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Nightcliff Sea Breeze Festival

Nightcliff Sea Breeze Festival is held in May every year to coincide with the Dry Season in Darwin. The CDU Confucius Institute was invited by the festival Organizing Committee to showcase our Chinese language and culture teaching to the Northern Territory community.



CDU CI'S Chinese Deputy Director, Jun DU with Chair of the CDU CI Advisory Committee, Mr Daryl Guppy

Teachers Amanda, Wesley and Debra performed in the Seabreeze Festival Show:

- Amanda choreographed the Fan Dance;
- Wesley performed Tai Chi, expressing movement, posture, strength and softness
- Debra directed and performed in a beautiful Mongolia dance, “Goose”, together with dancers from the Australia-China Friendship Association dressed in Chinese traditional costumes.



Fan Dance, choreographed by Amanda



Tai Chi, performed by Wesley



Inner Mongolian dance, "Goose", danced and directed by Debra

Other contributions to the Sea Breeze Festival included:

- Showcasing Chinese traditional costumes
- Chinese calligraphy
- Chinese chess
- Gobang



Visitors playing Chinese chess with teachers from CDU CI

Gobang was the most popular game for patrons of the Sea Breeze Festival. The rules are easy to understand and suitable for all ages. Some also picked up the brushes at the Calligraphy booth and wrote Chinese characters for the first time.



Playing Gobang.



Practicing calligraphy



Showcasing Chinese language courses

After-class Practical Activities for Adult Students

CDU CI is committed to adult Chinese teaching through online class and face-to-face practical activities.

Calligraphy classes have been held by CDU CI's teacher, Cami each Thursday or Friday at CI's office since 30th April. Students are taught how to write characters, starting with the simplest strokes up and down, left and right, and body structures such as mouth, hand and heart.



Ms. Cami teaching Chinese characters

班级

姓名

2021 年 05 月 12 日

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| 画 | 。 | 我 | 爸 | 爸 | 也 | 有 | 很 | 多 | 爱 |
| 好 | ， | 他 | 喜 | 欢 | 唱 | 中 | 国 | 京 | 剧 |
| 现 | 在 | 他 | 在 | 家 | 还 | 常 | 常 | 唱 | 京 |
| 剧 | 。 | 他 | 唱 | 得 | 怎 | 么 | 样 | ？ | 他 |
| 唱 | 京 | 剧 | 跟 | 我 | 画 | 中 | 国 | 画 | 一 |
| 样 | ， | 马 | 马 | 虎 | 虎 | 。 | 我 | 想 | 买 |
| 幅 | 中 | 国 | 画 | 。 | 大 | 画 | 家 | 画 | 的 |
| 一 | 定 | 很 | 贵 | ， | 是 | 不 | 是 | ？ | 徐 |
| 鸿 | 画 | 的 | 马 | 当 | 然 | 贵 | 极 | 了 | 。 |
| 我 | 认 | 识 | 一 | 位 | “ | 老 | 画 | 家 | ” |
| 他 | 画 | 的 | 马 | 不 | 贵 | 。 | 这 | 位 | 老 |
| 画 | 家 | 是 | 谁 | ？ | 是 | 丁 | 力 | 波 | 啊 |
| 我 | 可 | 以 | 把 | 我 | 画 | 好 | 的 | 马 | 送 |
| 你 | 。 | | | | | | | | |
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新航天来字稿

A transcript produced by a CDU CI student.

On June 4, 2021, CDU CI students watched a Chinese movie, "Postmen in the Mountains". The Film is in standard Mandarin and at an appropriate speaking speed, with a simple storyline for new learners of

Chinese. Teachers from the CDU CI prepared a vocabulary list for the students, accompanied by a simple English introduction to some of the dialogues to help students understand the story.



Postmen In The Mountains (1999)

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| xiāng yóu yuán | 乡邮员 | rural area postman |
| yóu jiàn | 邮件 | mail |
| méi dǐ | 没底 | feel no enough confidence |
| yī huí shēng èr huí shú | 一回生二回熟 | practice makes perfect |
| lǐ | 里 | half kilometre |
| shàng shān | 上山 | go up the mountain |
| xià shān | 下山 | go down the mountain |
| tuì xiū | 退休 | retire |
| jiē bān | 接班 | taking over shift |
| hòu huǐ | 后悔 | regret |
| lǎo dà | 老大 | eldest son |
| lǎo èr | 老二 | second son |
| qù | 去 | go |
| zuò bàn | 作伴 | companion |
| shěng xīn | 省心 | have nothing to worry |
| pó pó mā mā | 婆婆妈妈 | sort of a nag |
| zǒu màn diǎn | 走慢点 | slow down |
| hái méi zǒu guàn | 还没走惯 | not used to weary trudge |
| cè shēn | 侧身 | shouldered your way |
| zhēn gòu shòu | 真够受 | it was enough |
| xiē huìr | 歇会儿 | have a rest |
| lèi bú lèi | 累不累 | Are you tired? |
| biǎo yáng xìn | 表扬信 | letters of praise |

Vocabulary list for students

The 60th Chinese Corner – Ching Ming Festival

On May 16, 2021, the 60th Chinese Corner was held by CDU CI at Casuarina Campus. The host was Ms. Yifan Zhao (Debora), introducing the “Ching Ming Festival”. Chinese Deputy Director, Dr Jun Du gave a welcome speech to approximately 40 attendees.



Debora presenting Chinese Corner

Ching Ming Festival is a one of China's four major traditional festivals and a holiday in China. The Ching Ming Festival celebrates the dual connotations of humanity and nature, and includes customs such as ancestor worship, making rice dumplings and kite flying.



Chinese Teachers' Training

One of our CI partner universities, Anhui Normal University provide online lectures to CDU CI teachers on different aspects of Chinese language teaching.



Ms. Linghong Xu from the International Education College of Anhui Normal University recently gave a lecture on Chinese Phonetics, which was followed by other three lectures, including:

- "Chinese Characters, Chinese Language and Chinese Character Teaching" by Ms. Jing Li from the School of International Education of Anhui Normal University on June 9, 2021
- "Basic Teaching Method of Chinese Grammar" by Ms. Linghong from the International Education College of Anhui Normal University on June 16, 2021; and
- "Basic Teaching Method of Chinese Vocabulary" by Ms. Yu Yan from the School of International Education of Anhui Normal University on June 21, 2021.

These four lectures broadened the horizons of the CDU CI teachers, enriched their teaching knowledge and raising their professional capabilities.

CDU CI Chinese Cultural Open Day

On June 22, 2021, a Chinese Cultural Open Day was jointly held by the CDU CI and Queensland University of Technology CI at Casuarina Campus. Nearly 50 students from Mackillop Catholic College and Darwin Middle School in the Northern Territory attended. Antoine Barnaart, the Director of the Confucius Institute at Queensland University of Technology, together with his Chinese teachers Mia and Clara were participate in the event.



Dr Jun Du and Antoine Barnaart

The event kicked off with an *erhu* performance by Mia playing the Chinese classic, "The Butterfly Lovers".



Mia giving an erhu performance

Ms. Jing Zhao, a Chinese teacher at CDU CI, taught the students Chinese paper-cutting. Ms. Zhao introduced the history of Chinese paper-cut culture, and conducted a live demonstration using the Chinese character "春 (spring)" as an example.



Ms. Jing Zhao teaching paper cutting

Accompanied by the melodious sound of the erhu, Ms. Clara introduced the students to the Chinese tea ceremony.



Ms. Clara demonstrating the Chinese tea ceremony



Students drinking Chinese tea

The event culminated in a magic performance of Wesley.



Mr Wesley and his magic performance



Visiting students in the Chinese Garden

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)

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