



#### CIE Winter Session Graduation



On the evening of April 25th many of the approximately 100 students who took courses during the 2013 Winter session gather for a celebration of the successful completion of their studies. Students from each of the 5 Chinese language levels, along with students in Chinese music and Chinese cultural courses received their course certificates and enjoyed various student performances. Everyone is looking forward to the start of the Fall term when the courses will be again offered to the public. Check the website for course and registration information.

#### Chinese Language Certification

April 29 and 30 as well as May 1 saw about 1200 students sit for the YCT and/or HSK Chinese language proficiency tests administered by the CIE Test Centre. The tests were written by students in Edmonton Public and Calgary Board of Education. This was a special administration as for the first time on a large scale many students used the new on-line tests.

Prior to the testing the CIE, in association with the On-Line Testing Centre in Vancouver, offered province wide professional development in this new testing process. All this continues to maintain the CIE as one of the world's largest overseas Chinese language testing centers. The tests are of great value to students as an international credential recognized by industry and universities. For more information see the website.



#### ASBA-CIE Scholarship

We are pleased to announce that the winner of the 2013 ASBA-CIE Chinese Language Scholarship is Ms. Karen Chung who teachers at Centre High in Edmonton Public Schools. Ms. Chung will be studying Chinese language teaching strategies at East China Normal university this coming summer. The ASBA-CIE scholarship is awarded annually. See the ASBA website for more information.

#### Grant MacEwan: Asia-Pacific Business Program Orientation

On April 25th, students from the Asia-Pacific Business Program of Grant MacEwan University, attended a session at the CIE to help them prepare for their upcoming field experience in China.

#### CIE Presentation at U of C Conference on Linguistic Diversity

Stuart Wachowicz, Chairman of the CIE, fulfilled an invitation to present to the U of C conference on Linguistic Diversity on the topic of Impact of Bilingual Programming on First Language Acquisition. The presentation was based on research done by Dr. John McNabe of EPSB, which had been sponsored by the CIE, showing the strong positive correlation between early and intensive second language education on the development of the student's first language. The presentation was well received and led to a lively question and answer follow up. The full research can be found on the CIE website.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### Shandong Deputy Minister to Visit

Mr. Meng, Deputy minister of the Shandong Education Department will lead a delegation to visit the CIE in the 3rd week of June 2013. The delegation will visit the CIE and examine its operations, as well as visit schools and officials in the area. During the visit there will be a formal signing of a renewal of the agreement between the Shandong Education Commission and Edmonton Public Schools.

##### School Delegations from Shandong

In May the two Edmonton Confucius Classroom Schools, McNally High School and M.E. Lazerte High School will receive delegations from their Shandong partner schools, Yantai #2 High School and Qingdao #2 High School. They will be reviewing the results of joint projects between the high schools on water resources in their respective areas.



##### Registration for the Chinese Testing Summer Camp to Begin Soon

For all elementary students who have written the YCT or HSK, registration will soon begin for the CIE summer camp. This is a very popular camp that provides opportunities to expand knowledge of Chinese language and culture. For more information e-mail Brenda Chan.

##### HSK for the General Public

On May 12 there will be a general writing for all members of the public who have registered to sit for the HSK. This will be held at the CIE and also in Red Deer. The next public session will be in November. Please contact Brenda Chan for details.

##### Principal Delegation Departs for China

The CIE is pleased to host a visit of 8 principals of EPSB schools offering Chinese language to Beijing and Shandong, for the purpose of planning projects with their Chinese partner schools. CIE Director, Dr. Wei Li will accompany the delegation along with Assistant Superintendent Mr. Bruce Coggles. The group will depart on May 4 and return on May 12.

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