



### The 2nd Alberta Chinese Bridge Competition for University Students

On March 9, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton held the 2nd Alberta Chinese Bridge Competition for University Students at Telus Center of University of Alberta.. This event has received the strong support from China Institute, University of Alberta, MacEwan University and Alberta Education. The theme of this



competition was “My Chinese Dream” and 10 university students from different language backgrounds including Canada, Korea, Japan and Vietnam participated in the competition. More than 60 people observed. This competition provided the opportunity for the students to demonstrate their knowledge about modern China, talents in Chinese culture and Chinese language. Their performances left a deep impression for the audience. Representatives from China Institute, U of A and MacEwan University delivered congratulatory greeting recognizing the achievements of the participants.

“Chinese Bridge” is a “friendship bridge”, initiated by Hanban in 2002 and serves cause increasing numbers of people to desire to learn Chinese language and Chinese culture.

### CIE Hosted the Chinese Student Visitors from Weifang No. 1 Middle School

On March 20th , 19 Chinese students lead by 2 teachers from Weifang No. 1 Middle School, Shandong Province visited the Confucius Institute in Edmonton. During their short visit, the group toured the CIE facilities and listened to an introduction about CIE. They were very impressed by all the achievements the CIE has made during the last 5 years.

Weifang No. 1 Middle School is the Chinese partner school of Queen Elizabeth High School, one of the 14 Confucius Classrooms under CIE. During the last year, the students and teachers from both schools have done a lot of work on a research project named ‘East of Mountains’. They have conducted a variety of studies on the effective usage of water and its management. The visit from Wefang # 1 school provided the opportunity for the students and teachers to exchange their research and study results. The Chinese students also visited Banff National Park, Lake Louise, Edmonton Waste Management facility, Legislature and University of Alberta.



### Principal Delegation to China

CIE is organizing a principal delegation to visit Hanban, Shandong Education Ministry and their China partner school. It is expected that this visit will provide the opportunity for those new principals of the Confucius Classrooms to establish close and effective relationship and partnership with their Shandong partner school to enhance our Chinese program at Edmonton Public Schools.

### CIE was invited to attend the Forum “Talk with the World” at Vancouver

The Confucius Institute in Edmonton was invited by St. John College of UBC to give a presentation at the forum that was held from March 29 to 30 at St. John College.

The forum focused the discussion on Chinese language education in North America, especially in Vancouver. Dr. Wei Li made the presentation on the impact of learning a second language on the first language acquisition. More than 70 people participat-



ing in this forum including parents, teachers and professors. Peter Wong and John Yee from Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Education Association (ECBEA) were also invited to give a presentation on the development of Chinese bilingual program in Edmonton as well as the important role ECBEA played during this development. Professor Daniel Fried and Melanie Dunch (a former Chinese bilingual graduate) were invited to the forum to share their Chinese learning and teaching experience.

### A Big Success of Mandarin Class for Parents

CIE provided support to Chinese language learning by offering a beginner Chinese course to the parents at Dovercourt School. The first sessions were successfully completed. The course was so overwhelmingly received by the parents that the CIE is continuing to offer this course to the end of June. CIE teacher, Molly Wu, has done a wonderful job teaching this course.

### CIE Hosts 2013 Chinese Bridge Meeting of All Confucius Classrooms

The CIE hosted a 2013 Chinese Bridge meeting at the beginning of March attended by about 20 Chinese teachers from the 14 Confucius Classrooms. The meeting discussed details for the Chinese Bridge competition for elementary, junior and high school students for the year of 2013. With the theme of “My Chinese Dream”, the competition will happen on May 26.

### HSK and YCT

The CIE has almost completed the registration for the 2013 spring YCT and HSK tests. This year, the students may chose a paper test or an on-line version. The test will occur on April 29, 30 and May 1.

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