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Night of Shaolin Martial Arts

On the evening of September 29, the Night of Shaolin Martial Arts was held at Eva O' Howard Theatre at Victoria high school. The Wulin Hanyun Troupe, from Henan Province, China, the home of Shaolin Martial Arts, performed kung fu and played Chinese folk music. Dancers from Confucius Institute in Edmonton and Ross Sheppard High School also performed traditional Chinese dances. The event promoted the Chinese culture and enhanced the multicultural heritage that exists in Edmonton.

All tickets were sold as over 600 people attended the performance. Special guests included Mr. Nathan Ip, Trustee of EPSB, Dr. Lorne Parker, Assistant Superintendent of EPSB, Councillor GUO Jun, Consul WANG Hui and Consul FU Yunan from the Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China in Vancouver. Trustee Nathan Ip, Assistant Superintendent Lorne Parker, Director of CIE Cameron Mah, Mr. XU Hengzhen, Director of International Exchange Office at Education Department of Henan Province, and Councillor GUO Jun brought greetings.



The event was hosted by Confucius Institute Headquarters (Hanban) and organized by the Confucius Institute in Edmonton as a part of celebrations of the 6th Confucius Institute Day. Edmonton was the second stop of Confucius Institute performance tour. The other 4 stops include Coquitlam, Saskatoon, Regina and Montreal.

Positive feedback was given to the CIE from the audience on how well the event was organized and the high quality of the performers.



Mid-Autumn Festival

On September 8, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton was invited by the Chinese Benevolent Association of Edmonton to participate in the celebration of the Mid-Autumn Festival at the downtown Farmers Market.

The annual event featured traditional Chinese activities such as moon cake tasting, making lanterns and playing cultural games. Traditional Chinese folk music and dances were performed throughout the day which also included a solo dance by our CIE dance teacher.



Visit from China University Administrators at U of A

On September 12, 37 China university administrators paid a visit to the Confucius Institute in Edmonton. Administrators from 37 different universities in China participated in the Global Academic Leadership Development (GALD) Program at University of Alberta. The administrators took courses from the U of A for 3 months before returning to China. The morning consisted of a presentation on the work at the Confucius Institute in Edmonton and the positive results from the past 11 years.

In the afternoon, the delegation visited Kildare

The CIE occupied two booths at the event that showcased dough art, calligraphy, Chinese knots, Chinese yo-yo, Chinese handkerchief, shuttlecock and board games. The event offered the CIE a great opportunity to promote the Chinese language and culture to the Edmonton community.



Special guests in attendance at the event included MP Randy Boissonnault, MLA Jordan Walker, City Councillor Sarah Hamilton, and Deputy Consul General GAO Zhenting from the Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China in Calgary.

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Shanghai Music Concert

On **September 20**, a group of 10 musicians from Shanghai Conservatory of Music brought a musical performance to Edmonton. Over 600 Chinese folk music lovers enjoyed the folk ensemble performing on traditional Chinese instruments at Eva O' Howard Theatre in Victoria high school.

School, one of six elementary Mandarin bilingual schools in Edmonton Public Schools. The delegation learned of the history of the bilingual program in Edmonton and had a opportunity to visit classrooms and meet with Kildare teachers.



In the past few years, the CIE has been supporting the GALD Program by providing a CIE day during which the participants of the program learn about the CIE, public education in Edmonton and the Chinese bilingual program in Edmonton Public Schools. The CIE will be hosting another GALD group in February, 2020.

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CIE Fall Session

On **September 21**, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton welcomed the new students enrolled in fall session courses. This year saw 50 students in culture classes and 49 in Chinese mandarin classes.

The CIE continues to offer many courses for the community, including Chinese Painting, Calligraphy,

The musicians performed many classic Chinese folk songs that included Three Variations of the Plum Blossom, Yanguan Sandie and A Li Li. During the end of the concert, with cheers and applause, they played an encore of Full of Joy.



The music tour in Canada/USA (2019) was organized by Arts of the Dragon and Shanghai Conservatory of Music. As one of the co-organizers, the CIE director, Cameron Mah brought greetings to the evening. The event gave the CIE an opportunity to highlight the beauty of Chinese folk music to the city of Edmonton.

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Edmonton Chinese Community Celebration Banquet for Premier Kenney

On **September 24**, the Chinese Community hosted a banquet at Emperor Palace Cuisine Restaurant in honour of Premier Kenney. Nearly 250 people attended the event. The event gave the CIE the opportunity to build a positive working relationship

Tai Chi, Erhu, Guzheng, Chinese dance and Chinese mandarin. Please check our website for future Chinese language and culture courses.



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Multicultural Art Fair in Fort Saskatchewan

On **September 28**, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton was invited by the Multicultural Association to participate in the Multicultural Art Fair for Alberta Culture Days at Pioneer House in Fort Saskatchewan.

with the different city organizations in Edmonton in addition to all levels of government.

Special guests included, MLA Kaycee Madu, MLA Josephine Pon, MLA Jordan Walker, Consul General LU Xu from the Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China in Calgary.



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The event showcased the multicultural community in Fort Saskatchewan and the surrounding community.



The CIE offered dough art, paper cutting, Chinese knots, calligraphy, Chinese New Year painting and shuttlecock activities. This is the ninth year that the CIE has been invited to the multicultural event.

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Wulin Hanyun Troupe at School

On **September 30**, the Wulin Hanyun Troupe performed at Medowlark school, Hillcrest school and Ross Sheppard high school.

The students all enjoyed the performance as this was the first time for many of them to watch a live kung fu demonstration. Over 1000 students were able to partake in the performance. The CIE was pleased to take the troupe to the schools as it gave us an opportunity to promote the Chinese culture and language.



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