and Zibo. It enabled the guests to have a better understanding about Shandong and Chinese cultures.

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Book Donation from Trustee Ip

Confucius Institute in Edmonton has one of the largest Chinese libraries in Canada. It contains more than 50000 Chinese resources in different kinds, such as Chinese textbooks, audio and video materials, reference books, charts and dictionaries. It provides great support to the teachers, students and parents. It is also open to the general public to meet the needs of learning Chinese language and culture.

Trustee Ip was kindly to donate some of his Chinese book collection to the CIE Chinese library. His generosity is greatly appreciated. Trustee Ip is one of the many book donors in the



Meeting with Harbin Delegation from China

CIE was invited by Alberta Education to attend a meeting with a delegation from Harbin City of China that is the sister city of Edmonton.

At the meeting, Mr. Waldemar, director of Alberta Education International provided the presentation about Alberta education system and language programs offered at schools. Mrs. Michelle Draper, Board Chair of EPSB, also gave a brief introduction about Edmonton Public Schools.

A discussion was followed after the presentation

past years to provide the support to build CIE Chinese libraries. We trust that all the books donated will be helpful to our libraries users to learn Chinese language and culture.

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Canada Day Celebration

On July 1, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton was invited by the Chinese Benevolent Association to participate in the Canada Day Celebration in Chinatown. The event featured Chinese culture displays and performances. It celebrated Canada's 151st birthday and its multiculturalism.



The CIE teachers prepared different kinds of Chinese handcrafts and games, including Chinese knots, Chinese pulling bell, Chinese chess yoyo, etc. Lots of people visited the CIE

to explore the possibilities and potentials to cooperate in the areas of education exchange such as the student summer camps and visits.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Lorne Parker was also invited to the meeting.

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Visit from Shandong Experiment High School

On October 1, a delegation from Shandong Experimental High School in Jinan City visited the Confucius Institute in Edmonton. The delegation consisted of 21 students and 4 teachers. This school was the Chinese partner school of Ross Sheppard Confucius Classroom and they came to Edmonton to do the exchange with Ross Sheppard School.

During the visit, the delegation toured the CIE facilities and then listened to a presentation on the development of Confucius Institute in Edmonton during the last 10 years to have a better understanding of CIE.

booths and tried the different cultural activities and learned about the Confucius Institutes.

Some special guests also attended the celebration, including MP Randy Boissonnault and Kerry Diotte, Alberta Minister of Transportation Brian Mason, City Councillor Sarah Hamilton, EPSB trustee Nathan Ip and Alberta Opposition Leader Jason Kenney.

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At the discussion session, the students asked many questions relating to CIE and also the Canadian Education.

The visit was a great opportunity for the exchange to learn about the different education system.

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