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CIE Hosts the Photo and Book Exhibition Opening Ceremony for the 70th Anniversary of the End of World War II and Dr. Norman Bethune

On June 8, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton hosted the opening ceremony for the photo and book exhibition commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the end of the second World War and the memory of Dr. Norman Bethune. The intent of this exhibition is to help people remember an important part of our history and also remember the relation between Canada and China built by Canadian, Dr. Norman Bethune.

The ceremony was attended by more than 70



2015 YCT/HSK Scholarship Award Night

On May 21, the CIE hosted the 2015 YCT/HSK Scholarship Award Ceremony at McCauley Chambers in the Center for Education. This was the 7th year that the CIE organized such an event. About 70 students from grades one to 12 received an award. Half of the award winners were from elementary schools and the other half were from junior and high schools. The winners were identified based on the results of the 2014 YCT and HSK tests. All the award recipients from elementary schools were eligible to attend a one week summer camp free of charge at CIE, while the other winners received a \$50 scholarship.

McCauley Chambers was packed with more

local scholars, professors, community leaders, as well as students and teachers. Deputy Consul General Wang Lei from the Chinese Consulate in Calgary also attended the ceremony and made a speech. Among the other speakers were Dr. Brian Evens, former vice president of University of Alberta and one of the first Canadian diplomats sent to China; Dr. Gordon Houlden, the director of China Institute of University of Alberta; Mr. Cam Fahlman, vice president of ALPHA Edmonton and Mr. Stuart Wachowicz, Chair of CIE Board of Directors and Advisory Board.

250 students, parents, teachers and principals who came to attend the event. Vice Chair of the Edmonton Public School Board, Michelle Draper and the assistant superintendent, Diana Bolan, as well as Dr. Au from Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Education Association, attended the ceremony and also made speeches. Mr. Stuart Wachowicz brought greetings from the Confucius Institute Board of Directors.

A student delegation from the Affiliated Middle School of Jining Institute of China participated and provided two performances in the ceremony. This Chinese school is the partner school of Ottewell School Confucius Classroom.



2015 YCT/HSK Tests

The CIE organized the 2015 YCT/HSK tests held on May 5 and 6. This year the number of the students writing the tests set a new record and reaching more than 1400 students. Another highlight is that more than 1000 students took the tests on online. This is a new breakthrough in test administration. The students wrote different levels of YCT/HSK tests, and about 50 students registered



The 8th Alberta Chinese Bridge Competition for School Students

On May 30, the Confucius Institute successfully hosted the 8th Alberta Chinese Bridge Competition for School Students. More than 140 students from Grade 1 to 12 registered the competition.

for HSK Level 6 that is the highest level of the test, equivalent to a C2 level on the Common European Framework of Reference. Last year, we had more than more than 50 students pass the HSK Level 6 test, which demonstrates the effectiveness of the Chinese Bilingual program.

With such a large number of students writing the tests in more than 15 different schools in Edmonton, Red Deer and Calgary, it proved to be a great deal of work, but the results have been most gratifying. All the teachers and administrators from CIE and the schools contributed greatly to the success of the administration.

Because of the large number of the participants, the CIE for the first time hosted the competition at two locations, the CIE and Dovercourt School.

The intensive competition was held in the morning and the award ceremony was held right after lunch. More than 60 teachers, judges and volunteers, as well as CIE teachers, helped to ensure the smooth running of the day.

Trustee Nathan Ip, of Edmonton Public School Board, and a number of principals attended the final ceremony along with over 350 students and parents. The ECBEA also sent a representative to the ceremony.

There were about 70 winners from the competition and those from elementary schools were able to attend the free summer camp organized by CIE.



Chinese Culture Day for Seniors

Partnering with the Canadian Multicultural



2015 CIE Summer Camp

Every year, the CIE provides a one week summer camp for YCT Scholarship recipients

Education Foundation, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton provided one day of activities at the CIE for about 120 seniors from different parts of Edmonton, giving experiences in Chinese culture and Chinese cultural arts.

The day started with the warm welcome from the CIE followed by a series of cultural workshops which included, Chinese massage and acupuncture, Chinese dough art, Chinese knots, Chinese painting, Chinese paper cutting, Chinese Calligraphy, Tai Chi and Tai Chi Fan. All the seniors showed great interest in learning these Chinese traditional arts. During lunch, all seniors had the chance to taste samples of Chinese food.

The highlight of the day was a one hour performance in the afternoon which included a Chinese lion dance, as well as folk dances, performances on Chinese musical instruments, Tai Chi and singing. The performers were students from two schools along with artists from the CIE and local community.

The event was very successful and all the participants had a great time experiencing and learning Chinese culture. This event was funded by a Canadian government grant.

and also Chinese Bridge Competition Winners from Elementary Schools. 2015 is the 7th year for the CIE to offer this program. About 60 students attended the free summer camp that was run from June 29 to July 3.

The program was well received by students and parents. Seven years ago, the CIE only offered one class of 30 students at the summer camp, but the program had to be expanded due to the high demand. A few years ago, the CIE began providing two classes for a total of 60 students.

During the camp, a variety of activities were provided for the students, including experiences in Chinese culture and arts, as well as special Mandarin Chinese lessons. The activities included dancing, tai chi, Chinese songs, public speech, Chinese traditional games, dough art, paper cutting, painting, knots and calligraphy. One parent told us that he was so amazed that in only one week the students accomplished so much.

On the last day, the camp closing ceremony was held. All the students had a chance to showcase what they learned in a variety of forms including, role play, singing, reciting, Tai Chi and Tai Chi Fan demonstrations. The CIE culture center was also fully decorated with the students' work. Many of the students were sorry to see the camp end and expressed the hope that they could come back again next year.



Shouguang Century School Visits the CIE

Shouguang Century School sent a delegation of 20 students and 4 teachers and vice principals to visit their partner school, and Confucius Classroom - Meadowlark School this past May. This was one of their exchange projects.

During their visit to Edmonton, the delegation, on May 19, spent half a day visiting the Confucius Institute. During the visit, they toured the CIE facilities and also listened to an introduction providing them with an overview of the work and purpose of the Institute.

The CIE provided lunch and offered the delegates a Chinese dough art workshop. Although the delegation members were all from China, this was their first opportunity to see and participate in this ancient Chinese art. They were very impressed with the visit and the opportunity to learn some Chinese traditional art in Canada.

Although half day was not long, they all had a good time and appreciated the opportunity to learn about the operation of the CIE.



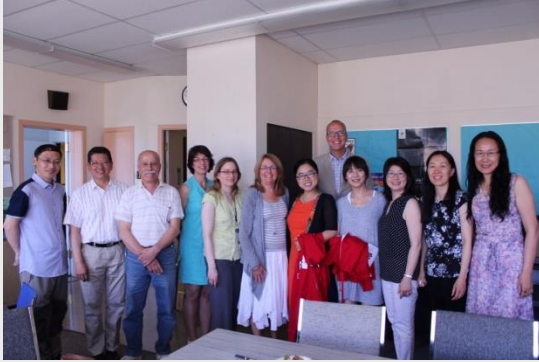
Photo Exhibition on Dr. Norman Bethune at the Edmonton Public Library

With the support of the Edmonton Public Library, the CIE was able to display a photo exhibition on the topic of Dr. Norman Bethune at the Edmonton main library in the downtown from June 9 to July 5.

The exhibition was viewed by hundreds of people, as they were drawn to learn more about this great Canadian, and the great contributions he made to China in the 1930's. It drew many people interested in knowing and learning more about Dr. Norman Bethune and also what was happening in China during 1930's and 1940's as they struggled against an oppressive invader.

Dr. Norman Bethune was a Canadian medical doctor from Montreal who went to China before the Second World War to help develop medical care at a difficult time in Chinese history as they resisted the Japanese invasion. Dr. Bethune died in 1939 as a result of infection obtained while he was operating on a wounded soldier.

Dr. Norman Bethune became a household word in China, everyone knowing of him and his spirit of self-sacrifice. He became an icon for the relationship between Canada and China.



Best Wishes to Molly Wu & Uni Liu

Two of our visiting teachers from Shandong Province completed their working term at the Confucius Institute in July of 2015 and will return to China. They are Ms. Hongqian Wu (Molly) and Ms. Zhengyu Liu (Uni).

Both of them came to Edmonton in 2012 and have worked at CIE for three years. During that time they worked very hard, teaching Mandarin and many other Chinese cultural courses, as well as being involved in many cultural activities at the CIE, in schools and in the community. Their great contributions and commitment, and the sharing of their talent and skill in teaching Chinese language and culture during the last 3 years are much appreciated. Their teaching has been well received by the students at schools and the CIE. It has also been a pleasure to see them grow in ability and always exhibit a happy and



The Affiliated Middle School of Jining Institute visits the CIE

On May 19, a delegation of The Affiliated Middle School of Jining Institute visited the Confucius Institute in Edmonton. This delegation consisted of 10 students and 3 teachers led by Mr. Wang, the vice principal. The school is a Key school in Shandong Province of China, and is the partner school to Ottewell Junior High School (Confucius Classroom)

The delegation toured the CIE facilities and learned about the work and activities the CIE has been doing in promoting Chinese language and culture education here in Edmonton.

Ottewell School has been the partner school of Jining Institute Affiliated Middle School since 2009. Earlier this year, Ottewell sent a group of 24 students and 2 teachers to China to visit their partner school in Jining and this was the

positive presence with all with whom they came in contact.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to them and express our best wishes to both of them for a wonderful future back to China.

return visit to Edmonton from China.

Ottewell has done several exchange projects with Jining over the past few years, providing an excellent opportunity for students to learn from one another.



The CIE Displays Chinese Culture at the Shaw Conference Center

The CIE was invited by Alberta Culture and Tourism to provide support in sharing Chinese traditional arts at Vitalize Provincial Voluntary Sector Conference at Shaw Conference Center. This conference was attended by more than 600 people from all over across Alberta.

CIE teachers displayed some Chinese art forms at the conference sharing Chinese culture with participants in the form of, Chinese calligraphy, Chinese knots and Chinese dough art.

Many conference participants, old and young, showed a great interest in the art

The CIE Participates in Multicultural Day

The CIE was invited to participate in the annual Multicultural Day event hosted by the Canadian Multicultural Education Foundation on June 27, at Centennial Plaza located in the downtown.

The purpose of this event was to provide opportunity for Edmontonians to experience different cultures. A variety of organizations from different cultural organizations were invited to participate in this event. Different ethnic groups also provided a variety of performances. The CIE organized Chinese folk dances and Chinese traditional music performances. In addition, the CIE teachers also displayed different Chinese traditional arts to the people, such as Chinese

forms and many chose to learn how to make them. All found the displays to be of great value, and served to promote the learning of Chinese language and culture throughout the province.

dough art, Chinese paper cutting and Chinese calligraphy.

People who attended this event showed great interest and desire to learn more about Chinese art, dances and Music.



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