



Board Chair of Edmonton Public School Paid A Visit to CIE



Board chair of Edmonton Public School, Sarah Hoffman, visited the Confucius Institute in Edmonton on October 22. She toured the facility and the CIE library and was very impressed with the volume and quality of resources the library has to provide to the schools and community in support of Chinese language and culture learning. During the visit, the board chair

also met the teachers from Shandong, China. Mr. Stuart Wachowicz gave the board chair a presentation on the work and purpose of the CIE.

The First On-Line Chinese Test in EPSB

On October 21, the Confucius Institute successfully administrated the 2012 fall HSK test on line for the first time since the establishment of the Chinese testing center in Edmonton. In the last few years, more than 1200 students wrote the YCT and HSK tests annually. Previously, all the tests were paper based tests and there was much work involved in organizing and administering the tests. Now the on-line platform provides many advantages: 1: Students may write different level tests in the same room simultaneously reducing the number of teachers required for administration. 2. There is no paper involved and savings realized in printing, sorting and mailing. 3. All data is instantly transferred to the Beijing Testing Centre enormously reducing work after the test and enhancing accuracy of student results. In order to make sure of the success of this on-line test, BCIT Confucius Institute in Vancouver and North America On-Line Test Center provided support and provided an on-site a technician, Mr. Yu, to assist us with this test.



CIE Hosted A Workshop on “Chinese On-Line Test”

On October 19, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton organized a workshop for EPSB Chinese teachers on the new Chinese HSK on-line test. This workshop was supported by the BCIT Confucius Institute in Vancouver and North America On-Line Test Center. Dr. Lawrence Gu from BCIT Confucius Institute and Mr. An and Mr. Lin from North American On-Line Test Center gave the presentation and speech through video conference. Mr. Yu from Vancouver also provided a demonstration of on-line test on the site. About 20 teachers from Edmonton



Public Schools attended the workshop. We hope that this is the good preparation of on-line test in a large scale next spring.

Resources to 5 High Schools Have Arrived

The CIE is pleased to announce that 5 EPSB High School Confucius Classrooms were provided with new resources to support Chinese instruction. This is the completion of the CIE’s commitment to supply resources in simplified characters to all schools offering Chinese. We believe that these resources will play an important role for the Chinese language and culture learning of the students in these 5 schools. 13000 books including 5000 as the donation from Shandong Education Commission comprised this donation.

CIE completed the Chinese Culture Session to the Lion Senior Club

The CIE provided a 4 week Chinese culture session on Chinese Painting to a group of seniors at the Lion Senior Club. The short course has received positive responses and the second session has been scheduled for next spring.

Tourism Training

Working with Edmonton World Trade Center, CIE offered the first training session for the local tourism industry this year. This kind of the training session has been offered for the last 2 years with the total of about 15 session with more 120 people from the tourist industry.

CIE Advisory Board Meeting

On October 22, CIE hosted the first CIE Advisory Board Meeting for this year. At the meeting, the board member was updated on the recent work of CIE and also provided advice to the future development of CIE .

Up-coming Events:

- ☉ Chinese Writing Contest Award Ceremony
November 16 - 7:00 pm at CIE
- ☉ CIE Scholarship Ceremony
November 30 - 7:00 pm at CIE
- ☉ World Confucius Institute Conference
December 9 –12 in Beijing

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