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## Another Huge Donation from Shandong Education Commission

During the time when the CIE delegation visited Shandong, Ms. Zuo Min, the Minister of Shandong Education Commission, announced that Shandong would make a donation of 100,000 Yuan (about \$20,000 CND) to the CIE to purchase books for the library to support Chinese education in schools.

This is the second major donation from Shandong. Last time, Dr. Qi Tao, the former Minister of Shandong Education Commission, made the first donation of 165000 Yuan (about \$30000 CND) to our 13 Confucius Classrooms for purchasing Chinese learning resources for school libraries.

The support from Shandong is huge and greatly appreciated. Their assistance will have a strong impact on the success of our Chinese programs.



## PD Sessions for Chinese Teachers

With support from Hanban, the CIE invited Professor Lin Xiuqin of Beijing Capital Normal University to present a professional development session for local Chinese teachers in Calgary and Edmonton. More than 50 teachers from schools and universities attended the teacher training on the topic 'Miscue Analysis of Chinese Character Learning'.

This training session was sponsored by Hanban and has received many positive comments. It will serve to enhance our Chinese language teaching.

## Teacher Training on Chinese-Plus Program

The CIE is pleased to announce that it will host the second teacher training session on the computer software known as Chinese-Plus on **January 23**.

The Chinese Plus program is designed to enhance Chinese language learning and to help teachers develop more effective lesson plans.

## Visit from Guangdong Chinese Overseas School

On **November 26**, the CIE hosted a special delegation from the Guangdong Chinese Overseas School. This delegation was led by Mr. Huang He, the principal, and accompanied by Mr. Chen Jinbo, Hanban representative at the Vancouver Office.

The delegation visited Winterburn School and the CIE. The purpose of their visit is to look for opportunities for partnerships with EPSB.

Mrs. Ann Calverley, the director of the EPSB International Department, also met the delegation and discussed potential cooperation.

## Beijing Opera Gala

On **February 22**, the CIE and the Edmonton Beijing Opera Society will present a performance of a Beijing Opera Gala. This performance is sponsored by Hanban, the Quebec Confucius Institute and the BCIT Confucius Institute.

The gala will be performed by a

group of artists from Montreal, local artists and performers from Calgary and Vancouver.

This presentation will be broadcast live through the networks of Confucius Institute worldwide.

For more information and to order tickets, please contact Brenda Chen or CIE.

## **CIE Delegation Visited Jinan Dongfang Bilingual School**

On December 10, the CIE delegation visited Jinan Dongfang Bilingual School. During the visit, the students presented a performance for the delegation which included Chinese dance, singing, Chinese calligraphy and traditional music instruments. Mrs. Diana Bolan, the assistant superintendent of EPSB and the other delegates also observed an English class and a Chinese dough art class. Mrs. Bolan was very excited to learn how to make the dough figure.

The visit provided an excellent demonstration of operations in modern Chinese schools.

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