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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



### Up-Coming Events

1. YCT/HSK Tests will be held on May 5 & 6.
2. 2015 YCT/HSK Scholarship Award Night on May 21 from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm at MaCauley Chambers.
3. The 8th Chinese Bridge Competition for Elementary, Junior and Senior High School on May 30.



## 2015 CIE Winter Session Graduation Ceremony

On April 23, the graduation ceremony of the 2015 CIE Winter Session was held in the Cultural Center of the Confucius Institute. More than 70 students, in addition to their families and friends attended the ceremony.

At the ceremony, the students from each language and culture class demonstrated what they have learned in their classes such as singing, drama performances, poem recitation, Erhu solos and an instrumental ensemble. Their excellent performances were well received by the audience.



There were a number of different Chinese language and culture classes were offered during



## Visit from University of Alberta Delegation

The Confucius Institute welcomed a visit from a delegation from the University of Alberta on April 24th. The group consisted of 35 leadership staff from 29 different universities in China who are attending a three month special leadership training program offered by the University of Alberta.

The delegates showed a great interest in the CIE since many of the universities they represent are partners with Confucius Institutes in various countries.



The delegation spent the whole morning at

this term, including Mandarin level one to level four, a Mandarin class for Cantonese speakers, as well as classes in Tai Chi, Tai Chi Fan, Er Hu, Yang Qin, Guzheng, Calligraphy and Chinese Story Reading. Close to 100 students registered in different classes.

The CIE teachers have worked very hard to provide quality classes to meet the needs of the students' personal interest, work and study interests and needs. This is the sixth year that the CIE offered such classes.



### Students and Teachers from Shouguang Century School in Shandong Visit to the CIE

On April 29th, a delegation of 20 students and 4 principals and teachers from Shouguang Century School paid a visit to the CIE. Shouguang Century School is a partner school for the Confucius Classroom at Meadowlark School. Their visit to Edmonton is part of an exchange program between the two schools, this being the initial visit from the Chinese side.

Mr. Lam, the principal of Meadowlark School ,

the CIE. They toured the offices and facility and attended a session to familiarize them with the Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Program, and the operations of the Confucius Institute in Edmonton. A good discussion followed the presentations. All the delegates were impressed with the CIE's work and achievements of the past eight years.

After lunch, the delegation visited Meyonohk School to experience a Chinese bilingual school in action. They received a warm welcomed from the principal, Mr. Mah, and also observed classroom instruction.



### CIE Visiting Teacher Retreat Meeting

The CIE was recently able to provide a two day retreat and training session for its 16 visiting teachers in Jasper. The 16 visiting teachers currently are deployed in 10 schools and with 6 assigned to work in the CIE.

In order to support the learning needs of the visiting teachers and to help them be successful in their various assignments, the CIE provides a monthly training session, which in addition to professional development, also allows a

also visited the CIE with the delegation.



The delegation toured the facilities and then listened to a brief introduction telling of the work and operation of the CIE. The CIE teachers also provided a Chinese dough session to all the students in the delegation who greatly enjoyed the session.

The CIE then was honoured to provide the visitors with a Chinese lunch.

discussion of their roles and challenges.



Mr. Aaron Lewycky from Mountain Park Lodge gave a presentation on Jasper. All the visiting teachers were so happy to have this opportunity to experience the beauty of Rocky Mountains as most of them were the first time to see the Rockies. In turn the teachers provided ideas and suggestions as to how Jasper can be better marketed as a tourist destination in China.

The accommodation and some meals for this two day retreat was sponsored by Mountain Park Lodge. Their support is greatly appreciated.



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