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**The Confucius Institute in Edmonton and Alberta Education Hosted the 2019 Chinese Teacher Professional Development Day on February 15 and 16.**

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## 2019 Alberta Chinese Teacher PD Day (1)

The Confucius Institute in Edmonton and Alberta Education worked together to organize the 2019 Chinese Teacher Professional Development Day on February 15 and 16. The main purpose of this PD Day was to provide the opportunity for the Chinese teachers to learn and share their best practices on Chinese language teaching.

A round-table discussion session was held the evening of February 15, and was attended by more than 50 Chinese teachers. During the session, Dr. Shi Jianhua from Beijing University of Language and Culture provided a presentation on the teaching and learning of Chinese phonetics and Dr. Yang Yulin, also from Beijing University of Language and Culture, provided a presentation on Chinese language teaching through video conference. The presentation was followed by discussion period. Many Chinese teachers asked questions and shared their teaching experiences.



## 2019 Alberta Chinese Teacher PD Day (2)

Approximately 70 Chinese language teachers and professors registered for this two-day session. Among them were special guests from China and the U.S.A., as well as Chinese teachers and professors from Vancouver, Saskatchewan, Quebec and New Brunswick and Calgary. The three keynote speakers for the session were well-known Chinese language scholars Dr. Lu Jianming and Dr. Ma Zheng from Beijing University as well as Dr. Iris Xu from Troy University of United States. Dr. Lu Jianming presented on the relationship between language and culture, and Dr. Ma Zheng's presentation was on how to become a qualified and excellent Chinese language teacher. Dr. Iris Xu's presentation was on the current development of Chinese language education in the U.S.A.





The opening ceremony was held on the morning of February 16. Several special guests brought greetings including Trustee Nathan Ip on behalf of Edmonton Public School Board, Assistant

The keynotes speakers were followed by breakout sessions at which ten Chinese language teachers and professors shared their teaching experiences and practices. This Chinese PD Day was very successful and

Deputy Minister Wendy Boje on behalf of Alberta Education and Consul Fu Yunan on behalf of the Chinese Consulate in Vancouver. Mr. Waldemar Riemer, Director of International Education Services of Alberta Education and Mr. Norman Sieweke, a Second Language Consultant with EPSB also attended the ceremony. At the end of the opening ceremony, Dr. Lu Jian Ming donated his recently published book to the CIE library.

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## Chinese New Year Celebration at Kingsway Mall

On February 3, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton was invited to participate in a Chinese New Year celebration in Edmonton Kingsway Shopping Mall, an event organized by the Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Education Association and the Chinese Benevolent Association of Edmonton.

many teachers were heard to positively say that the session was too short and they did not have enough. This was a great opportunity for many Chinese teachers to get together to discuss Chinese language teaching and share their teaching experiences, and will help the teachers to improve their Chinese language teaching in their classrooms.

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## Support to Dovercourt Community League at Open House

It was a very cold day, - 30 degree Celsius on February 10, but the Dovercourt Community Hall was full of people and many exciting activities were taking place inside the hall. The Dovercourt Community League organized its first multi-cultural celebration festival, the celebration of the Chinese Luna Year was one of the features.



Although the weather on that day was extremely cold, many people attended the event. The teachers from Confucius Institute in Edmonton displayed many different Chinese traditional arts to the crowd including Chinese dough art, Chinese knots, Chinese New Year painting, and Handkerchief dance. A couple of Chinese traditional games were also displayed such as Chinese Yoyo and Chinese Chess. Many people visited the CIE booths and attempted to make the different art forms. They showed a great interest in all the activities provided by CIE.

During the event, a variety of performances attracted the crowd's interest, including the Lion dance, Chinese folk dance, drums and singing. The many different Chinese culture displays were well received.

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The Dovercourt Community League reached out to CIE for support with this event along with the Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Education Association. CIE had approximately 10 ten teachers displaying the Chinese traditional arts and providing workshops for community members including children and adults such as Chinese Dough Art, Chinese Knot and writing the Chinese Spring Couplets in Chinese Calligraphy. In addition, the CIE teachers displayed how to use the traditional printing technology to print Chinese New Year Paintings. All these cultural activities drew many people's interest, and many were excited to try some out the activities themselves.

The Confucius Institute also helped provide decorations for the hall and offered Chinese traditional food so that people could have a taste of China.

Maggie from the Dovercourt Community League shared the League's sincere appreciation for all the support and help CIE provided at the event.

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## 2019 Chinese New Year Gala

The Confucius Institute in Edmonton participated in the 2019 Edmonton Chinese New Year Gala on February 10 at Triffo Theater of MacEwan University.

The gala was organized by North Stars and the Alberta Chinese Outdoor Adventure Club and included performances by local artists as well as special guests from Vancouver. One special guest from Hong Kong performed the famous Chinese traditional "Face Change".



## Edmonton Londonderry Mall Celebrates Chinese New Year

On February 16, Londonderry Mall invited the Confucius Institute in Edmonton to participate in a celebration of Chinese New Year. This was the first time ever for the mall to host such event.



CIE was glad for the opportunity to share Chinese culture with the shoppers at Londonderry Mall. The event was divided into two parts. One part was the performance. The CIE affiliated Confucius Classroom provided a variety of performances including Lion dance,

The gala had two performances, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. More than 800 people attended. Consul General Lu Xu from Chinese Consulate in Calgary brought the greeting to the gala and also watched the performances.

The Confucius Institute in Edmonton was the gala Gold Sponsor and contributed three dances through the efforts of CIE's dance teacher, another CIE teacher and student dance teams. Their performances were well received by their audiences.

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### Chinese New Year Celebration with City of Edmonton staff and staff from Service Alberta

The Confucius Institute in Edmonton were invited by staff from the City of Edmonton to celebrate Chinese Luna Year with them. On February 6, during the lunch hour four CIE teachers and directors joined them for a lunch celebration. Sara Sun made a greeting on behalf of the City organizers to welcome CIE staff to their celebration of Chinese Luna Year.

Chinese dance and Chinese Yoyo. The second part of the event was the Chinese culture display and workshop. The CIE visiting teachers offered calligraphy, printing Chinese New Year Painting, Chinese knots, Chinese dough arts, handkerchief dancing, Chinese chess and Chinese Yoyo. All these activities drew a large crowd and many tried the activities themselves.



### Visit to the Confucius Institute of Saskatchewan University

Dr. Wei Li was invited by the Confucius Institute of Saskatchewan University to provide a workshop and training for their teachers on Chinese Dough Art. Additionally, Dr. Li was invited to attend the Chinese New Year Gala in Saskatoon which took place from February 7 to 10, 2019.

On February 8, Dr. Wei Li offered a Chinese dough art workshop to the 6 teachers from the Confucius Institute of Saskatchewan University. A presentation was given on how to make the



During the event, many participants showed a great interest in learning to make Chinese dough figures and Chinese knots. The participants seemed proud that they could make a pig figure which is the Chinese zodiac animal for 2019. Others used colourful strings to make the butterfly and bracelets. The CIE teachers demonstrated the printing of the Chinese New Year painting.

Although the lunch hour was short, more than 50 people attended and all had a good time experiencing a taste of Chinese culture.



On February 20, Service Alberta also invited CIE to join their Chinese New Year celebration during the lunch hour. CIE teachers provided Service Alberta with similar workshops and activities to those shared with the City of Edmonton on February 6. Approximately 100 people attended to experience the Chinese New Year and culture.

dough, including the recipe and the materials, as well as the process. After the presentation, the teachers were able to try making dough figures such as a pig, bird and flower. It was great fun to learn some basic dough art techniques which the teachers could use to build their own skills. Chinese dough art is a very popular Chinese art at schools as well as in the community.



Dr. Wei Li also attended the Chinese New Year Gala organized by the Confucius Institute of Saskatchewan University. A variety of performances at the gala won a lot of cheers from the crowd, including Lion and Dragon dance, singing, Chinese folk dance and martial arts. More than 700 people attended the gala and enjoyed the marvelous performances. The Vice president of Saskatchewan University and two councillors from the Chinese Embassy also attended the event.





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