THE 13TH CHINESE BRIDGE—CHINESE PROFICIENCY COMPETITION FOR FOREIGN COLLEGE STUDENTS
2014 PRELIMINARY-contest IN THE SOUTHWEST U.S.
APRIL 26, 2014
UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA CAMPUS, TUCSON, AZ

Objectives:
- Select top students to participate in the Chinese Bridge - Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign College Students in China, Fall 2014.
- Promote interactions among regional Confucius Institutes.
- Provide an opportunity for college students to mingle and to demonstrate their Chinese language skills and special talents.

Participants:
- Contestants must be a college or university student currently enrolled in a Mandarin Chinese program during the 2013-2014 academic year in Arizona, New Mexico, southern California, Hawaii, or selected Pacific islands.
- The contestant should be an American college student of non-Chinese nationality (Citizen or permanent resident), who was born and raised outside of China, and a non-native speaker of Chinese.

Competition requirements:
- Deliver a self-composed short speech based on selected topics (3 minutes)
- Answer judges’ questions and questions pertaining to Chinese language, history, geography and culture (3 minutes)
- Chinese culture related Talent show (4 minutes) – optional

Awards:
- 1 first place, 1 second place, 1 third place from each group.
- First and second prize winners from the advanced group will have the opportunity to be selected to participate in the 13th Chinese Bridge Competition for Foreign College Students in China and receive a scholarship to study in China. Summer camp opportunities in China and scholarships for Chinese study may also be available for other winners.

Organizer, host and sponsors:
- Organizer: Consulate General of the PRC in Los Angeles,
- Host: Confucius Institute at the University of Arizona (CIUA)
- Sponsors: Confucius Institute Headquarters, the University of Arizona (UA)

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Competition requirements:
1) Deliver a self-composed short speech in Mandarin Chinese chosen from the following topics: 1) My Chinese Dream 2) The Story of Me and the Confucius Institute Students are free to develop content based on their own language, culture learning and life experiences. The speech must be about 3 minutes in length.
2) Answer judges’ questions pertaining to Chinese language, history, geography and culture (3 minutes). Participants can refer to related questions posted at http://confucius.arizona.edu/ after March 10th.
3) Chinese songs, dance, musical instruments, calligraphy, paintings, paper-cutting, martial arts, folk arts, acrobatics etc. Chinese culture related 2-4 minute talent show. This talent show performance will help the participant gain extra points as part of the final results of the contest.

♦ Applicants may skip part 3. However, only those who perform in all three parts are eligible for the top three prizes.

Registration instructions:
1. Registration (forms available on http://confucius.arizona.edu/)
2. Each university/college may enter up to three students for the contest. Individual universities/colleges should decide how their participants are selected (e.g., holding a preliminary school-wide speech contest).
3. There will be two categories: 1) an Intermediate Group for students who have studied Chinese for less than 3 years. 2) an Advanced Group for those who have studied Chinese for more than 3 years or have resided in China for more than 6 months‘
4. Students who have participated in previous Chinese Bridge US Southwest Coast College Student Chinese Proficiency Contests are not eligible.
5. Mail all required materials to us in one envelope, or scan and email them to ychen@email.arizona.edu by April 7th, 2014.
6. All registered students’ school enrollment status in a Chinese class and their teachers’ recommendation status will be verified with their teacher before confirmation to participate is sent to each student by email one week before the contest. Students who do not receive a confirmation will not be eligible to participate in the contest.

Deadline:
• April 7th, 2014: Application for the competition and financial support
• April 14th, 2014: RSVP for participating in the event activities including lunch
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Tentative Program

9:00 am  Registration & Reception
9:30 am  Symposium: Confucius Institutes: 10 Years Anniversary and Opportunities in China
          - Presentations by guest speakers, Chinese university representatives and corporate representatives
          - Topics: Chinese studies, study abroad and internship opportunities in China
11:00 am  Chinese Culture Experience (Chinese culture experience center, Chinese martial arts, Chinese music, and Chinese arts)
12:00 noon Lunch and Video Show (about the 10th CI celebration)
1:00 pm  Opening Speech and Performance
1:30 pm  Contest: Speech (3 minutes), Q&A (3 minutes), and Talent Show (4 minutes)
4:30 pm  Award Ceremony & Entertainment

Instructions:

Sponsoring Confucius Institute and Universities:
- Promote the events
- Organize students’ participation
- Select contenders
- Recommend students for scholarship (April 7th)

Contenders:
- Submit an application
- Contact regional CI for recommendation letter for scholarship
- Prepare for the competition following the instruction
- Participate in the competition

Other participants or observers
- Register for the symposium
- RSVP for the culture activities and lunch
- Participate in all or selected activities