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Wish You All A Great Summer!

**Please join us for the celebration of Alberta
Culture Day and Confucius Institute Day.**

**12:00 noon - 4:00 pm
September 27, 2014**

Centre for Education Kingsway One, Edmonton

Activities

Taste of China
Photo Exhibition
Performances
Cultural Workshops and Sessions

Panel Discussions

- Why do business with China?
- Advantages of knowing Chinese language and having cultural understanding of China
- Discover the secret of making Chinese language learning easier.



2014 YCT/HSK Scholarship Award Night

The CIE hosted the 2014 YCT/HSK Scholarship Award Night at MaCauley Chambers at Center for Education on June 5. This is an annual recognizing the achievements students from Edmonton Public Schools have made in their YCT and HSK tests in 2014.

Mr. Michael Janz, Vice Chair of Edmonton Public School Board, Trustee Orville Chubb and Mrs. Diana Bolan, assistant superintendent attended the awards night with more than 200



2014 CIE Scholarship

On June 8, the Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Education Association (ECBEA) held their 2014 Scholarship Awards at the City Hall. These awards are designed to recognize the excellent achievements of students from 13 schools offering the Chinese Bilingual Program. The funds for the scholarships were donated from many local companies and organizations. About \$28 000 is raised annually for this purpose

students, parents, teachers and principals. Mr. Stephen Tsang, the president of ECBEA and Dr. Fang Xin Xin, Chinese Advisor from Alberta Education were also invited to the event. Over 70 students from 14 different schools received their scholarships. The CIE is proud to recognize the achievement of these students in their Chinese language learning.



Bridging The Pacific: Alberta Success Stories in China

Dr. Wei Li, Director of the Confucius Institute, was invited by Honorable Teresa Woo-Paw, Associate Minister of Alberta International and Intergovernmental Relations, to attend an special event named Bridging the Pacific - Alberta Success Stories in China.

This event was co-hosted by Mr. Hubert Lau, president and CEO of Ekota and Senior Advisor of International Relations of AMCC.

The purpose of this event was to share the

The Confucius Institute in Edmonton contributed \$1000 toward the scholarships for grade 6 students to encourage them to continue their Chinese language study in junior high school.

Dr. Wei Li, director of CIE, was invited to attend the ceremony to present the scholarship awards to the winners. Mrs. Diana Bolan, assistant superintendent of Edmonton Public Schools, was also invited to the event and delivered a speech to congratulations to all the winners on behalf of the school board.



Congratulations to Retiring Teachers and Welcome to New Principals of Confucius Classrooms

The CIE would like to express our sincere congratulations and best wishes to two of our Chinese teachers on the occasion of their retirement. These two teachers are Ms. Shou-Lan Cheng from Londonderry School and Celia Siu from Kildare School.

They have been teaching in the Chinese bilingual program for more than 20 years and their dedication and contributions to the success of the program are greatly appreciated

successful stories of doing business with China. At the presentation, a panel discussion was held to discuss the importance of Chinese language and understanding of Chinese culture when doing business. trading with the Chinese companies.

About 100 local businessmen attended this event.



Graduation Ceremony for Chinese Programs

The CIE was invited to attend several school graduation ceremonies for schools hosting Chinese programs. During the last school year, CIE teachers provided various culture supports to many schools and thus CIE teachers were invited to attend these special ceremonies.

We would like to thank Londonderry Junior High School, McNally High School and Ross Sheppard High School for their invitations.

It was a great experience and feeling to see so many students in Chinese bilingual program and Chinese as a second language program

and will be remembered .

We sincerely hope that they will enjoy a new chapter of their life and wish them much happiness..

We would like also like to welcome new principals for 4 Confucius Classrooms and schools offering Chinese programs. They are: Tim Boan (Edith Rogers School), Rick Paulitsch (Ross Sheppard School), Sue Bell (Queen Elizabeth School) and Ron Thompson (Ottewell School).



Graduation Ceremony of the Special Training Class for Chinese University Administrators

The Confucius Institute in Edmonton was invited by University of Alberta to attend the graduation ceremony for the special training class of Chinese university administrators on June 16. This special training program is a partnership between U of A and China. Thirty-eight administrators from 28 different universities of China attended this three month training program.

During the training, the group visited the Confucius Institute in Edmonton to learn more about CIE, since many members of the group

complete their Chinese studies in junior and high schools. We hope that they will continue to learn Chinese in high schools and universities, which will play an important in their future career development.

were from the universities who are Chinese partners of Confucius Institutes around the world. The group also paid a visit to one of our Chinese bilingual schools and everyone was so impressed about the Chinese language program in Edmonton.



2014 CIE Summer Camp for YCT Scholarship and Chinese Bridge Winners

From June 30 to July 4, the CIE hosted the 2014 CIE Summer Camp for YCT Scholarship and Chinese Bridge winners. About 60 students from elementary Confucius Classrooms attended this summer camp. The purpose of the summer camp is to recognize the achievements of those students in 2013 YCT tests and Chinese Bridge competition and also to encourage them to learn more Chinese language and culture.

The CIE arranged a variety of language and culture activities for the camp, such as Chinese painting, Calligraphy, Tai Chi, Tai Chi Fan, Chinese dance, Chinese dough art, Chinese knots, paper cutting, Chinese traditional music and instruments, singing and many other Chinese traditional games like

Chinese YoYo. In addition, the students also learned more Chinese language by playing raps and dramas.

One week of summer camp was really short but the students experienced a variety of culture and language learning activities and enjoyed them very much.

At the closing ceremony, more than 200 parents and students and teachers gathered together at the CIE Culture Centre to celebrate what the students learned during the camp. All the students did a variety of performances demonstrating their achievements in Chinese dance, singing, Chinese rap, drama and Tai Chi Fan. The parents were amazed at what their children had learned in such a short time.

The summer camp was well received by the students and parents. Some students expressed a desire to come back again next year and some parents wrote letters to CIE to express their appreciation of what CIE did for their children helping them to learn more Chinese language and culture.

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