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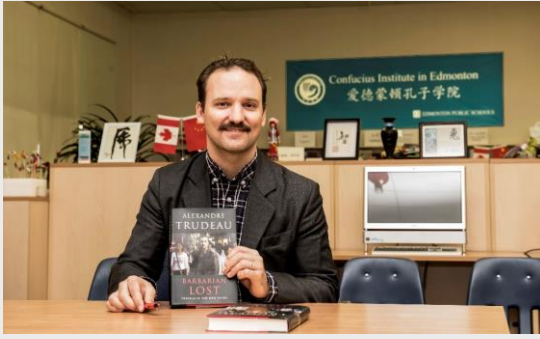
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Mr. Alexandre Trudeau, the brother of Canada Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, paid a visit to the Confucius Institute in Edmonton on April 7, 2017.



CIE Hosted a Special Visit from Mr. Alexandre Trudeau

On April 7, Mr. Alexandre Trudeau, a filmmaker, journalist and the younger brother of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, paid a visit to the Confucius Institute in Edmonton.

Mr. Trudeau was invited to give a speech at the 2017 National Conference for Second Language Educators in Edmonton. Although he had a very tight schedule, he still managed to pay a visit to the Confucius Institute in Edmonton.



Dr. Lorne Parker, Executive Director of EPSB, Dr. Mianmian Xie, Cultural Coordinator of the CIE and Mr. Ken Lam, member of CIE board of directors hosted the



The 6th Alberta Chinese Bridge Competition for University Students: Held at the Confucius Institute in Edmonton

On March 11, the 6th Alberta Chinese Bridge Competition for University Students was successfully held at the Confucius Institute in Edmonton.

The Chinese Consulate General in Vancouver and the Confucius Institute in Edmonton were the organizers, and were supported by Alberta universities including the University of Alberta, the University of Calgary, MacEwan University, Concordia University of Edmonton, and the China Institute of the University of Alberta. Sixteen students from different universities participated in the competition and many people attended the event to show their support, including professors, students and parents. Their demonstration of Chinese language skill impressed all the judges and audience.

visit. They toured Mr. Trudeau around the CIE facilities and provided him a brief introduction about the establishment and development of CIE. Mr. Trudeau also met with the CIE's Chinese visiting teachers. He was impressed by the achievements of the CIE.

During the visit, Mr. Trudeau also signed his book *Barbarian Lost: Travels in the New China*, the number one national bestseller and a Hill-Times Best Book of 2016.



CIE Hosts a Visit from a U of A Special Program

On April 19th, the Confucius Institute hosted a visit from a delegation of 46 representatives from different universities in China attending a three-month special

Ms. Yvonne Chau, the director of Prairie Chapter of the Canada China Business Council, was invited as a special guest to give a speech on "The Importance of Learning Chinese from a Business Perspective" during the award ceremony. Some other special guests brought greetings congratulating the students for their excellent performances. These included Consul Xiao from Chinese Consulate in Vancouver; Dr. Daniel Fried, the vice chair of East Asia Studies of U of A, Dr. Manfred Zeuch, Vice president of Concordia University of Edmonton, Dr. William Wei, Vice Dean of Business School of MacEwan University and Ms. E-Mei Wang, Chinese Instructor from the U of C. Dr. Liang Tian gave a speech on behalf of all the judges to bring some highlights about the students' performances.



2017 National Conference for Second Language Educators

On April 7 & 8, the 2017 National Conference for Second Language Educators was held at Shaw Conference Centre. The Confucius Institute in Edmonton was one of

training program in the University of Alberta. During the visit, the group toured the office, library, teachers' office and other facilities. They also attended a presentation by Dr. Wei Li on the operation and development of the CIE, the Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Program and the Alberta's education system. The delegates also had the opportunity to meet with some of the Chinese visiting teachers posted at the CIE.

After lunch, the delegation paid a visit to Meadowlark School, which is one of the six Chinese bilingual elementary schools in the Edmonton Public District. The assistant principal, Jei Yin, welcomed the delegates and provided an introduction about the school, and the dedication to the Chinese bilingual program. The delegates also had the opportunity to visit 11 classrooms, observing students learning Chinese and even talked to some students and teachers. A good discussion followed the interactions in classrooms.

The visit was short but the delegates learned a lot about Confucius Institute in Edmonton and the Chinese bilingual program. They were impressed at the achievements of the Confucius Institute in Edmonton and quality of the Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Program.

the sponsors of the conference which was attended by around 720 second language teachers from across Canada, among whom were about 30 Chinese language teachers. The CIE visiting teachers also attended the conference.

Two sessions were provided which related to the teaching of Chinese language. Dr. Liang Tian, the Chinese special language advisor of Alberta Education, gave a presentation on effective strategies for the teaching and learning Chinese vocabulary, exploring a number of learner-centered ideas and strategies that focus on the teaching, learning and enrichment of Chinese vocabulary. Her discussion was well received by the teachers.

A second presentation was made by Jenny Li and Kathy Gu, two Chinese teachers of EPSB. Their topic was dealt with the approach to learning in language lesson plans, which will serve to design teaching practice to produce effective inquiry learning. Their vivid presentation attracted a lot of interest and attention from the audience.

The CIE also had a booth set up at the conference to display information about the institute, as well as the support and services the CIE provides to the Chinese language and culture programs in Edmonton and throughout Alberta.



The First Edmonton Oriental Culture Festival

The First Edmonton Oriental Culture Festival was held on April 9. The festival was organized by the Oriental Cultural Community Service Centre and the Confucius Institute in Edmonton. It included an oriental gala and a presentation of a number of Chinese films.

Around 400 people watched the gala at the John L. Haar Theatre. The gala included a variety of performances such as dancing, Instrumental numbers, singing, martial arts, drama, Beijing opera, a Qi Pao show and comedy cross-talk. Indian dancers and a dance group from Poland which performed national folk dances. The CIE teacher Du Jinjin also performed a Chinese dance, and four CIE teachers delivered their best wishes to the audience.

The performance drew a warm response from the audience. Many of them expressed



New Book Launch: "Re-Orienting China"

On April 28, the Chinese Journal and the Confucius Institute in Edmonton hosted a new book launch "Re-Orienting China". This book was written by Dr. Chen Leilei from the University of Alberta. About 50 people attended the launch. During the ceremony, Professor Ted Bishop from the University of Alberta gave an introduction about the author and Ms. Grace Chi presented reflections on the book. Finally Dr. Chen gave a presentation about her work.

This book is designed to examine how travel writing about China can move beyond places and tourist sites, to discuss and create a deeper understanding of the antithetical relationship between China and the west.

This book will help people from both west and east to have a better understanding of each other.

their hope that the Chinese movie series will be a great success.



A Visit to École La Vérendrye Confucius Classroom and Mount Royal University

Dr. Wei Li paid a visit to École La Vérendrye Confucius Classroom at Lethbridge on April 12. This Confucius Classroom is affiliated with the CIE and was established in 2014. Ms. Li Si is the visiting teacher working there to provide support to the school's Chinese language and culture programs, as well as for the community. During the visit, Dr. Wei Li visited the school and had a meeting with the teacher to discuss how the CIE could support their programs and discussed ways in which the Chinese programs might be further developed in the community.

On April 13, Dr. Wei Li was invited by Mount Royal University to visit its campus and



Chinese Culture Celebration at Bellerose Composite High School

On March 7, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton was invited to attend the Chinese culture celebration at Bellerose Composite High School, a part of the St. Albert Public School Board. This was the first time that the CIE was asked to provide the support to an event at this St. Albert school.

Five CIE teachers presented a variety of Chinese traditional cultural performances and workshops to students and teachers, including Tai Chi, Chinese handkerchief dance, dough art, Chinese knots and calligraphy. Many students and teachers were keen to learn and experience these traditional arts. It was a great experience for them.

also to a meeting dealing with Chinese language program. Dr. Li gave an introduction and history of the CIE, its mission and the supports the CIE is able to offer to schools that provide Chinese language and culture instruction. Mrs. Yvonne Chau, the Director of the Canada-China Business Counsel (Prairie Region) also attended the meeting. Mount Royal University gave an introduction about their university and demonstrated a great interest in building the strong connections with China. Both sides are looking at potential cooperation in regard of the international education in the future.



Mr. Max Chorney, the acting principal of Bellerose Composite High School expressed his thanks and appreciation to all CIE teachers for providing such a good learning experience for their students. The school prepared a lunch and gifts for all the CIE teachers. They hoped to receive ongoing support from the CIE to better promote Chinese culture and arts in the future.



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