2013 spring CIUA Directors Greeting

We would like to thank everyone from the University of Arizona and local Tucson communities; with your support, we had a great year in 2012! The 1st Chinese Culture Festival last September was a great success. We have now offered many Chinese language and culture classes, and also won multiple awards in the 2012 worldwide Confucius Institute online Chinese New Year Festival…Another successful Chinese New Year Festival at the UA Centennial Hall was held on Feb 3rd, 2013 and the audience was larger than ever before. We hope you were at the show and shared the enjoyment with us.

Looking ahead, we have a number of exciting programs and events coming up this year. First we are collaborating with the Tucson Chinese Culture Center and Arizona Young’s College at the University of Arizona to offer the Chinese Start Summer Day Camp to students of all ages. This program is filled with fun and educational activities to ensure an unforgettable Chinese experience for the participants. In March, we had our annual spring meeting with Chinese teachers in Tucson. We now are planning to offer a number of workshops for teachers this year to facilitate their career progression and in-class Chinese instruction. Please mark it on your calendar: this year’s CIUA Chinese Culture Festival will be between September 21 and September 28. Each of you will find something for you and your family to do during the Festival. We will open the Festival with the most popular event, Chinese Language Day on Sept 21, followed by a concert, the Dream of Red Mansion on Sept 22, and a series of lectures on Chinese music, literature, Chinese medicine and martial arts. We will close the Festival with Chinese Health Day at Reid Park on Sept 28th. We look forward to your participation and support.

CIUA is committed to bringing a broadly-based Chinese experience to Tucson. For those who are interested in acquiring first-hand experience in China, CIUA also offers scholarships and summer camp opportunities to study abroad or visit China. We look forward to a fruitful year with all of you in 2013!

Best wishes,

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2013 Chinese Star Summer Camp for K-12

TUCSON - For language learning, “the younger, the better.” To better prepare Greater Tucson children and youth to learn Chinese language, the Confucius Institute at the University of Arizona and The Tucson Chinese Cultural Center will offer Tucson’s first Chinese language and culture summer day-camp in 2013 for K-12 students through the Arizona Youth University at the UA Outreach College.

Students will experience an enriched curriculum of Chinese language, plus special instruction in Chinese martial arts, Chinese music, cooking & cuisine, games & crafts, singing & dancing, calligraphy, and more. The exceptional instruction team includes professors, experienced teachers, professional musicians, artists, and a master of Chinese martial arts. Camp supplies, lunch and a snack will be provided. This program employs an age-appropriate curriculum and takes into account students’ Chinese language competence at the time of enrollment. Students will acquire Chinese language skills in a fun and interactive environment. A “virtual tour of China” will be the theme for the camp to provide students a memorable experience of China’s rich cultural heritage and breathtaking scenery. Students will perform songs, dances, skills and martial arts, and display their art and language works at a closing ceremony at the end of the two-week camp.

Early Bird Discount: Register now until April 6, 2013 and you’ll receive a $50 discount off the one-week program price, and a $75 off the two-week program price.

Discount for Families: Receive 50% off the camp program price when you register 2 or more siblings at the same time.

Scholarship: Arizona Youth University (AYU) awards need-based scholarships to students based on the criteria described in this form. To be considered for a scholarship to an AYU 2013 summer camp program, completed scholarship and registration materials must be submitted by Friday, April 26, 2013 520-621-7724 or UAOC-Ocollege@email.arizona.edu

What: Enriched curriculum with Chinese language, martial arts, music, cooking & cuisine, singing, dancing, games & crafts, calligraphy & painting and more by exceptional instruction team.

Who: Grade K-12

Where: Tucson Chinese Cultural Center 1288 West River Road, Tucson, AZ 85704

When: Session I, June 3 – 7, Mon. – Fri. 9a-4p
      Session II, June 10 – 14, Mon. – Fri. 9a-4p

A Pre- & After-School club is available

Tuition: One week— $380 Two weeks— $599
Pre-school & after-school club: $40/weekly
(Scholarships are available through UA Outreach College)

Registration (Deadline: May 1, 2013):
• Online- http://outreachcollege.arizona.edu/youth/2013-summer-camps
• By Phone- (520)621-8632, or 1-800-955-UofA (8632)
• By Mail- UA, Outreach College, Attn: Registration
          P.O. Box 210158, Tucson, AZ 85721
• By Fax-(520)621-3269
• By Person- UA Outreach College, University Service
          Building, 888 N. Euclid Av, Room 322

Onsite registration: April 6, 2013, 9a-12p at Tucson Chinese Cultural Center

Registration Form: http://outreachcollege.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/ayu/camps_registration_2013.pdf
Contact: ychen@email.arizona.edu; For more information: www.confucius.arizona.edu http://www.tucsonchinese.org
Shaanxi Normal University Delegation Visits University of Arizona

A delegation of three senior administrators from Shaanxi Normal University (SNNU) in Xi’an visited the University of Arizona campus in Tucson on 27 November 2012 to participate in discussions concerning the creation of formal linkages between the two institutions. Vice President Jianxiang Zhang, Dean for the college of international Chinese language education Jiancheng Zhang and Director for international affair Lingyun Zhang from the Shaanxi Normal University managed to meet with a wide variety of UA stakeholders during their fast-paced one-day campus visit. Vice President Proctor and CIUA Co-Directors, Drs. Zhao and Olsen, met with the delegation in the morning and in the evening, over dinner, to receive feedback from the visitors. Individuals and academic units visited included the leadership of the UA College of Education (Ronald Marx, Dean); Professor Robert Arien, Chair of the Second Language Acquisition & Teaching program; and a lunchtime meeting with faculty and staff of the UA Department of East Asian Studies. The SNNU delegation spent most of the afternoon at the CIUA house on the north edge of campus, meeting with CIUA affiliates and with Dean Iman Hakim of the UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health. The SNNU visitors departed Tucson on 28 November having left a deep impression on their UA hosts and with the mutual understanding that UA and SNNU will work toward a formal Hanban-approved relationship that will include academic exchanges in both directions across a wide spectrum of disciplines and interest areas.

Tucson Chinese New Year Festival

TUCSON—The Confucius Institute at the University of Arizona and the Tucson Sino Choir are proud to present the largest Chinese New Year’s festival in Arizona on Sunday, Feb. 3, 2013, at 2 p.m. in UA Centennial Hall.

Celebrating a tradition thousands of years old, the extravaganza features performances by Shaolin Martial Arts Masters Junming Zhao & Shi Yanying, Chinese stunt performer Zhigang Chen, and classical violist Hongmei Xiao. Joining the festivities are local performers the SonoranSound Quartet, Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus, Chinese dancer Lucy Chen and Tucson Sino Dance. Don’t miss this fusion of East and West sound.

“It has become a tradition for CIUA to host the Chinese New Year show here in Tucson, and this is our 4th annual celebration,” said Dr. Zhao Chen, co-director of the CIUA. “The Confucius Institute at the University of Arizona is committed to serving the Tucson community’s interest in learning about Chinese language and culture.”

Chen hopes the festival will be a bridge between Chinese and American culture. The CIUA is working closely with other university and community organizations to…(continued on page 4)
...deliver a broad spectrum of events to enhance the Chinese cultural experience.

Tickets are on sale at the UA Centennial Hall Box office. Prices are $15-$18 for adults and $12-$15 for students, children, seniors, and UA faculty and staff.

Celebrate The Year of the Golden Snake at the Tucson Chinese New Year Festival

The Confucius Institute at the University of Arizona’s (CIUA) mission is to enhance people’s understanding and appreciation of Chinese language and cultural heritage. With 400 Confucius Institutes worldwide, CIUA is proud to be one of a small number of institutes located at a top-ranking U.S. research university. Established in 2008, the Institute provides comprehensive training to teachers of Chinese language and culture. In addition, the Institute promotes health and wellness via a focus on Chinese medicine, martial arts, music, and performance. The CIUA’s ultimate goal is to foster multiculturalism and to advance friendly and productive relations between the United States and China.

For more information about 2013 Tucson Chinese New Year Festival, please visit the CIUA website at www.confucius.arizona.edu.

Recruitment Procedures for Confucius Institute Scholarship(2013)

BY: Ying Yuan

In order to support the development of Confucius Institutes, Facilitate Chinese language promotion and Chinese cultural transmission in the world, Cultivate qualified Chinese language teachers and talented students of Chinese language, Confucius Institute Headquarters/Hanban launches the “Confucius Institute Scholarship” program to provide financial aid for students, scholars and Chinese language teachers worldwide to proceed to a Master’s degree in Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages(MTCSOL)in Chinese universities (hereinafter referred to as” host institutes”),or study in such majors as Chinese Language and Literature, Chinese History and Chinese Philosophy.

1. Scholarship Category and Application Requirement

The category of scholarship of 2013 includes Scholarship for Students of Master’s Degree in Teaching Chinese to speakers of Other Languages( MTCSOL). Scholarship for One-Academic-Year Students, and Scholarship for One-Semester Students. Applicants shall be non-Chinese citizens in good health, aged between 16 and 35(Chinese language teachers in post shall be aged below 45).

Scholarship for One-Semester Students

The scholarship is provided to outstanding students of Confucius Institutes(Classrooms), winners go the “Chinese Bridge”Chinese Proficiency Competitions for Foreign College Students and for Foreign High School Students, overseas local Chinese language teachers, outstanding graduates of Chinese language across the world, and outstanding performers on the HSK. The scholarship winner may choose to study majors including Chinese Language and Literature, Chinese History and Chinese Philosophy... (continued on page 6)
Internet-based HSK/HSKK Test center

About our Test Center

Confucius Institute at the University of Arizona serves as the first Internet-based Chinese Test Center in Arizona, approved by the Headquarters to offer international standardized tests of Chinese language proficiency. In association with local schools and Confucius classrooms, the center offers Chinese proficiency Test/Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi (HSK) twice a year, and offers Youth Chinese Test (YCT) accordingly as needed.

Our Contact information is:
Email: ychen@email.arizona.edu
Tel: 520-626-5124

Test Schedule in 2013

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The Confucius Institute at University of Arizona (USA) Successfully Holds its First Internet-based HSK Test

By: Yi Chen, Dr. Olsen

On Dec. 2nd, 2012, the first internet-based HSK test center in the State of Arizona (USA), the Confucius Institute at the University of Arizona (CIUA), successfully hosted its first HSK test.

Altogether, 13 secondary school students from Tucson and the neighboring community of Oro Valley took the exams. Most of the students were also winners of the Chinese Language Day quiz show convened during the CIUA Chinese Cultural Festival held in October.

The test was convened at the Center for Computer and Professional Education in the Outreach College on the University of Arizona campus in Tucson. Confucius Institute staff members completed a great deal of preparation work for the exam, including advertising the test, choosing the test facility and computer preparation, organizing registration, guidance and mock testing to ensure that the test proceeded smoothly. The staff also communicated effectively with both HSK test centers in China and Canada, as well as other test sites, such as the Confucius Institute at San Francisco State University, receiving much deeply appreciated assistance from all.

After the test, some of the examinees remarked that the internet-based exam was really special and not as difficult as they imagined. Some also expressed hope that higher level HSK exams will open up opportunities for them to study and work in China in the future. The Confucius Institute at the University of Arizona plans to host two or three HSK test sessions annually, and will add more through time, as needed.
As a junior in high school, I'd never yet attended a Chinese language competition. Everyone's heard of athletic, math, or science competitions, but a Chinese language competition is pretty special. Because of Language Day, I got to meet other high schoolers in Tucson who love studying Chinese, while having fun being competitive and showing off my Chinese skills. The entire experience also humbled me; I realized that I can always learn more about the Chinese language. In addition, I really liked one of the prizes for winning—an opportunity to take the HSK test. I was able to learn so much more Chinese by preparing for the exam. I hope the Language Day event will stay, because I'm excited to participate in Language Day again this year.

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...The time of entrance is autumn 2013 or spring 2014 and the grant term is one semester. Applicants should achieve a score of at least 120 on the HSK (level 2) and at least 40 on the HSKK (elementary level), or complete their study at a Confucius Institute for over 60 hours.

2. Scholarship Coverage and Criteria

Scholarship winners are exempt from registration fees, tuition, fees for basic learning materials, accommodation fees on campus, and are provided with a one-off resettlement subsidy, monthly allowance, outpatient medical service and comprehensive insurance for foreign students studying in China. Monthly allowances are at the following rates (CNY Yuan per month):

a. CNY 1,400 for One-Academic-Year Students
b. CNY 1,700 for Master’s Degree Students.

3. Recruitment Procedures

From the issue date to the Procedures, applicants should log on to the Confucius Institute Scholarship website at http://cis.chinese.cn, set up an individual account, read information and instruction of host institutes and majors, complete and submit the Confucius Institute Scholarship Application Form online before April 5th, 2013.

4. Application Documents

a. Photocopy of Passport Photo Page
b. Photocopy of HSK and HSKK Result Report
c. Notarize highest education diplomas attained or proof of study.
e. Applications under the age of 18 shall submit relevant legal documents of entrusted legal guardians in China.
f. Chinese language teachers shall submit certificate of employment and recommendation letters provided by institutes they work for.
I began studying Chinese in 7th grade. I entered the class knowing functionally nothing about the language, culture or climate of China but with an openness to learn and an excitement at the prospect of this great challenge. Over the past few years, my Chinese teachers have inspired within me a deep love for the language and a respect for the vast amounts of history, culture, and knowledge that come with it. Today, my goal of one day achieving a level of fluency and ease in the language is unalterable and I will continue to strive for excellence in my studies for years to come.

This interest keeps me always yearning to hear about Chinese-related events happening here in Tucson, so when my Chinese teacher first informed my peers and me about “Chinese Language Day” at the Tucson Chinese Cultural Center, I was very excited.

My excitement grew when I was chosen to participate in the Quiz Bowl with two of my other classmates. Two of my fellow Chinese classes were also chosen to participate in the talent show held after the competition. They practiced their songs with dedication and it was always a pleasure to hear beautiful Chinese music wafting through the halls of our school. On the day of the event, my sister and I arrived at the Chinese Cultural Center and were met with the clamor of students, parents, and teachers, all excitedly chattering about topics related to Chinese. It was wonderful to see so many people inspired and excited about studying a foreign language and celebrating cultural diversity. As the Quiz Bowl commenced, I was struck with the realization that my deep interest in Chinese was shared by these students from high schools all across Tucson. This awakened in me a sense of deeper connection to my own Tucson community. After the competition and performances, my classmates and I explored the facilities, enjoying all the interactive activities that were offered (calligraphy, cooking, etc.) We ate delicious food, talked to one another and shared stories about our lives. It was a beautiful experience that I was deeply honored to attend.

After the competition, I learned that my team and I had won several prizes. One of them, allowed me to take the HSK exam for free. I was timid about this at first—afraid of possible failure. However, with the encouragement of my teacher, I decided to try despite my fears. The treatment that I received at every step in this process was phenomenal. I could not have done any of it without the kind and generous help of Chen 老师. She patiently answered every question I had and outlined in detail every step in the process. When the test day finally came, I felt prepared.

In the building where the test took place, the atmosphere was very welcoming and friendly. I was directed where to sit, given my all my information, and told to begin the test efficiently and promptly. At the end of the exam, we all got our pictures taken and were told how the scores would be given to us. This experience taught me a great deal about the community of Chinese language enthusiasts here in Tucson. It was remarkable to meet other individuals who share my curiosity and passion for languages.
Ying Yuan

Ms Yuan has over 13 years of experience teaching language and culture at the university level. Her research field is intercultural communication. She received her Masters degree in English literature from Beijing University. She has also won many awards in teaching skill competitions. She is an adept singer of Chinese pop and folk songs and traditional paper-cuts are another of her accomplishments. Ms Yuan is in charge of teaching Business Chinese, Tourism Chinese, and the HSK preparation class. She is the instructor of the HSK test at the U of A.

Zhenling Shang

Zhenling Shang is a Chinese language instructor in the Accelerated Learning Laboratory, where she teaches beginning-level students. She attended Tianjin Normal University where she received a Bachelor’s degree in Chinese Language. Zhenling also holds the equivalent of a Master’s degree in Education Technology from Tianjin Normal University. She obtained a Certificate of Completion through training at the Beijing Language and Culture University. Zhenling Shang was a Chinese language instructor at Yangluqing No. 1 Middle School in China. From 2006 to 2007, she worked as an oral Chinese instructor at Ewha Foreign Languages Girls’ High School in the Republic of Korea. In 2011, she worked as a Chinese instructor at the SK Shipping Company, also in South Korea. Her paper, “The Content and Methods in Chinese Listening and Speaking Practice,” was awarded first prize in the journal, Education Association. She also won first prize in the Tianjin Municipal Middle School Basic Chinese Skills Contest.

Junming Zhao

Master Zhao has over 18 years of experience in Wushu practice, including five years of strict training in the Songshan Shaolin Temple, the mecca of Chinese Wushu. Master Zhao is rich in both Wushu performance and teaching experience, focusing on Shaolin and Taiji styles. He has been invited to many countries and has students all over East Asia, North America, and Europe. He has certifications of Shaolin Wushu Fifth Dan, National Grade A Wushu Coach and National Grade III Public Wushu Mentor. He was Instructor of International Wushu Mentors, Songshan Shaolin Wushu and Vocational Institute Coach of International Wushu Performance Group.

Dongxiao Zhang

Dongxiao Zhang was a music teacher at Zhongshan (Sun Yat-sen) University in China, and a councilor of the Guangdong Music Higher Education Association. He has been teaching music for nearly twenty years. Now, he is a Chinese music teacher at the Confucius Institute at the University of Arizona. Zhang professionally plays a number of traditional Chinese musical instruments, including the Gu-zheng and Ruan, among others. The courses he taught while at Zhongshan University include The Basics of Playing Chinese Instruments and How to Appreciate and Enjoy Chinese National Music. As a conductor, Zhang is skilled at supervising student concert bands and also organizing activities and coordinating teamwork. Therefore, he has won a number of awards in national contests and has been recognized for his superior accomplishments by Guangdong provincial and Guangzhou municipal authorities.
Chinese Language Classes: January-May

BC101: Business Chinese, CIUA       TC101: Tourism Chinese, CIUA
BC102: Business Chinese, TCCC
HSK prep 101:  CIUA          HSK prep 102:  TCCC
Tutoring:  CIUA

Chinese Taiji and Martial Arts Classes: January-May

TJ101: Tai-Ji class, UA Rec Center       TJ102: Tai-Ji class, Green Valley
TJ103: Tai-Ji class, TCCC          TJ104: Tai-Ji class, TCCC
MA101: Martial Arts class, UA Rec Center     MA102: Martial Arts class, TCCC

Chinese Music Classes: January-May

GZ101: Guzheng, CIUA       GZ102: Guzheng, TCCC
RN101: Ruan Ensemble, CIUA       RN102: Ruan Ensemble, TCCC

1. HSK (Chinese Proficiency Test) May 12th, Dec. 2nd, 2013
Designed and developed to assess the Chinese language proficiency of non-native speakers we offer the most up-to-date on-line version of the test. For more information visit www.chinesetest.cn.

The "Chinese Bridge" Chinese Proficiency Competition is a large-scale international contest. The competition aims to persuade students in various countries to learn Chinese and strengthen the world's understanding of Chinese language and culture. CIUA will have a team to take part in the preliminary contest on April 19, 2013. For more information about the "Chinese Bridge" Competition please visit http://bridge.chinese.cn/.

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• By Mail- UA, Outreach College, Attn: Registration  P.O. Box 210158, Tucson, AZ 85721
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