



2012 Chinese Writing Contest

The Confucius Institute in Edmonton and the Chinese Journal organized the 5th annual 2012 Chinese Writing Contest. More than 150 students and members of the public participated in this contest. On November 16, the award ceremony was held at the Confucius Culture Center of CIE. Honorable David Xiao, MLA, Consul General Liu Yong Feng and Consul Wen Jun from Chinese Consulate General in Calgary attended the ceremony and brought greetings. Dr. Fang Xin Xin, the Chinese advisor from Alberta Education also made a speech and provided comments on behalf of all the judges. The purpose of this writing contest is to encourage the students and the public to use their Chinese and improve their writing skills. Twenty-three awards were presented to students from 11 EPSB schools and 6 from University of Alberta and the local community at the ceremony. More than 200 people attended the event, including the students, teachers and principals and the family members.



2012 CIE Scholarship Award Ceremony

On November 31, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton hosted the 2012 CIE Scholarship Award Ceremony at CIE. This scholarship was sponsored by Alberta Acupuncturist and Chinese Traditional Medicine Practitioner Association. The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage those students who are learning Chinese as a second language in courses offered by the public schools as well as at the beginner classes of the University of Alberta. In addition to their marks in Mandarin courses and their teacher's reference, the students need to attend a Chinese medicine workshop and then compose an essay on the topic of Chinese medicine. All together, there were 14 winners, 11 from 5 EPSB junior and senior high schools and 3 from University of Alberta. This scholarship has 3 categories with 3 level of prizes, the first prize with \$800, the second prize with \$500 and the third prize with \$300.



Board Chair, Sarah Hoffman of Edmonton Public Schools attended the ceremony and brought greetings. Among the VIPs were Education Chief Consul Xue Huan Bai and Consul Du from Chinese Consulate General in Vancouver, Ms. Jenny Luo from Alberta Office in Beijing, Dr. Fang Xin Xin from Alberta Education and representatives from U of A and the local community organizations. The president and all the directors from Alberta Acupuncturist and Chinese Traditional Medicine Practitioner Association also presented at the ceremony.

Visit from Shandong Institute of Business and Technologies

On November 7, a delegation of 5 from Shandong Institute of Business and Technologies visited CIE. The delegation was led by the vice president, Mr. Yang Zhongshan. They were very impressed by the work the CIE has been doing and the CIE facilities and library. During the visit, the delegation also visited MacEwan University.

The First Planning Meeting of Chinese Bridge for University Students

The CIE hosted the first meeting to plan 2013 Chinese Bridge Competition for Alberta university students. In 2012, the CIE worked with University of Alberta and MacEwan University to organize the first Alberta Chinese Bridge Competition for University Students and it was a great success. This plan meeting was attended by the representatives from University of Alberta, China Institute, MacEwan University and CIE. This meeting decided the venue and the details for the second competition. The University of Calgary will also help organize this event. Hopefully, this second competition will have more participants and more successful.

A Cultural Day for Red Deer Students at CIE

On November 21, 20 students from Red Deer made a one day Chinese cultural fieldtrip to the CIE. The students and teachers listened to an introduction about the CIE and also toured its facilities, including the library. The CIE provided Chinese cultural sessions to the students including Chinese Dough Art and paper Cutting. The students appreciated the experience.

Up-coming Events

- ◎ The 7th Global CI Conference in Beijing Decemrnt 15 — 18
- ◎ Visit to Shandong Education Commission and 5 Shandong high schools December 10 — 15

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