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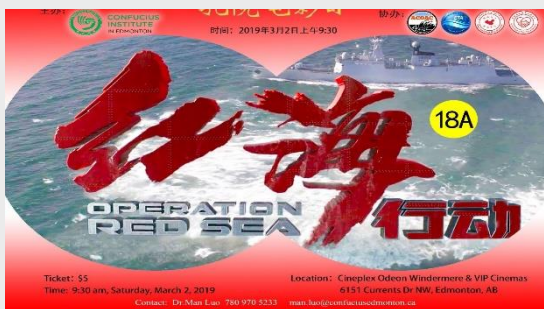
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Culture Night in May

- Martial Arts, Singing & Dancing Performance

To celebrate Asian Heritage Month, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton will host a Culture Night - Martial Arts, Singing and Dancing Performances - at the Eva O' Howard Theater at 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 9, 2019. The Wushu group from Beijing Institute of Technology and the dance group of the Confucius Institute of Saskatchewan University, as well as some local artists, are invited to perform at the gala. If you are interested in seeing the show, please contact CIE at 780 970-5233.



The 4th CIE Movie Day

On March 2, the Confucius Institute in Edmonton held its 4th CIE Movie Day. The co-organizers for this event were the Alberta Chinese Outdoor Adventure Club, Edmonton Tianjin Association, Canada-China Friendship Society of Edmonton and Edmonton Chinese Unity Association.

“Operation Red Sea” is a Chinese action war movie based on a real event in the 2015 Yemeni Civil War. A commando force from the Chinese Navy intercepts terrorists and rescues Chinese citizens in Yemen. With amazing visual effects, a great cast and a good story, the movie not only became one of the top grossing films in China, it also won many awards from different film festivals. These festivals include the most famous China film festival the 34th Hundred Flowers Awards, 17th New York Asian Film Festival, and the 31st Tokyo International Film Festival among others.



Visit to the Confucius Institute of Regina University & the Confucius Institute at Saskatchewan University

The CIE visiting Chinese teachers paid a visit to the Confucius Institute of Regina University and the Confucius Institute at Saskatchewan University between April 5th to April 8th. Twenty visiting teachers and two CIE directors, as well as the special Chinese advisor, participated in the visit. The purpose of this visit was to create an opportunity for the visiting Chinese teachers from the three Confucius Institutes to share their teaching experiences and learn from each other. In addition, it also provided the opportunity for CIE teachers to get to know about the CIs at the Regina and Saskatchewan universities. Although the main mission for these three Confucius Institutes are the same, each institute has their own special characteristics. The visit opened the teachers' eyes and gave them a better understanding about the work at CIE.



The event was very successful and the 300-seat theater was packed. Many audiences expressed their appreciation to the Confucius Institute in Edmonton for providing such an opportunity.

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During the visit, the CIE delegation was warmly welcomed. They had the chance to tour the facilities and university campuses, and the teachers had a chance to share their working and living experiences. The CIE delegation also had the opportunity to experience some local cultures in order to learn more about Canada.

Four days went by very fast. The CIE teachers found the visit was very meaningful and they learned a lot from it in ways that will help them to improve their teaching or working in Canada.

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Student Trip to China

During the spring break at the end of March, approximately 65 students and teachers from Ottewell School, Londonderry School and Parkview School visited their partner schools in Shandong as well as Beijing, Shanghai and Xian.

During the visit, our students had the opportunity to exchange activities with the



Chinese Bridge Competition for BC University Students

On March 16, the 2019 Chinese Bridge Competition for BC University Students was held at the Confucius Institute in BCIT. More than 50 students from 11 BC universities registered for the competition. Most of the contestants were non-Chinese heritage students whose backgrounds were from many different countries.

students from their partner schools. They had cultural classes and cultural activities as well as visited their families as the special guests. Our students and teachers were warmly welcomed by the students, teachers and parents from their partner schools.



Our students also had opportunities to experience Chinese food and traditional cultures and customs by visiting historical sites such as the Great Wall, Forbidden City, Terra Cottas, Confucius Temple and Yu Garden. The students also had the chance to view the current development of China.

These school trips to China have been organized for the last 5 or 6 years, and they have become very popular among the students and parents. Many students mentioned this kind of learning experience was very special and unique for them, and that it was a unique life learning experience.

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Counsellor Guo Jun and Consul Fu Yunan from the Education Office of the Chinese Consulate in Vancouver attended the competition. At the opening of the competition, Counsellor Guo congratulated the students for registering in the competition and encouraged them to do well. Dr. Wei Li was invited to be a judge and observed the competition.



After an intense half day of competition, 14 contestants won prizes from different categories. Many students shared that they were excited to participate in this competition. Although they were nervous, they learned a lot and built up their confidence in learning the Chinese language.

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Chinese Culture Sessions at Schools

CIE continued to provide Chinese culture sessions to many different schools in Edmonton during March and April. Every year, CIE offers culture sessions to approximately 40 schools involving more than 10 thousand students.

The culture sessions are requested by schools and based on criteria that meets their purposes and agendas. The sessions may include activities such as Tai Chi, Chinese Dough Art, Paper Cutting, Chinese Painting and Calligraphy. They are very popular, and requested even by schools not offering the Chinese program, and schools outside of Edmonton. Some of the English schools that requested culture sessions are Laurier Heights, Sakaw, and Keheewin School



One school sent CIE an appreciation note after participating in a culture session. The following



HSK/YCT Administration Certificate Training

On April 13, the CIE organized the HSK/YCT administration certificate training session for new Chinese visiting teachers. The purpose of this training was to enable new teachers to learn the regulations and procedures for administering YCT and HSK tests. Based on the requirements of Chinese Testing International, all teachers who administer the tests need training and to pass the examination for administering certification. Every year, approximately 1300 students from Edmonton Public Schools write different levels of YCT and HSK tests; therefore, many teachers are needed to administer the tests. The addition of these new visiting teachers will be a great help for running the tests.



After studying and discussing the regulations and testing procedures, the examination was given to these 7 teachers and all of them passed and received their certificates.

is what the school wrote:

"We want to thank your presenters for coming out to our school. They were all wonderful! I had teachers tell me that the sessions were excellent. Please pass on a sincere thanks to the presenters for coming to our school and educating our students. We really appreciate the Tai Chi and Dough Art learning."



Chinese Arts at NorQuest College

On March 20, the CIE was invited by NorQuest College to participate in a multicultural event named "Inclusion Fusion". This festival was organized by the Student's Association of NorQuest College. Two of CIE's teachers displayed Chinese Dough Art and Chinese Knots at the event, along with many other cultural activities and displays.

This event was open to all the students and their faculty staff. Many people at the event showed a great interest in the Chinese traditional arts. Some were so curious about it that they tried to learn to make their own dough figures and knots. Hundreds of students and faculty members attended the event.

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第十二届阿尔伯塔省中小学生“汉语桥”比赛

The 12th Alberta Chinese Bridge Competition for
Elementary, Junior and Senior High School Students

The 12th Alberta Chinese Bridge Competition for School Students

The Confucius Institute in Edmonton will host the 12th Alberta Chinese Bridge Competition for School Students on May 25. This competition is an excellent opportunity for the students to show their Chinese language skills as well as their talents.

CIE has run such an event for the last 11 years, and this year will be the 12th year. For the last few years, more than 150 students participated in this competition including some participants from Calgary.



NorQuest College is a public community college that has more than 15,000 students from many different country backgrounds. The Confucius Institute has a close relationship with NorQuest College and provided them with supports such as culture activities and building connections and partnerships with Chinese institutions.

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All students between grades 1 to 12 are welcome to register. They could learn Chinese language from the Chinese bilingual schools or they could just learn the Chinese language at home or at weekend schools.

If you know any students who might be interested in such a competition, please encourage them to register by contacting us through e-mail at brenda.chan@confuciusedmonton.ca or by telephone 78 970 5233.

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