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Resources for Schools: The CIE is pleased to report that a large shipment of teacher selected resources are en route to Edmonton schools hosting the Chinese Bilingual program. The CIE purchased over 20 000 print and electronic resources to help the Bilingual programs in nine schools, with their transition from traditional to simplified characters. These will support grade 4 to 9 programming. Last year support was provided to grades k-3 and next year support will be provided to grades 10-12.

In addition the Shandong Education Department, Chinese partner of the CIE, is shipping 8000 additional resources, 1000 for each of the elementary and junior high schools partnered with a Shandong school. We are very grateful for their generous support. All resources will arrive in early October.

Spring 2011 HSK Results: In May 2011 over 1200 students from Edmonton Public , Red Deer Public and universities, with the vast majority coming from Edmonton Public, wrote the HSK (Chinese Proficiency Test). 95% of which achieved an internationally recognized standard of Chinese proficiency, 30 of which achieved a Level 6, the highest possible level.

“East of the Mountains” In October five teachers from Shandong, China will be in Edmonton to work with a team of Edmonton teachers to plan projects and activities in the “East of the Mountains” project. The largest international curriculum based student research project and exchange ever undertaken in Canada. Internationally known scientists in Canada and China, as well as Microsoft and Polycom will be involved, as will universities in China and Canada. For more information on this exciting project, look for the soon coming **“East of The Mountains”** page on the **CIE Website**.

Upcoming events and opportunities:

New Language and Cultural Classes:

New evening cultural classes in Chinese language, Chinese traditional arts - dough art, calligraphy, paper cutting, painting, folk dance, music (erhu, yang qin, guzheng) and Tai Chi, will commence at the Confucius Institute in early October.

Please see the website for details.

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.**

HSK Chinese Proficiency Tests: October 23rd is the date for the fall administration of the HSK. This is available to students in high school or university and to the general public. **Please see website to register.**

Jinan Touring Arts Group: A group of talented elementary age artists will be performing Chinese cultural arts in three EPSB schools in October. They will only be in Edmonton for one school day, but will bring expert level performances in several traditional art forms. **Please see website for more information.**

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