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### Chinese Culture Workshop at Second Languages Matter

**On February 18th**, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton attended the Second Languages Matter conference at Hilwie Hamdon School. This was the first time that the CIE was invited to host a Chinese culture workshop at the annual event.

In order to support school second language teaching and help teachers integrate Chinese cultural activities and crafts into their classes, the CIE teachers prepared lesson plans based on Alberta curriculum and finalized them by discussing with Tanja Burns who is a consultant from IISLE.



The workshop provided an opportunity for the second language educators to experience Chinese knots, dough art, and paper cutting. The second language teachers made curricular connections with the activities with the possibility to use them in classroom. After the conference, many schools have sent a request to the CIE for Chinese culture workshop at their schools.

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## ECBEA Chinese New Year of the Rat Celebration

On February 1st, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton participated in the ECBEA Chinese New Year of the Rat Celebration at Bonnie Doon Mall. This event featured performances and cultural activities from Chinese bilingual program students at Edmonton Public Schools.

As the supporter of the Chinese language education in Edmonton Public Schools and in the community, the CIE provides strong support for the event every year. It not only brings a variety of Chinese traditional arts and crafts, but organizes the Chinese dance performance from Confucius Classrooms, sharing the rich Chinese culture and traditions with



## Chinese New Year Celebration at Service Alberta

On February 5th, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton was invited by the Service Alberta to host a Chinese New Year celebration for staff of Land Titles and Surveys.

To ensure the attendees could fully experience Chinese culture and traditions in a one-hour celebration, the CIE teachers prepared carefully, and brought the most popular activities for Chinese New Year, from dough art, Chinese knots, and calligraphy to Chinese New Year woodcut painting. All attendees participated in hands-on activities.

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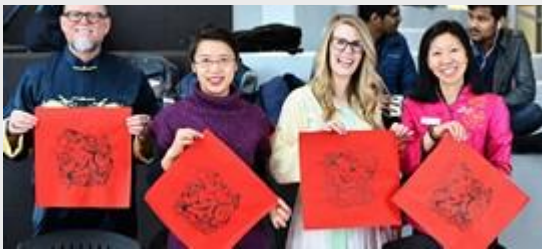


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To thank the CIE and its teachers for the support and sharing, the office administrator presented a gift to the CIE on behalf of all staff.

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## Chinese New Year Celebration at Concordia University

On February 6th, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton participated in the Chinese New Year Celebration at Concordia University of Edmonton (CUE).

Mr. Cameron Mah, Director of the CIE, gave a brief presentation at the beginning of the event, appreciating the invitation from CUE and looked forward to future opportunities for cooperation in promoting Chinese language and culture.



## Dovercourt Winter Carnival

On February 8th, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton joined the second annual Dovercourt Winter Carnival, spreading joy and happiness of Chinese New Year to the people in the Dovercourt Community Hall. During 4-hour celebration, over 200 people visited the CIE booth.





As the affiliated institute of the CIE, the Centre for Chinese Studies at CUE received strong support from the CIE since its establishment in 2016.



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Located in the neighborhood of Dovercourt, the CIE shows its support for the event. Last year, the CIE provided food, tea, decorations, and cultural activities and crafts for the first annual winter carnival. The CIE will continue to promote the Chinese language and culture in the community.

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## HEADSTRONG Mental Health Youth Summit

On February 26th, the HEADSTRONG Mental Health Youth Summit was held at the Confucius Institute in Edmonton. 90 students and teachers from 3 Chinese bilingual schools - Rosslyn, Lillian Osborne and McNally attended the Summit. The CIE sponsored the event organized by the Chinese



## CIE Attended Teachers Convention

On February 27th and 28th, the teachers from the Confucius Institute in Edmonton attended the annual Teachers Convention at Edmonton Convention Centre.

Community of Edmonton.

The Summit focused on mental health for youth from the Chinese community. The organizers hope the participants can play a leading role in setting up a HEADSTRONG Club at their schools by providing one-day experiential learning and action planning for them. Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions Jason Luan also delivered the presentation.



HEADSTRONG is a national evidence-based anti-stigma program launched by Mental Health Commission of Canada. It encourages students to speak out and reach out about mental health, and become leaders in their schools.

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The CIE teachers participated in various workshops, learning new and innovative teaching practices and theories from educators across the greater Edmonton area. The convention provided an opportunity for them to reflect on their Chinese teaching and culture workshop, and apply new methods and strategies to their future work.



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