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### Edmonton Confucius Classroom Principals Visit

**Shandong, China:** In early December 2010, the Confucius Institute sponsored a visit of administrators of four Edmonton Public Schools, which have been recognized as Confucius Classrooms, to their “twin” schools in Shandong Province. Participating schools were Ottewell Junior High, and M.E. LaZerte, McNally and Lillian Osborne High Schools. The administrators of respective schools met and formulated activity plans to enhance cooperation and engage in joint planning that will support language learning and improve cultural understanding. Planned actions will include projects on themes that support respective curricula through development of joint planning teams, video conferences, teacher professional development and assisting students to develop global thinking. The delegation was hosted by Dr. Du, Deputy Commissioner of Education, responsible for instruction in Shandong province’s 23 000 schools and 111 universities. Shandong has committed to provide additional resources to assist in the furtherance of this partnership of internationalization.

**New Confucius Classrooms:** On the evening of November 25 the Confucius Institute in Edmonton hosted an inauguration of 14 new Confucius Classrooms in Edmonton Public Schools. Former Mayor Bill Smith, Assistant Superintendent Mark Liguori and representatives of the Chinese Consulate joined in the celebration. The Confucius Classroom initiative provides for direct funding, provision of teaching resources and donations of electronic teaching equipment for the support of teaching Chinese language and culture. The 14 new classrooms are one of the largest concentrations of schools holding this designation in the world, and underscores the position Edmonton Public Schools has as a world leader in Chinese language education. For a listing of the new Confucius Classrooms please see our website:  
[www.confuciusedmonton.ca](http://www.confuciusedmonton.ca)

### Take Note

#### New Cultural Classes:

New evening cultural classes in Chinese language, Chinese traditional arts, and Tai Chi will commence at the Confucius Institute in early February. **Please see the website for details.**

#### CIE Wins

##### Excellence Award:

For the second year in a row the Confucius Institute in Edmonton was awarded the performance excellence award by the Chinese Government. The award was received on Dec 10 in Beijing.

**Cultural Support to Schools:** Schools can again access free cultural support from the CIE, in Chinese traditional arts, Tai Chi and numerous other topics from cultural experts resident at the CIE. **Please see the website.**

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