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CDU CI's Series of 2020 Mid-Autumn Festival Activities

The 56th Chinese Corner by the CDU CI - the 2020 Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration on September 25 attracted a record-breaking attendance of more than 80 guests at this traditional Chinese celebration. CDU CI held a series of 2020 Mid-Autumn Festival activities in early October 2020, sharing joyfulness in the Northern Territory Community.



On October 3, CDU CI and the Australia China Friendship Society NT Branch co-hosted an activity to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival and the Chinese National Day. Participants had fun with Paper Cutting, Calligraphy, Chinese Chess and Traditional Chinese Costume Performances.

On October 4, CDU CI invited members of the Chinese Learning Senior Class to celebrate the festival by making dumplings and eating mooncakes.



The 57th Chinese Corner - Suzhou Gardens: Heaven on Earth

On October 30, the 57th Chinese Corner was held at CDU CI, the topic of the which was "Suzhou Gardens -Heaven on Earth", to explore the myths of the gardens and why they are known as among the best gardens in the world.



Profile of Suzhou Gardens

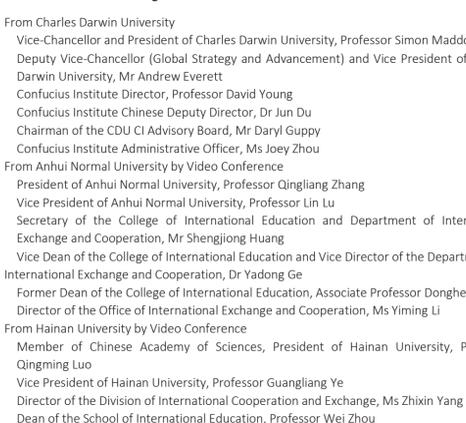
This group of gardens in Suzhou City, Jiangsu province, China, have been listed as UNESCO World Heritage gardens. Their history dates back to the 11th Century during the Northern Song dynasty. Most of the Gardens were built by scholars and include the key features of classical Chinese garden design with constructed landscapes mimicking natural scenery of hills and rivers with strategically located pavilions and pagodas.

Snapshots on the Chinese Corner

Director of CDU CI, Professor David Young hosted this popular event with more than 30 guests.



CDU CI teacher, Mr Rentao Jiang was the presenter and described the beauty of the Humble Administrator's Garden, Lingering Garden, Lion Grove Garden and Master of Nets Garden.

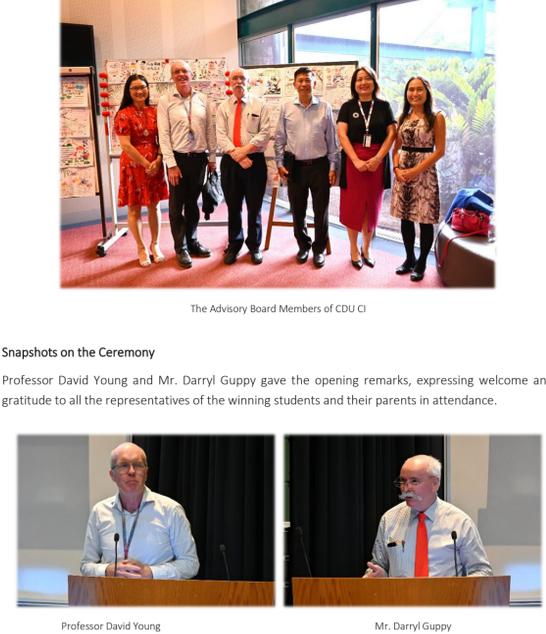


Puzzles about the Suzhou Gardens helped guests with their understanding of the design and history of these famous gardens.



The 14th CDU CI Board Meeting Held Online

On November 6, 2020, the 14th CDU CI Board Meeting was hosted by CDU CI with partner universities, Anhui Normal University and Hainan University attending online because of Covid-19.



The General Business of the Board Meeting

- Report of the previous Board Meeting
- Annual Deputy Report
- Annual Financial Report
- CDU CI agreement renewal for another decade
- The appointment of the next Chinese Deputy Director for 2021 from Hainan University
- Selection of professional and volunteer teachers from partner universities
- Update of CI board members
- How to cooperate in online education
- The role of the Chinese partner universities after transferring to the Foundation

The Attendees of the Board Meeting

- From Charles Darwin University
 - Vice-Chancellor and President of Charles Darwin University, Professor Simon Maddocks
 - Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Global Strategy and Advancement) and Vice President of Charles Darwin University, Mr Andrew Everett
 - Confucius Institute Director, Professor David Young
 - Confucius Institute Chinese Deputy Director, Dr Jun Du
 - Chairman of the CDU CI Advisory Board, Mr Darryl Guppy
 - Confucius Institute Administrative Officer, Ms Joey Zhou
- From Anhui Normal University by Video Conference
 - President of Anhui Normal University, Professor Qingliang Zhang
 - Vice President of Anhui Normal University, Professor Lin Lu
 - Secretary of the College of International Education and Department of International Exchange and Cooperation, Mr Shengjiong Huang
 - Vice Dean of the College of International Education and Vice Director of the Department of International Exchange and Cooperation, Dr Yadong Ge
 - Former Dean of the College of International Education, Associate Professor Donghe Liu
 - Director of the Office of International Exchange and Cooperation, Ms Yiming Li
- From Hainan University by Video Conference
 - Member of Chinese Academy of Sciences, President of Hainan University, Professor Qingming Luo
 - Vice President of Hainan University, Professor Guangliang Ye
 - Director of the Division of International Cooperation and Exchange, Ms Zhixin Yang
 - Dean of the School of International Education, Professor Wei Zhou
 - Vice Director of the Division of International Cooperation and Exchange, Vice Dean of the School of International Education, Mr Liang Liu

Key Discussion from the Board Meeting

- The Vice-Chancellor and President of Charles Darwin University, Professor Simon Maddocks recognised the success in teaching and cultural activities gained from the challenges brought by the COVID-19 in 2020 and believed that CDU CI and partner universities would have broader opportunities for cooperation and exchange under the new Foundation.
- The President of Anhui Normal University, Professor Qingliang Zhang congratulated the CDU CI for taking the lead in completing the transfer to the Foundation with the cooperation among the tripartite Universities and pledged that Anhui Normal University would commit to supporting and contributing to the development of CDU CI during the next agreement.
- The President of Hainan University, Professor Qingming Luo expressed sincere gratitude to Anhui Normal University and Charles Darwin University for their efforts in building and developing the Confucius Institute in the Northern Territory on behalf of Hainan University, and committed himself to the appointment of the next Chinese Deputy Director for 2021.
- Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Global Strategy and Advancement) and Vice President of Charles Darwin University, Mr Andrew Everett sincerely thanked the outgoing President Professor Simon Maddocks for his support and assistance to CDU CI, and praised the excellent work carried out under the leadership of the Director, Professor David Young and Dr Jun Du.
- CDU CI Director, Professor David Young gave an annual financial report of the Confucius Institute, and promised to maintain and enhance the partnership with Anhui Normal University and Hainan University under the arrangements.
- CDU CI Chinese Deputy Director, Dr Jun Du introduced the innovation and measures undertaken to ensure the operation of the teaching and cultural promotion during COVID-19 in 2020, including Online Classes, Chinese Corner, Traditional Chinese Festival Activities, Quarterly Newsletter, the Advisory Board, and the 2020 Chinese Bridge Competition Australian Final.

2020 CDU CI Chinese Learners' Awards Ceremony

On December 11, the 2020 CDU CI Chinese Learners Awards' Ceremony (The Ceremony) was held at CDU's Casuarina Campus. There were more than 100 guests in attendance for these Awards. All the Advisory Board members took part in the Ceremony including Director of CDU CI, Professor David Young, the Chinese Deputy Director of CDU CI, Dr Jun Du, the Chairman of the Advisory Board, Mr. Darryl Guppy, and President of Australia China Friendship Society NT Branch, Dr Shuqin Li.



The Advisory Board Members of CDU CI

Snapshots on the Ceremony

Professor David Young and Mr. Darryl Guppy gave the opening remarks, expressing welcome and gratitude to all the representatives of the winning students and their parents in attendance.



Professor David Young

Mr. Darryl Guppy

The Ceremony's invited in the ceremony were from Darwin High School, Woodroffe Primary School, and other CDU CI's teaching locations. Seven of them were awarded "Chinese Learning Stars", and thirty of them were awarded "Chinese Learning Outstanding Persons".



The Ceremony started with special guest Chunting Yu's Guzhen performance – The Singing Night of Fishing Boat.



Tang poetry "Spring Morning" and Nursery rhymes were performed by students, as well as oboe and traditional Chinese dance by invited guests.

CDU CI's Agreement Renewal

On December 17, CDU CI's agreement was successfully renewed by the Tripartite Institutes Charles Darwin University, Anhui Normal University and Hainan University. Attendees from CDU were the Vice-Chancellor and President of Charles Darwin University, Professor Simon Maddocks, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Global Strategy and Advancement) and Vice President of Charles Darwin University, Mr Andrew Everett, CDU CI Director, Professor David Young, CDU CI Chinese Deputy Director, Dr Jun Du, and the Chairman of the Advisory Board, Mr Darryl Guppy. The President of Anhui Normal University, Professor Qingliang Zhang, the President of Hainan University, Professor Qingming Luo, and their colleagues who are the members of the CDU CI's Board Meeting, attended the agreement renewal ceremony.

Is it not pleasant to learn with a constant perseverance and application?
Is it not delightful to have friends coming from distant quarters?
Is he not a man of complete virtue, who feels no discomposure though men may take no note of him?

Confucius (551 BC-479 BC)