THE 15TH CHINESE BRIDGE—CHINESE PROFICIENCY COMPETITION FOR FOREIGN COLLEGE STUDENTS
2016 PRELIMINARY CONTEST IN THE SOUTHWEST U.S.
APRIL 30, 2016
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, summer 2016.
- 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 an American college or university student (who was born and raised outside of China and a non-native speaker of Chinese) who is 18-30 years old and currently enrolled in Arizona, New Mexico, southern California, Hawaii, or selected Pacific islands.
- Not a contestant to the Chinese Bridge Final Competition in China last year.

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, 2 second place, 3 third place holders from each group.
- First and second prize winners from the advanced group will have the opportunity to be selected to participate in the 2016 15th 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 (CGLA)
- Host : Confucius Institute at the University of Arizona (CIUA)
- Sponsors: Confucius Institute Headquarters, the University of Arizona (UA)

For completed information, please visit: http://confucius.arizona.edu/event
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Competition requirements:
1) Deliver a self-composed short speech in Mandarin Chinese with the title “梦想点亮未来” (Dreams Enlighten the Future). 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/events/15th-chinese-bridge%E2%80%94chinese-proficiency-competition-foreign-college-students on March 15th.

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/events/15th-chinese-bridge%E2%80%94chinese-proficiency-competition-foreign-college-students)

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 had won a place in previous Final Chinese Bridge Chinese Proficiency Contests for College Student in China are not eligible.

5. Mail all required materials to us in one envelope, or scan and email them to confucius@email.arizona.edu by April 15th, 2016.

6. Confucius Institute and the main instructor have to verify all responsible registered students’ school enrollment status. Students who do not meet the competition requirements will not be eligible to participate in the contest. Organizer and host Institute reserve the right to ask for eligibility proof when it’s needed.

Deadline:
- April 15th, 2016.: Application for the competition (CIUA) and financial support (transportation) for non-Arizona students (Contact Consul Chai from CGLA chy101028@gmail.com)
Final Program

Venue: KIVA Room, Student Union Memorial Center (Level 2, Northeast corner) on the University of Arizona campus, 1303 E. University Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85719

12:30 pm Registration
1:00 pm Welcome Opening Speech by VIP
1:15 pm Contest: Speech (3 minutes), Q&A (3 minutes), and Talent Show (4 minutes)
4:00 pm (Tentative) Live Chinese Music and Martial arts Performance
4:20 pm (Tentative) Award ceremony

Instructions:

Sponsoring Confucius Institute and Universities:
- Promote the event
- Organize students’ participation
- Select contenders
- Recommend students for scholarship (April 16th)

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