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Best Wishes

for a Happy Chinese Lunar New Year!

新年快乐，吉祥如意！

All CIE Staff and Teachers

埃德蒙顿孔子学院全体老师和工作人员

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CIE New Year Celebration

On January 13, more than 30 CIE visiting teachers, staff and family members gathered at Edmonton House to celebrate the 2018 New Year. Dr. Tian Liang, the special Chinese adviser to Alberta Education, and Chinese visiting teacher Su Li from the St. Albert School District, also attended the party. Former President of ECBEA, Stephen Tsang, participated in this gathering displaying his calligraphy skills to all the teachers.

Start of CIE Winter Session for Chinese Language & Culture Classes

On January 29, the CIE 2018 winter session of courses in Chinese language and culture classes commenced. More than 50 students have registered for evening Mandarin classes and most do not have Chinese background. As usual, the CIE offers different levels of Mandarin classes from Level 1 to Level 4. Due to the number of the students, there are two Level 1 classes this semester. The CIE has committed to keeping the classes small thus ensuring teaching quality. The CIE culture classes will start on February 3rd. There are more than 30 students who registered for different culture classes, such as Chinese painting, Calligraphy, and musical instruments such as Er Hu, Yang Qin and Gu Zheng.

During the event, everyone enjoyed tasting the delicious food, playing games, chatting and sharing their experiences in both work and life in Canada. This gathering was particularly special for the five new visiting teachers who recently arrived in Edmonton from China. The visiting teachers all appreciated the CIE for providing such an opportunity, enabling them to get to know each other and to feel welcome in their new Canadian environment.

The Confucius Institute also took this opportunity to thank all the visiting teachers for their good work and contribution in 2017 and wish them a productive and successful 2018.

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In addition to Mandarin language and culture classes, the CIE visiting teachers have been kept busy providing a variety of Chinese culture courses and workshops to schools. Many schools are requesting that the CIE visiting teachers bring Chinese culture sessions to them, helping to explain to students more about the Chinese traditions of celebrating their new year. Chinese dough art, Chinese folk dancing, Chinese knots, Chinese paper cutting, Tai Chi are among the most popular activities at schools.

All the cultures sessions provided by CIE are well received by the students and teachers at schools.

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Touring performances from Five Chinese Musicians from Toronto visit Edmonton schools

After a heavy snow fall Edmonton has been left with extremely cold weather, and into this came five Chinese musicians from Toronto who brought the warmth and beauty of Chinese traditional music to three Confucius classrooms on January 26. More than 1000 students and teachers from Meadowlark School Confucius Classroom, Kildare School Confucius Classroom, Londonderry School Confucius Classroom, Meyonohk School Confucius Classroom and Carnarvon School Confucius Classroom enjoyed the special performances.

During the one-hour performance at each site, the musicians showcased a variety of Chinese instrumental music, including Erhu, Guzheng, Yangqin, Pipa, Sheng, Hulusi and Chinese flute. The students and teachers were amazed by the Chinese traditional music and the talent of the musicians, as well as being fascinated by the instruments themselves.

The five musicians were invited to Edmonton to perform at the Chinese Folk Music Concert. As one of the organizers, the CIE planned the performances at schools to provide students the opportunity to have a better understanding of

Chinese New Year Concert Traditional Music - Popular Meets Classic

In the evening of January 27, a Chinese New Year Concert with Traditional Music was held at the West End Christian Reformed Church to celebrate the upcoming Chinese New Year - the Year of Dog. More than 500 people attended the concert. Among them were some special guests, MP Thomas Deng, Mr. Jordan Walker, Member of the United Conservative Party of Alberta, Dr. Wei Li, Director of the CIE and Mr. Ning Zhou, President of Edmonton Tianjin Association.

During the concert, the musicians from Toronto, Saskatoon and Edmonton presented some of the most famous Chinese traditional music, such as A Moonlit Night on the Spring River, Horse Racing, Full Moon Gorgeous Flowers and also some popular songs such as Blue and White Porcelain, Big Fish, Clouds from Homeland, featuring many traditional instruments, including Erhu, Guzheng, Yangqin, Pipa, Sheng, Xiao, Chinese Flute, Hulusi, Bawu, etc. The audience was deeply moved by the wonderful performances and beautiful music. They gave warm applause for the performers many times during the show.

The concert was organized by Chinese Music Association of Canada, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton and the Edmonton Tianjin Association

Chinese music and culture as well as to help celebrate Chinese New Year.

After performing, these musicians also paid a visit to the Confucius Institute. They all were impressed by the development and achievements of the CIE.

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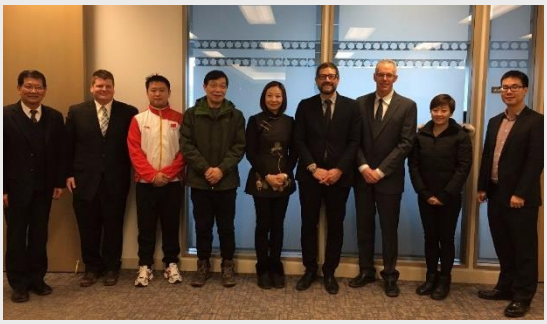

Meeting with a Delegation from the Affiliated School of Shanghai Jiaotong University

On January 15, Dr. Wei Li was invited by the International Division of Alberta Education to have a meeting with a delegation from the Affiliated School of Shanghai Jiaotong University.

Ms. Jie Yao, the principal of the Shanghai School, presented on her school and the school program at the meeting, as well as the achievements the has school made during the last few years, especially in the gymnastic programs. Mr. Waldermar Riemer, the director of Alberta Education's International Division, also provided some basic information about the education system in Alberta.

After the presentations, all the participants at the meeting had a good discussion on a variety of

all in celebration of Chinese New Year, and to share the Chinese culture with the Canadian people.

The musicians from Chinese Music Association of Canada will also perform at Saskatoon, Montreal and other cities.

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Gathering for Chinese Poem Recital

On January 14, Dr. Wei Li was invited to attend a gathering for a Chinese poem recital by a group of scholars. More than 20 people participated in this event. The purpose was to provide an opportunity for Chinese poem lovers to gather together to celebrate New Year and also to share their poems and talents.

At the gathering, each of the participants was asked to contribute. Some recited the poems they like, some sang the Chinese songs and some displayed their calligraphy and paintings.

This was the first gathering of this kind in Edmonton and everyone enjoyed the poems, songs and art works that are very special in Chinese culture. There were a few Caucasians who also attended this event and recited the English poems they had authored. This was an amazing event for the celebrating the literature of

topics. Dr. Wei Li also provided some information on the Chinese Bilingual Program in Edmonton Public Schools.

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Edmonton Chinese New Year Singing & Dancing Gala

(Upcoming Event)

The Confucius Institute in Edmonton is going to host the Edmonton Chinese New Year Singing and Dancing Gala at 7:00 pm on Sunday, February 18 at Triffo Theater of MacEwan University. The co-organizers for this event are Edmonton Beijing Opera Association, Edmonton Tianjin Association, Greenland Music Society, Conservatory of Music of MacEwan University, Canada-China Friendship Society of Edmonton and Edmonton Chinese Journal.

This gala will celebrate Chinese New Year and also the 10th Anniversary of the CIE.

Tickets are on sale right now. If you would like to purchase tickets, please contact Brenda Chan at: brenda.chan@confuciusedmonton.ca or 780 9705233.

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Chinese New Year Movie Day

(Upcoming Event)

Working together with the Alberta Chinese Outdoor Adventure Club and Edmonton Tianjin Association, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton will host a Chinese Movie Day to celebrate Chinese New Year and also the 10th Anniversary of CIE.

Movie: 华丽上班族 Office. (3D)

Theater: Cineplex Odeon Windermere & VIP Cinemas Theater #2 2号放映大厅

6151 Currents Dr NW, Edmonton

Time & Date: 10:00 am, February 17, Saturday

Ticket: $5

For tickets, please contact Brenda Chan at: brenda.chan@confuciusedmonton.ca or 780 970 5233

Plot: *Office* is a 2015 Hong Kong-

Chinese musical comedy-drama **film produced and directed by** Johnnie To **and starring** Chow Yun-fat**,** Sylvia Chang**,** Eason Chan **and** Tang Wei**.**

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