

CIT Teachers Attended 2014 Alabama Chinese Language Teachers Association (ACLTA) Forum

On April 26, 2014 Alabama Chinese Language Teachers Association Forum was held as scheduled at Troy University, Montgomery Campus. It was organized by Alabama Chinese Language Teachers Association, sponsored by our CIT. All CIT teachers attended this grand event.



CIT teachers made meticulous preparations for the success of the event. Ms. Xiaofeng Chen, Deputy director of CIT, along with Guoxin Sun and Tingting Xiong arrived at Montgomery a day ahead to set up for the next day's event with Ms. Judy Bu, the coordinator and instructor at Montgomery Campus.



Altogether 23 people attended the forum. They are mainly Chinese Language teachers from various middle schools and high schools, their spouses, and students from Troy University and UAB, who would like to explore Chinese teaching opportunities in America. The Keynote speakers Mr. Qiang Chen from Enloe Magnet High School, NC, Ms. Kathy Wen Henley from Georgia's Faith Middle School, and Ms Athena C. Chang from Indian Springs School, Birmingham, AL, addressed the topics of *A Journey to Becoming a Chinese Language Teacher*, *Foreign Language Teaching Strategies*, *Twenty*

Years as Chinese Language Teacher in America respectively. Their insights, profound understanding and observation of the Chinese Language teaching inspired the audience at the forum. Dr. Rui Feng, president of ACLTA, shared his own research *A Survey of L1 and L2*. His insights and unique perspective offered us a new way of thinking in both teaching and translation. Ms. Ling Ma, Vice President of ACLTA, delivered her speech on *How to Promote Chinese Language in Alabama*, which encourages us to work all the way to the road of a bright future. Prof. Zongping Peng shared her perceptions on *Acquisition Process of Foreign Students' Language Sense*. The addresses were all acclaimed by the participants. The views and remarks of the speakers and heated discussion followed thereafter offered much room for thought.



At the end of the day, the participants and speakers joined in the lucky draw. All the prizes were provided by our CIT. The forum was a huge success.

