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**CIE Teachers and Staff Wish You the Best for the
Up-coming Holiday Season!**



Learning Chinese Language through Songs

The CIE invited two special guests from Binghamton University of United States, Professor Zhang Hong and Professor Chen Zuyan to provide 2 presentations at SLIC Second Language Conference, that was held at Double Tree Hotel, in Edmonton on November 7 and 8. Professor Zhang made a keynote speak on 'Learning Chinese Language through Songs' that was well received. Professor Zhang provided a concert during the conference in which she introduced a variety of Chinese ethnic songs and music. She is a professional singer and once performed at the United Nations. Her concert was a conference highlight. Professor Chen presented on the topic of the integration of culture in language learning. Professor Chen has conducted a great deal of research in this area and has published 6 books on the topic.

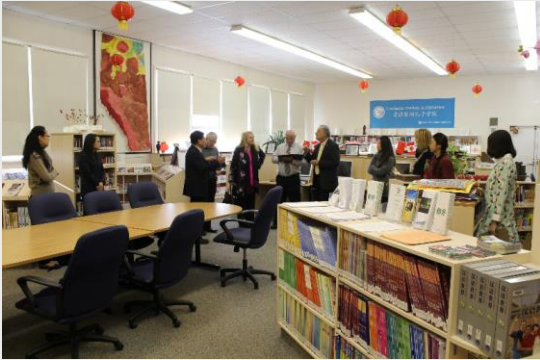


The 6th Alberta Chinese Writing Contest

The CIE and the Edmonton Chinese Journal organized the 6th Alberta Chinese Writing Contest again this year. The purpose of this contest is to encourage more students and Chinese language learners to improve the use of written Chinese language skills. There are 5 categories in this contest encompassing students at elementary schools, junior high schools, senior high schools, universities and adults in the community.

On November 21, the award ceremony was held at the CIE. Consul General Wang from Chinese Consulate in Calgary, MLA David Xiao and Assistant Superintendent Diana Bolan attended the ceremony and also made speeches congratulating all the participants. More than 200 students, parents, teachers and principals attended the ceremony.

the Junior high school students contributed a Chinese dance for the event.



Visit from Administrators of 18 Different Chinese Universities

On November 19, 30 administrators from 18 different Chinese universities visited the CIE to learn about the Edmonton Chinese bilingual program, as well as the work and operation of the CIE. They spent the whole morning at the CIE learning about its various functions and then visited one of our Chinese bilingual elementary schools in the afternoon. Different grades and programs were observed and they were amazed of the Chinese language abilities the students acquired in the program.

During the visit the guests asked many questions about the Confucius Institute and the Chinese program in Edmonton Public Schools. All the work and achievements at the CIE and in the EPSB Chinese bilingual program made a deep impression.



Special Guests from Coquitlam School Board in Vancouver

Mrs. Patricia Gartland, Superintendent of Coquitlam Public School Board in Vancouver, brought a delegation to visit the CIE and the Chinese bilingual schools in EPSB on November 17 and 18. The delegation included two principals and two teachers. The purpose of the visit was to learn about the Edmonton Chinese bilingual schools and its curricula.

During the two days' visit, the delegation was able to visit the CIE, two elementary and two junior high schools. They observed the classrooms and also had the extensive talk with teachers and principals. Assistant Superintendent Diana Bolan also met the delegation at Center for Education and provided them more information about the Chinese program and the recruitment of Chinese teaching staff.

Coquitlam School Board offers a similar Chinese bilingual program and now they are attempting to expand the program to junior high school.



More Visiting Teachers from China to Support the Chinese Program in Edmonton

Although the weather in Edmonton was very cold with a lot of snow, the new visiting teachers from China to the CIE indicated that they experienced a warm welcome. During the last two weeks, the CIE has welcomed 8 new visiting teachers from China. They were welcomed by the CIE staff and teachers as well as the receiving school principals. They are sponsored by Hanban for the purpose of providing support to nine Confucius Classrooms in the region.

Last Year, one Confucius Classroom had the opportunity to have a visiting teacher for the first time. The feedback from the school administrators, students and parents was very positive. This year, 8 more Confucius Classrooms requested to have a visiting teacher at their school. At this moment, the CIE has the total of 16 visiting teachers from China and most of them will work in schools to provide the support for the teaching of Chinese language and culture programs.

We hope that these teachers will enjoy working and living in Edmonton.



The 9th Global Confucius Institute Conference

The 9th Global Confucius Institute Conference is going to be held in Xiamen City of China from December 6 to 8. This conference will be attended by the delegates from all Confucius Institutes around the world. At present, there are about 500 Confucius Institutes in more than 110 different countries.

The CIE will send a delegation to attend this conference led by Mary Michailides, an assistant superintendent with Edmonton Public Schools. After the conference, the CIE delegates will also visit two of our Shandong partner schools in Qingdao City.

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