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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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**Best Wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous  
Chinese New Year from all CIE Staff!**

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## CIE Christmas & New Year Party

CIE organized party at Edmonton House Lounge on December 21 to celebrate Christmas and New Year. All the CIE visiting teachers and CIE staff as well as their family members attended the party. Dr. Lorne Parker, Assistant superintendent of Edmonton Public Schools and Chair of CIE Board of Directors, also joined the first part of the party and brought the greetings to all the CIE staff. He expressed his sincere thanks to CIE staff for their hard work in 2018, and sent the best wishes to everyone for a Joyful and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. CIE directors, Cultural Coordinator and Chinese special advisor from Alberta Education also expressed their best wishes for a great holiday season to all the staff.



At the party, CIE staff enjoyed the delicious food and played many different games prepared by the CIE teachers. Everyone had a great time during the party, especially for those who just came to Canada since this was the first



## Lunar New Year Extravaganza

On January 12 and 13, 2019, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton was invited by Edmonton Chinatown Multi-cultural Centre to participate in the annual largest Chinese New Year event -- "Lunar New Year Extravaganza" at West Edmonton Mall. Thousands of people gathered together to celebrate the Year of Pig.

This two-day extravaganza included vibrantly cultural performances and many sales and exhibition booths. At the CIE booth, teachers displayed a variety of Chinese culture activities, Chinese Chess, Chinese calligraphy with Chinese New Year couplet with good messages, making of Chinese New Year Painting, Chinese knots and Chinese dough art. All these activities and displays only delivered best wishes for a good health, happiness and auspicious to people, but also helped people have a better understanding of Chinese culture and Chinese New Year custom. Many people old and young showed a great interest in these displays and activities.



Christmas and New Year celebration in Canada for them. Many teachers shared their thoughts and reflected on their working experiences of their work in 2018. Most visiting teachers expressed after the party that this party was very special and meaningful for them. This party not only brought them the happiness but also helped build a strong team for all CIE staff, which made them feel the warm of CIE family.

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## Chinese New Year Celebration at Bonnie Doon Mall

The annual Chinese New Year celebration hosted by the Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Education Association was held at Edmonton Bonnie Doon Mall on January 21. This is one of the biggest Chinese New Year events in the city.

The celebration was attended by hundreds of people including the students, teachers and parents from Chinese bilingual schools and

After the opening ceremony of the event, Consul General Lu Xu from the Chinese Consulate in Calgary also visited the CIE booth and highly praised the CIE teachers' work.

The CIE organized a 20 minute performance at the event which included 4 Chinese traditional dances performed by three Confucius Classrooms – Ross Sheppard High School, Londonderry Junior High School and Rosslyn Junior High School and instructed by the CIE dance teacher.

Since 2016, the Chinese New Year, also known as Lunar New Year or Spring Festival, has been designated as an official holiday in Canada, which recognizes the traditions and cultural significance of the day.

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## Visit from Shandong Provincial Academy of Education Recruitment and Examination

On December 13, a delegation of six people from Shandong Provincial Academy of Education Recruitment and Examination visited the CIE. They received a warm welcome from the CIE staff. Dr. Wei Li, the CIE director, showed the delegation around the CIE facilities including the CIE library, CIE culture centre and the teachers'



people from the local community. Many officials from the local three levels of governments were also invited to the event. Deputy Consul General of Chinese Consulate in Calgary, Mayor of Edmonton and the superintendent of Edmonton Public Schools also attended the event and brought the greetings.

A variety of cultural performances were arranged for the event including lion dances, Chinese folk dances, Chinese yoyo and singing. Most of the performances were provided by the 14 Chinese bilingual schools who are the Confucius Classrooms.



CIE was invited to provide the cultural displays and workshops at the event, including Chinese dough art, Chinese knots and the printing of Chinese New Year Painting. Such displays and workshop attracted many people who had demonstrated great interest, old and young.

At this event, CIE raised \$175 for the Edmonton

offices. The delegation also viewed the photo display along the hallway that demonstrated the development of CIE and CIE previous activities and projects.



Shandong Provincial Academy of Education Recruitment and Examination is part of the Shandong Education Ministry, a partner of CIE. During the last 10 years, there were many different kinds of educational exchanges supported by CIE and Shandong Education Ministry. The purpose of this visit was to learn about the Canadian education system, especially the testing and assessment policies in our schools.

After touring the CIE, the delegation met some of the CIE visiting teachers and also had a warm discussion on the topics related to the recruitment of the schools and universities as well as the testing and examination at the Canadian schools. This sharing of information provided a great learning opportunity for both sides.

Food Bank. The director of the food bank expressed her sincere thanks to CIE for helping Edmonton people and the community.

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## Chinese Painting Workshop for CIE Teachers

On December 11, CIE invited Ms. Hui Yang, an Edmonton well-known artist, to provide a special training session of Chinese painting for the CIE visiting teachers. Ms. Hui Yang is also the Chinese painting teacher of CIE. She taught the Chinese painting classes at CIE for the last few years. Her classes have been well received by the students.

During the 3-hour workshop, Ms. Yang took the teachers through experimenting with Chinese paintbrushes, explored different ways to mix colors, and introduced them with some basic Chinese painting skills and techniques. She also encouraged the teachers to practice and create their own painting.

Before the departure of the delegation, a gift exchange was held.

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## CIE 2019 Language and Culture Classes for the Winter Session

On January 28, the CIE 2019 Winter Session for Chinese language and culture started. More than 100 students have registered for the language and culture classes. The number of the students has steady been increased in the past years.

For the first time, the CIE offered Tai Chi Sword class for the public in this semester. Tai Chi Sword is a form of Tai Chi where the participants use a narrow, double-edged Chinese jian with a thin blade. The beautiful and flowing Tai Chi Sword form can strengthen body, sharpen mind, and raise spirit.



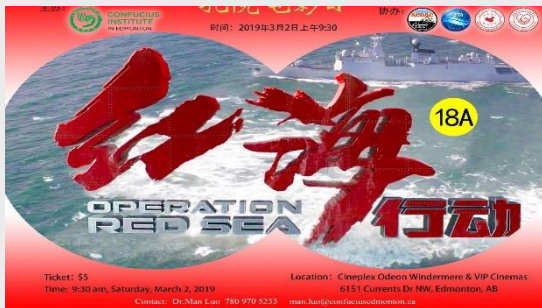


Ms. Hui Yang graduated from Department of Art & Design of University of Alberta and received the master degree from Central Academy of Fine Art, China. She has been teaching arts class to students since 2010. She has the great passion to share Chinese culture with the community through any volunteer work and she is well respected by the people in the community.

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CIE provides a variety of Chinese language courses from Level 1 to Level 4 as well as the Chinese classes for Cantonese speakers. Some of our previous students passed HSK Level 1 and 2 tests between six months to a year. The Chinese culture classes include Chinese painting, Calligraphy, Guzheng, Erhu, and Tai Chi Sword.

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## CIE Movie Day

The Confucius Institute in Edmonton is organizing a CIE Chinese Movie Day on March 2, 2019 at Windermere Cineplex Movie Theater.

This movie is 'Operation Red Sea' that was published in 2018 and it tells a story about a special task force taking on a risky operation to evacuate civilians amid civil war. This story is based on the 2015 mission to rescue Chinese citizens in Yemen.



## Support from CIE to Help Chinese New Year Celebration at Schools

January is usually the busiest month for CIE due to the variety of Chinese New Year celebrations at schools. CIE provided many different activities and workshops to many schools for the Chinese New Year celebrations, including Chinese culture displays like Chinese dough art, Chinese knots, Calligraphy, prints of Chinese New Year Painting and Chinese traditional games. CIE also helped

This is the fourth time CIE hosted such event. Thanks so much for the support from the organizations to help promote this event including Alberta Chinese Outdoor Adventure Club, Edmonton Tianjing Association, Canada-China Friendship Society of Edmonton and Edmonton Chinese Unity Association.

If you would like to see this movie, please contact Ms. Mandy Luo at 780 970 5233 or [man.luo@confuciusedmonton.ca](mailto:man.luo@confuciusedmonton.ca).

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organize the lion dance and performances to be introduced to schools.



All the support and help from CIE to schools were well received and welcomed by the students, teachers and parents at the schools.

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