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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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### CIE Open House

Due to COVID-19 restrictions on public gathering, our CIE open house event will take place on-line (<http://confuciusedmonton.ca/virtualopenhouse/>) this year. The Confucius Institute in Edmonton continues to promote the Chinese language and the rich Chinese culture in Edmonton and the surrounding community. Many of our visiting teachers are assigned to assist in supporting the Chinese bilingual and the beginners Chinese bilingual programs in Edmonton Public Schools. We are hopeful that the CIE will be able to celebrate the Chinese language and culture in person soon.

In the meantime the virtual open house highlights some of the Chinese traditions and culture. Please enjoy the webpage. If you have any questions of the Chinese language and culture, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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## Farewell to Chinese Visiting Teachers

10 CIE visiting teachers finished their work in Edmonton and returned to China in summer. In the past few years, most of the teachers were assigned to schools supporting the Mandarin bilingual and beginner programs. The other visiting teachers worked at the CIE providing Chinese language evening classes, Chinese cultural classes in schools and organizing cultural events in the Edmonton community.

Due to COVID-19, the new visiting teachers are expected to arrive from China in 2021. To continue to support the schools in these challenging times, the CIE assigned 4 visiting teachers that usually work at Woodcroft to the Chinese bilingual schools.

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## CIE Library Joined the EPSB Library System

In September, the CIE library joined the EPSB library system to improve the access to Chinese teaching and learning resources for teachers/ students in Edmonton Public Schools.

The CIE library collection consists of over 35,000 items featuring Chinese language materials and children's books. There is also a Guided Reading section which includes the picture books chosen and leveled by the Chinese language teachers from Edmonton Public Schools. Many teachers used these multiple copies of books for class reading.

In order to serve the schools efficiently, the CIE sends the requested books to schools via truck mail. The teachers can return materials in the same way.

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## A New Confucius Classroom at Riverbend Junior High School



## Cultural Support for Schools and Community

During the pandemic, the CIE continues to provide cultural support for the schools and the community.

The Riverbend Junior High School becomes the 22nd Confucius Classroom supported by the CIE.

The Riverbend School started its Mandarin language beginners program in 2019. There were 35 grade 7 students registered in the program in the first year. The annual funding, Chinese teaching & learning materials for Confucius Classrooms will be provided to Riverbend School to support the start up of the new Chinese language program.

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## HSK/YCT Scholarship

Although the CIE had to cancel the 2020 HSK/YCT scholarship award ceremony due to COVID-19, the scholarships will still be awarded to the high achieving students who took the 2019 HSK/YCT exams. Awards and prizes will be presented to the students in their schools.

Over the past several years, the CIE has witnessed an increased number of students taking the HSK/YCT exams. In 2017, 543 students wrote HSK and 663 wrote YCT. In 2018, 597 students wrote HSK and 670 wrote YCT. In 2019, 704 students wrote HSK and 700 wrote YCT. We anticipate a continued increase of students taking the HSK/YCT exams next year.

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The CIE teachers made tutorial videos of paper-cutting, Chinese knots, five-animal play, dough art, Tai Chi and traditional Chinese dancing. The videos were shared with schools and community organizations.

Ms. Cheng, an organizer of ICAN Senior Association, "thanked the Confucius Institute in Edmonton for sending us videos of paper-cutting and Chinese knots. ICAN seniors are able to learn at home together with their grandchildren during COVID-19".

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## Remote HSK Test

In cooperation with the Testing Centre in China, the CIE is planning to offer online HSK testing to the general public on October 31st. Details on the testing procedure will be posted on our website soon.

For more information about the test, please visit our website <http://confuciusedmonton.ca/>.

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