

Chinese Tea Ceremony at 2019 Alabama Coffee Fest

On February 23rd, 2019, Confucius Institute at Troy University present Chinese Tea Ceremony at the 2019 Alabama Coffee Fest in Cahaba Brewing Company in Birmingham, which is organized by the Alabama Multicultural Organization. Including Confucius Institute at Troy University, over twenty vendors bring their best tea, coffee and pastries to the festival, and more than a thousand visitors from Alabama and other states attend the event.

The coffee fest starts at 9:00 am and ends at 4:00 pm. In order to bring the best Chinese tea ceremony to the fest, the visiting scholars from the Confucius Institute at Troy University arrive at the Cahaba Brewing Company early at 7:00 am and set up the booth. Three different sets of delicate tea utensils are set up and special Chinese element decorations are put up, which makes a perfect setting for the tea ceremony. The visiting scholars present eight sessions of Chinese tea ceremony in all, performing the different ways of making green tea, oolong tea, black tea and dark tea. The visiting scholars not only provide the visitors with delicious Chinese tea, but also bring Chinese culture to the fest and introduce the Chinese culture programs in Confucius Institute at Troy University. The visitors are so attracted by Chinese culture and two more extra tea ceremony sessions are asked to present.

The visiting scholars of Confucius Institute at Troy University are dedicated in traditional Chinese culture promotion. The Chinese culture that they bring to the Alabama Coffee Festival makes it a more colorful and impressive event. According to the visitors, the tea ceremony is an unforgettable experience for their visits at the coffee fest and they would like to know more about China and Chinese culture in the future. The Confucius Institute at Troy University shows the charm of Chinese culture and are welcomed by all visitors at the coffee festival.

特洛伊大学孔子学院受邀参加阿拉巴马州咖啡节

2019年2月23日，特洛伊大学孔子学院受邀参加了在伯明翰市举办的阿拉巴马州咖啡节并展示了中华茶艺。此次咖啡节邀请了包括特大孔院在内的二十多家参展单位，展台上摆满了咖啡、茶和糕点，吸引了来自本州和其他州近千名咖啡和茶的爱好者。

本次咖啡节于当地时间上午九点开始，为了给宾客们展示最好的中华茶艺，特大孔院的访问学者们在早上七点就赶到了会场，搭好展台，布置展位。展台上铺着精美绝伦的中国刺绣桌旗，摆上紫砂壶、陶瓷盖碗和玻璃杯三种不同材质、造型精巧的茶具，并且用特色的茶艺装饰为茶艺表演营造浓浓的中国风情。茶艺师周正老师动作轻熟，姿态优雅，由浅入深，一一展示了包括茉莉花茶、铁观音、西湖龙井、大红袍和普洱茶等在内的八段茶艺，展示了中国传统茶艺茶道文化的优雅内涵和博大精深。来宾们深深地被中华茶艺所吸引，纷纷驻足观赏，待表演完毕后，向茶艺师询问各种茶具的用途和不同茶叶的功效，对中华茶艺赞不绝口。特大孔院的中华茶艺不仅给宾客们带来了一个休憩品茗的机会，更让他们领略了独具魅力的中华茶艺茶道文化，成为了本次咖啡节一道亮丽的风景。

参加此次咖啡节的宾客们纷纷表示此次盛会印象最深刻的就是中华茶艺表演，这也激发了他们进一步了解中国文化的愿望。特大孔院致力于促进中华文化的推广与传播，同时不断努力促进中华文化与当地文化的交流合作，也总是这样在展示中华文化魅力的道路上不断砥砺前行。