

First CIT Staff Meeting and Professional Development Training in 2018

On Saturday Jan. 20, 2018, the first CIT staff meeting in 2018 was held on the Troy campus. With the severe winter weather condition, all the staff from three locations came to get together to discuss the CIT plan of 2018 and received the first teacher training.

At the meeting, Dr. Iris Xu, director of CIT, expressed her thanks to all the CIT staff for their hard work and great efforts on CIT assignments in the first place, which is the tradition of the CIT staff meetings. Secondly, she delivered the summary report about the missions CIT has completed during the last quarter of 2017. After then, Zhi Zha, deputy of director of CIT presented the CIT plan of 2018 and Dr. Xu arranged the main tasks which need to be implemented in the year of 2018. The main tasks are Chinese New Year Celebration Events, the TEFP Program closing ceremony by CNU and Troy University, Educator China Trip, CIT 10th Anniversary Event, the American Chinese Professors Annual Conference and other events. At the end, Dr. Xu summarized the teaching works in the Confucius Classrooms, and showed her appreciation to the teachers for their excellent performance in the teaching practice. Dr. Xu also shared her teaching experience with the Chinese teaching methods and classroom management. The teachers exchanged their own teaching experience and the solutions to the problems from their teaching practice.

Dr. Rui Feng from the Education Department, Troy University, was invited to present the instruction on how to gain the resources on Chinese teaching and research. Dr. Feng gave an easy, simple and clear explanation on how to get the research materials and reference based on his research experience and case studies on the Second Language Acquisition. Everybody here learnt a great deal from this instruction by Dr. Feng.

The staff meeting and the teachers training program is the key part of CIT development and plays an important role in the CIT improvement. CIT staff will continue to pay their efforts to the CIT plan of 2018 and will show their professional ability and excellent performance to deserve the twice award of the Confucius Institute of the year.

