



**CIE Principal Delegation Visited China**

From May 4 to 12, a CIE principal delegation of 11 educators visited Beijing and Shandong in China. This visit was organized by the CIE and sponsored by Hanban. Hanban and the Shandong Education Department (the Chinese partner of the CIE) made all the arrangements for the visit. Mr. Bruce Coggles, the assistant superintendent of Edmonton Public Schools, lead the delegation. The delegation visited Hanban and some historical and culture highlights in Beijing, such as Great Wall, Forbidden City and Summer Palace. In Shandong, the delegation had meetings with deputy minister Gu Jian Lei and other officials. Both parties are extremely proud of all the achievements and accomplishments of the partnership over the last 5 years. All the principals then visited their partner schools to plan the future projects of cooperation to enhance our Chinese programs and provide more opportunities for Edmonton students.



**The 6th Alberta Chinese Bridge for Elementary, Junior and Senior High School Students**

The CIE organized the annual Chinese Bridge competition on May 26. The competition involves 3 components: Knowledge of China and Chinese culture, Chinese language usage and a talent competition. About 120 students registered for the competition, with some from Calgary. Chief Consul Xue Huan Bai and Consul Du Jian from Chinese Consulate in Vancouver attended the award ceremony along with principals and teachers. The total attendance for this event was over 400. More than 50 volunteer judges, teachers and students gave of their time to make this competition so successful.



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**Visitors from Qingdao # 2 High School**

On May 20, the CIE hosted a delegation from Qingdao #2 High School of Shandong. They were accompanied by vice principal Tammy Tichir of M.E. LaZerte High School. The delegation was lead by the vice principal, Mr. Li. The group took a tour of the CIE facilities and received a brief introduction to the work of the CIE. The delegation expressed appreciation of the CIE's contribution to their work. The main purpose for their visit was to share with M.E. LaZerte research work on water being undertaken by the students in both schools.



**HSK Test for the General Public**

On May 12, the CIE hosted the HSK test for the general public. About 40 students wrote the test at several levels. Most of these students were from the University of Alberta and local community with some students are from Red Deer. Among these students, several are applying for Hanban Scholarships to study in Chinese universities, including, a master degree of Teaching Chinese Language for International Students.

**Guofeng Gala**

**— Celebration of 5th Anniversary of the CIE**

CIE and Guofeng Dance Group worked together to organize a gala on May 25 at Eva O. Howard Theater. This gala was one of the celebrations for the 5th Anniversary of CIE, as well as Edmonton May Asian Month. The performers includes artists from Guofeng Dance Group, local art community and the students and teachers from CIE and Confucius Classrooms in Edmonton. Chief Consul Xue Huan Bai and Consul Du from the Chinese Consulate in Vancouver attended the gala and made an opening speech. The gala was well received by the 700 people who watched the show.



**A New Book Launch—General Two-Gun Cohen**

On May 24, CIE hosted a new book launch at the culture center of CIE. More than 70 people attended the book launch. Mr. George Dong, the author, has spent more 20 years in research and data collection and finally got his book done and published. This book is a dramatic story about a Canadian who provided much help and support to Dr. Sun Yat-Sen as a body guard during China's revolution to overthrow the Qing Dynasty, in operations against the Japanese during the Second World War.

**Chinese Bridge in China**

Heather McGee, of Edmonton, has been selected to represent western Canada in the finals of Chinese Bridge Competition for university students in China in July. Heather is currently a student at East Asia Studies Department of U of A.

**Up-Coming Events at CIE**

1. Mr. Meng, the Deputy Minister of the Shandong Education Department, will lead a delegation to visit CIE from June 19 to 20. This visit is one of the celebrations for the 5th Anniversary of CIE. During the visit, a renewal partnership agreement will be signed between EPSB and Shandong at a celebration on the evening of June 19th.
2. CI Branding Project: On the evening of June 19th the CIE will also host the launch of a pilot branding project for the Confucius Institute. If successful the project may be implemented internationally.

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