



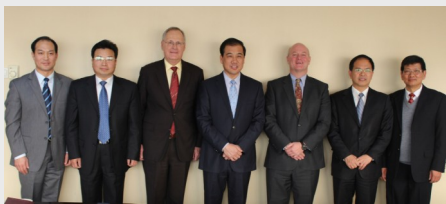
The 7th Global Confucius Institute Conference in Beijing

A delegation from the CIE attended the 7th Global CI Conference in Beijing from December 15 to 18. Board Chair, Sarah Hoffman, and Assistant Superintendent, Mark Liguori, also attended. The conference was a gathering of more than 2000 delegates from more than 110 different countries. Chinese State Councilor Madame Liu Yandong made an opening speech at the grand opening ceremony and then she, along with Madam Xu Lin, the Director General of Hanban, presented awards to the winners of Confucius Institute of the Year and also the Individual Performance Excellence Awards. During the conference, Madame Xu Lin met the delegation and Mr. Wachowicz made a presentation on Promoting Confucius Institutes and the gained the support of Hanban, for this project.



Visits to Shandong Education Department and 5 High Schools

From December 10 to 15, the CIE delegation visited Shandong Education Commission, including 5 Shandong high schools. The delegation members included Mr. Mark Liguori, the Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Stuart Wachowicz, the Chair of CIE Board and Advisory Board, Dr. Wei Li, the Director of the CIE and Mr. Wu Sijun, the Chinese Director of CIE. Mr. Meng Qing Xu, the Deputy Commissioner, met the delegation and also had the meeting with the delegation to discuss the future cooperation. Dr. Liu Yong Bo, the Director of Foreign Affairs Office, and Mr. Sun Zuxing, the Deputy Director, also attended the meetings. Mr. Liguori expressed the thanks on behalf of EPSB to Shandong for all their supports, including the donation of 13000 books. Mr. Meng indicated that the cooperation between the two sides have been very good and hoped that such a good partnership would continue. Mr. Wachowicz explained the recent project CIE is taking to brand CIE to help promotion of CIE in the non Chinese community. The Shandong Commission expressed its willingness to assist.



The delegation also paid visits to 5 Shandong high schools who are partners of 5 EPSB high schools. The CIE delegation was able to meet all the principals, administrators of the international departments, the teachers and the students from these 5 schools. Through the visits, both sides had a better understanding of each other and the students from these schools made the presentations on their water project and their achievements. This helped the CIE delegation to appreciate what these students have been achieved. The delegation also discussed the next steps in the project and upcoming student exchange programs.



Congratulations to Dr. Main Xie for Receiving the Award of Excellence Individual

At the 7th Global CI Conference in Beijing, Dr. Mian Xie, Culture Coordinator of CIE, received an Individual Performance Excellence Award from Chinese State Councilor Madame Liu Yan Dong. Congratulations to Dr. Xie for her excellent work and contribution to the development of CIE.



Completion of 2012 Fall CIE Courses

On December 20, the 2012 fall session of CIE courses were successfully completed. More than 80 students took different level of Mandarin classes and culture classes. At the last class, every student received the certificate indicating the completion of the courses. In this session, CIE offered 4 different level of Mandarin classes and one Mandarin class for Cantonese speakers. The Chinese culture courses were Tai Chi, Calligraphy, Er Hu and Yang Qin.

2012 CIE Winter Session

CIE will continue to offer different level of Mandarin classes and Chinese cultural courses for the 2012 Winter Session. The registration will start right after the New Year on January 7th of 2013. If you are interested and would like to have more detail information, please go to the CIE website: www.confuciusedmonton.ca

Welcome Molly Wu to the CIE Team

One of CIE new teachers from Shandong arrived on December 4, 2013. We would like to welcome Molly Wu to become one of our new Chinese teachers.

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