

CIT Staff Attended CIAAMU's Anniversary Celebration and Chinese Autumn Festival

On Wednesday, September 21, 2016, two of CIT staff took part in The First Anniversary Gala of the Confucius Institute at Alabama A & M University and Chinese Autumn Festival in the Von Braun art center, Huntsville, AL. The theme of the celebration is "The Huntsville under the Moonlight". The gala got great support from Nanjing Forestry University, Leshan Normal University and Huntsville Chinese Association. Director of Minority Affairs to the City of Huntsville, Director of Education Bureau, Madison County Commissioner also attended the gala. And staff from some other Confucius Institutes in America were invited to enjoy and celebrate. More than two hours' gala are fantastic, including Tibetan, Uyghur and other ethnic dances, a classic Chinese chorus *Wishing We Last Forever*, and the oriental charm of cheongsam show. This gala is a Chinese and Western cultural exchange and fusion. It is also an opportunity for communication and integration of different Confucius Institutes. We hope we could create more chance to bridge the gap between East and West and help more natives love Chinese language and understand Chinese culture.

