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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



**All Staff from CIE Wish You a Very Merry  
Christmas  
&**

# a Happy New Year!



## The 9th Global Confucius Institute Conference

The 9th Global Confucius Institute Conference was held from December 7 and 8 in Xiamen City in Fujian Province of China. More than 2000 delegates from more than 126 different countries attended the conference. This conference was very special since this year is the 10th Anniversary of the start of the Confucius Institute initiative.

The opening ceremony was held at the Xiamen International Conference Center and Vice Premier of China, Madam Liu Yandong, made the keynote speech. The governor of Fujian Province and 4 other representatives spoke as well at the ceremony. The ceremony was chaired by Mr. Yuan Guiren, Education Minister of China.

All the speeches reflected on the many achievements of Confucius Institutes during the past 10 years and the importance of assisting more people to learn Chinese language and culture, thus establishing a better global understanding of China that will benefit for both China and the rest of the world.



## Shandong School Visit in China

From December 10 to 11, Assistant Superintendent Mary Michailides and Wei Li paid visits to two schools in Qingdao, Qingdao Number 2 High School and Qingdao Experimental Junior High School.

During the visits, the Edmonton delegates had the opportunity to meet the principals and officials from these two schools and had extensive discussions on how we as the educators could provide quality education for students, as well as discussing the importance of international education programs for global education. It was a great opportunity share and learn from each other.

The principals and officials from these two schools also showed the extensive facilities and classrooms to the Edmonton delegates. The modern technologies and advanced facilities left deep impression on the Edmonton visitors..

The highlight of the school visit was a meeting with students. The delegates met a group of 10 students in each school at which both sides shared information

Assistant Superintendent Mrs. Mary Michailides, Wei Li and Mian Xie attended the conference as the CIE delegates.

about their school life and their thoughts on education. All the discussions were in English and the delegates were very impressed with the English language skills the students demonstrated.

The visits created more and better understanding on education systems for both sides and served to enhance the future of exchange programs between Shandong and Edmonton.



## Visit from Concordia University College of Alberta

The CIE hosted a visit from Concordia University College of Alberta. The 5 person delegation was led by Dr. Manfred Zeuch, Vice President International.

The delegates toured the CIE facilities and also met CIE teachers and staff.

During the visit, the Chair of CIE Board of Directors, Mr. Stuart Wachowicz, made a presentation providing information about what is CIE and what programs CIE offers to the schools and communities.

The visit was very successful and all recognized some potential benefit from working together work together to promote Chinese language and culture education, to meet the increasing demands from the

## Arrival of New CIE Visiting Teachers

During the last month, the CIE has received 9 new visiting teachers from China for the purpose of providing enhanced support to our Chinese programs at a number of schools that have been designated as Confucius Classrooms.

These visiting teachers were recommended by Shandong Education Ministry and Hanban. CIE conducted interviews with all the candidates and then made the final selection based on the needs and requirements of our programs.

These new visiting teachers have been placed at schools offering Chinese programs to provide non-instruction support to the Chinese language and culture initiatives and classes at each location. We

community.

The CIE is also going to provide support to the international events activities at a special event organized by Concordia University College of Alberta on January 12, 2015.

believe the support from these visiting teachers will enhance Chinese programming and improve the learning for students. They will be placed at Confucius Classrooms in Edmonton and one will be placed in Lethbridge at the new Confucius Classroom at Ecole La Verendrye.

All these new visiting teachers were all qualified school teachers and university teachers in China.

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