Objectives:
- Select top students to participate in the Chinese Bridge - Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign College Students in China, fall 2015.
- 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 who is 18-30 years old and currently enrolled in a Mandarin Chinese program during the 2014-2015 academic years 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 or ethnicity), who was born and raised outside of China, and a non-native speaker of Chinese.
- 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, 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 14th 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)
THE 14TH CHINESE BRIDGE—CHINESE PROFICIENCY COMPETITION FOR FOREIGN COLLEGE STUDENTS
2015 PRELIMINARY CONTEST IN THE SOUTHWEST U.S.
APRIL 4, 2015
UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA CAMPUS, TUCSON, AZ

Competition requirements:
1) Deliver a self-composed short speech in Mandarin Chinese with the title "My Chinese Dream". 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 confucius@email.arizona.edu by March 16th, 2015.

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:
- March 16th, 2015: Application for the competition and financial support
- April 4th, 2015: RSVP for participating in the event activities including lunch
Final Program

Venue: Room 311 at Modern Language Building on UA campus
1423 E University Blvd Tucson, AZ 85721

10:00 am CIUA Chinese Health Day (exhibitions, presentations and performances related to health and Chinese culture)
11:00 am Registration
12:00 noon Lunch
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

Instructions:

Sponsoring Confucius Institute and Universities:
- Promote the event
- Organize students’ participation
- Select contenders
- Recommend students for scholarship (March 20th)

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 event
- RSVP for the culture activities and lunch
- Participate in all or selected activities