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## Spring Festival Celebration at the Pike Road Elementary School, Confucius Classroom at Troy University



On the afternoon of February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the Confucius Classroom at Troy University, Pike Road Elementary School celebrated the Chinese New Year — Spring Festival. The visiting scholars from the Confucius Institute at Troy University, Ms. Zheng Zhou and Ms. Xiuxiu Su prepared delicious Chinese pineapple cakes and fresh green tea for the teachers and students in the elementary school. They also organized a lot of fun traditional games to let the teachers and students experience the Chinese Spring Festival customs and culture.



The teachers and students attended the celebration activities, including tasting green tea and Chinese food, kicking Shuttlecock and so on. They could kick one Shuttlecock or say a Chinese sentence to win the Chinese New Year gifts like Chinese knots, red envelopes, post cards with Chinese landscapes and book marks. The students were very excited about the games, and they didn't want to go although the celebration was about to end.



During the celebration, the students showed great enthusiasm in Chinese learning, and felt the cultural charm of Confucius Institute at Troy University.



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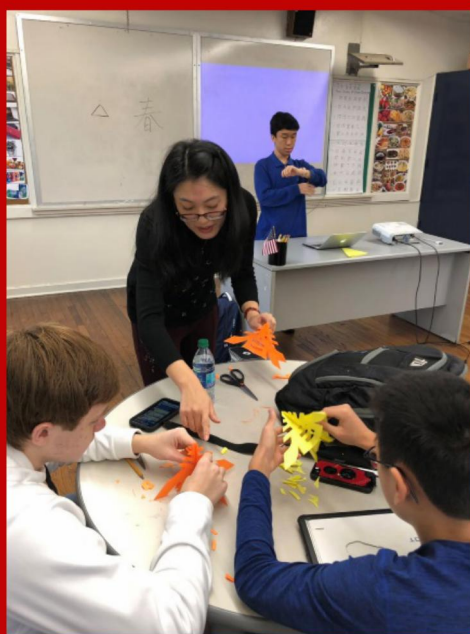
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On the morning of February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the Confucius Classroom at Troy University, Pike Road High School celebrated the Spring Festival. The visiting scholars from the Confucius Institute at Troy University, Mr. Zhelin Dang and Ms. Zhijing Qiu shared with the students the traditions of celebrating the Spring Festival—paper-cutting. They taught the students how to cut the Chinese character “春” in three-dimensional form with scissors. They also shared the customs of Spring Festival and Chinese culture behind the customs with the students.

At the beginning, Ms. Qiu explained why Chinese people have the custom of paper-cutting during the Spring Festival, and what characters they prefer. Then she demonstrated how to cut the Chinese character to the students step by step. Finally, the students completed their own paper-cutting works successfully. The paper-cutting can help the students understand Chinese culture better and make their hands more flexible. When they got their best cutting, the students decorated the Chinese classroom with it immediately.

The teachers of Confucius Institute at Troy University have organized different cultural activities in their Chinese classes, in which they not only let the students learn about Chinese language and culture, but also enhanced their DIY ability. At the same time, the students gained more confidence in Chinese learning. These Chinese cultural activities made Confucius Institute at Troy University more popular in Montgomery.

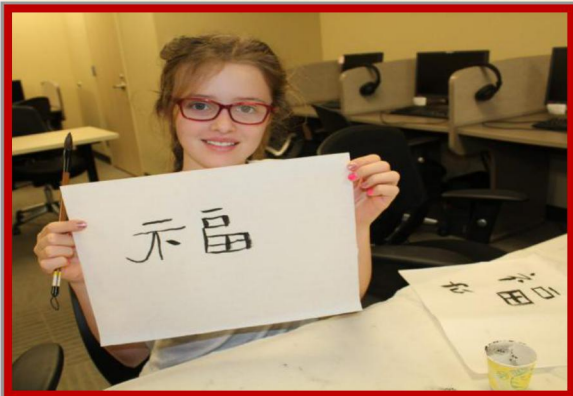
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## Series VI - Students and Teachers from Troy Elementary School Visited CIT

On February 4, 2019, during the Chinese New Year, more than 50 students from the fifth grade of Troy Elementary School visited the Confucius Institute at Troy University to celebrate the Spring Festival. Visiting scholar He Jing introduced Exhibit Hall of Confucius Institute to the students, including: Chinese tea culture, Chinese costumes, Chinese kung fu, Chinese musical instruments and Chinese calligraphy. The students were curious about Chinese calligraphy. After the lecture, visiting scholars of the Troy Confucius Institute took the students to the classroom to experience Chinese calligraphy. They told them the meaning of the Chinese word "Fu" and taught them to write "Fu" in Chinese Character. This event not only made the students feel the joy of the Chinese New Year, but also aroused their interest in Chinese characters. After writing "Fu", students asked to write their names in Chinese. At the end, a group picture was taken to conclude this happy activity.



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## Chinese New Year in the Classroom

On February 5, 2019, the first day of the Chinese New Year, visiting scholars from the Confucius Institute at Troy University Dothan campus held the "Chinese New Year in the Classroom" culture experience activity at Highlands Elementary school and Kelly springs Elementary School respectively.

In the morning, Ms. Yan He and Ms. Na Jiang, came to Highlands Elementary School. Ms. He explained the customs of Chinese New Year to the children such as God of household, cleaning the house for the New Year, pasting spring couplets, having New Year's dinner, setting off fireworks, watching the Spring Festival gala and giving out red envelopes. Then they took out the red envelopes prepared in advance and gave them to the children. The children were extremely excited and wondered what greeting words were hidden inside. But soon they were attracted by the demonstration of making dumplings. Everybody was so eager to try it and various shapes of small dumplings came up in no time.

In the afternoon, Ms. Yandong Wang, assisted by Ms. Yan He, also celebrated the Chinese New Year with the children at Kelly Springs Elementary School. First of all, Ms. Wang played a short animation video about Chinese New Year. The children learned about the origin of "nian" (年), the meaning of Spring Festival reunion and the red envelope etiquette in the video. Everyone would say "happy New Year" in Chinese when receiving the red envelope. Similarly, the activity of making dumplings was the most popular.

After making a dumpling, the children still want to make more. After learning how to make a dumpling, they also want to roll dumpling wrappers. They said they would like to continue this activity next week. In a warm atmosphere, visiting scholars and children shared the joy of the Spring Festival, meanwhile understood each other further.



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## Spring Festival Celebration at Forest Avenue Academic Magnet, Confucius Classroom at Troy University

On the morning of February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the Spring Festival celebration at Confucius Classroom of Troy University, started with a Chinese New Year song *Xin Nian Hao*. Four students sang the Chinese song in the school broadcast in the morning to let all the teachers and students know that today is the Chinese Lunar New Year — Spring Festival.

Ms. Ma Yu, the visiting scholar from the Confucius Institute at Troy University, organized various cultural activities, including making DIY lanterns, paper-cutting of the Chinese character “福” and drawing pictures of pig (2019 is the Year of Pig) for the students in different ages to celebrate the Spring Festival. She also introduced Chinese New Year traditions, like wearing red clothes, eating fish, paper-cutting and the culture of Chinese zodiac animals. The students in higher grades successfully completed the DIY lanterns and paper-cutting works of “福” and the lower graders drew the pictures of blessed pigs after they learned about the Chinese zodiac culture. During the celebration, the students had a better understanding of the customs of Chinese Spring Festival and their DIY ability had been improved and they showed great enthusiasm in Chinese learning.

The teachers of Confucius Institute at Troy University showed great love for traditional Chinese culture, which also influenced the students to love Chinese culture. With the idea of learning by sharing, they combine culture sharing and Chinese teaching together, which not only can cultivate the students’ ability but also stimulate their interest and enthusiasm in Chinese learning.



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## Confucius Institute at Troy University Celebrates 2019 Chinese Spring Festival Series VI - Students and Teachers from Troy Elementary School Visited CIT



On February 6, 2019, the second day of the Chinese New Year. The second wave of more than 50 students from the fifth grade of Troy Elementary School visited the Confucius Institute at Troy University to celebrate the Chinese Spring Festival with the Confucius Institute teachers. Visiting scholar He Jing introduced the exhibit hall of the Confucius Institute at Troy University to the students, including: Chinese tea culture, Chinese costumes, Chinese Kung Fu, Chinese dragon and lion dance, Chinese musical instruments and Chinese calligraphy. The students tried on Chinese costumes and were curious about Chinese calligraphy. After the visit of the exhibit hall, the visiting scholars of the Troy Confucius Institute took the students to the classroom to experience Chinese calligraphy. They told them the meaning of the Chinese word "Fu" and taught them to write "Fu" in Chinese Character. This event not only made the students feel the joy of the Chinese New Year, but also aroused their interest in Chinese characters. After writing "Fu", students asked to write their names in Chinese. At the end, a group picture was taken to conclude this happy activity.



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## Visiting Scholars of Confucius Institute at Troy University Celebrate Spring Festival with the Local Community

February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the fifth day of the first month of Lunar Calendar, five visiting scholars from Confucius Institute at Troy University attended the celebration of Spring Festival organized by Central Alabama Association of Chinese. They celebrated the Chinese New Year with the local community and promoted Chinese culture.

The visiting scholars prepared delicately designed flyers to share with the local people about the Chinese language, Tai Chi and Chinese calligraphy courses to be open in the Montgomery Campus of Confucius Institute at Troy University in February. The residents in the local community were interested in Tai Chi and hoped to improve their physical fitness by learning and practicing it.

The visiting scholars of CIT has made full use of this opportunity to promote and share traditional Chinese culture in the Spring Festival celebration. One of the highlights in the celebration is the 2019 inauguration of CAAC in which the newly elected Chairwoman, Ms. Shaojuan, Chen made a speech. In the conversation with CIT visiting scholars, she spoke highly of the hard work CIT has made during the past ten years. She hoped to strengthen connection with CIT and believed that we can promote Chinese effectively with the joint effort of CIT and CAAC in Montgomery in the near future.



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## Confucius Institute at Troy University Celebrates 2019 Chinese Spring Festival Series XII - Chinese Mahjong

On February 13, 2019, to celebrate the 2019 Chinese New Year, the Confucius Institute at Troy University held a cultural lecture on the theme of Chinese Mahjong at the Troy Campus. Visiting scholar Zhang Yunchu introduced the Chinese mahjong to the participants, and together with other visiting scholars she gave an on-site demonstration about how to play Mahjong. In the process, everyone felt a strong festive atmosphere. On one hand, this lecture brought an opportunity to participants to experience Chinese mahjong culture, on the other hand it made them feel the joy of Chinese New Year.



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## Visiting Scholars of the Confucius Institute at Troy University Attended the 2019 Alabama World Language Association Annual Conference



From February 15 to 16, the Alabama World Language Association held its 2019 annual conference at the University of Montevallo in Montevallo, visiting scholars at the Confucius Institute at Troy University participated in the conference. More than 160 teachers from K-12 teaching French, German, Spanish and Chinese in Alabama registered to participate in the conference. Teachers from various language teaching areas shared their teaching skills, classroom organization, curriculum, evaluation and extracurricular activities during the conference. Moreover, there were more than 21 workshops and 35 exciting lectures held in the two-day conference and several educational institutions participated in the book fair.

During the conference, visiting scholars at the Confucius Institute at Troy University selected their favorite sessions and lectures, listened to the lectures carefully and learnt how to use and select teaching resources, the connection between language and culture, and the flexibility of vocabulary and useful teaching techniques. All the visiting scholars participated in the whole process of the annual conference, and all the lecture content will become a useful reference for them to promote Chinese language teaching and Chinese culture in the future.

The 2020 Alabama World Language Association Annual Conference will be held in Mobile.



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Confucius Institute at Troy University Celebrates Chinese Lantern Festival Series I  
**Confucius Institute at Troy University Celebrated Chinese Lantern Festival with Teachers and Students**



February 18, 2019 is the Chinese Lantern Festival. The Confucius Institute at Troy University carried out a variety of celebrations on the campus of Troy University, and celebrated the traditional Chinese festival with the teachers and students of Troy University. The event took place simultaneously in the two sections of the Troy University campus and the Confucius Institute Exhibit Hall.

The cheerful drumming performance from the Birmingham Waist Drum Team kicked off the celebration. Dr. Hawkins, Vice President Dr. Dasinger and Dr. Jeffrey, Vice President of the Dothan Campus, came to the event to participate in the celebration. They also took a group photo with all the staff. The performance of the Birmingham Waist Drum Team attracted many students to stop and watch, and many students also participated in the performance. The visiting scholars also showed Chinese calligraphy and Chinese painting art on the spot. Many students took up the brush and tried to write Chinese characters and drawn Chinese painting. The students also experienced kicking the shuttlecock, which is one of the favorite activities of the students. On the other side of the playground, visiting scholars also prepared various Chinese food for the students. The event was also sponsored by four local restaurants. 1500 students and professors at Troy University tasted Chinese cuisine.

At the same time, visiting scholars were also very busy in the Exhibit hall. Many students and teachers came inside and experienced Chinese culture. They experienced drumming, trying on cheongsam and learning tea art. The visiting scholars also introduced the exhibits to the students and teachers, and felt the beauty of Chinese traditional culture. At the same time, visiting scholars also prepared hearty food and fruit for the visiting guests.

The visiting scholars of the Confucius Institute at Troy University and the teachers and students of Troy University celebrated the Chinese Lantern Festival. More than 1,500 people participated in the event. They experienced Chinese traditional culture and festival customs.

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## Confucius Institute at Troy University Celebrates Chinese Lantern Festival Series II Students and Teachers from Troy Elementary School Visited Confucius Institute at Troy University

On February 20, more than 50 students from the fifth grade of the Troy elementary School visited the Confucius Institute at Troy University to celebrate the Chinese Lantern Festival with teachers of Confucius Institute. Visiting scholar He Jing introduced the cultural exhibit hall to the students, including: Chinese tea culture, Chinese costumes, Chinese Kung Fu, Chinese dragon dance and lion dance, Chinese musical instruments and Chinese calligraphy. Students tried on Chinese panda costumes, experienced lion dances, and expressed curiosity about Chinese calligraphy. After the explanation of the exhibition hall, other visiting scholars of the Troy Confucius Institute took the students to the classroom to experience Chinese calligraphy; they explained the meaning of Chinese character "Fu" to students and taught them how to write the character "Fu". The event not only made the students feel the joy of the Chinese Lantern Festival, but also raised students' interest in Chinese characters. In the end of the activity students asked to write their names in Chinese and asked how to learn Chinese. After the visit, they took a group picture.



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**Chinese Culture Exploration at the Multicultural Night of Pike Road Elementary School, Confucius Classroom at Troy University**



On the evening of February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019, visiting scholars from Confucius Institute at Troy University participated in the Multicultural Night held annually by the Confucius Classroom at Troy University, Pike Road Elementary School. The visiting scholars opened a booth of Chinese culture exploration. They shared delicious traditional Chinese food, Jiaozi (dumplings), Yansuji (salted crispy chicken) and Chinese jasmine tea with the teachers, students and parents from the elementary school.

In front of the Chinese culture booth, people line up in long queues to have a bite of the delicious food and play fun games of picking up sweet chocolate beans with chopsticks to win special Chinese presents. The students are involved in the games with great passion and they are so happy to put what they have learned in Chinese classes into practice. They cannot help smiling after winning the most wanted presents. The visiting scholars would take the chance of distributing food to teach the visitors how to say the name of the food in Chinese, “jiaozi” is for dumplings and “cha” is for tea. They tend to combine Chinese language teaching with cultural events so that the learners can learn the language in a more effective way, which has achieved good results. With the closing moment approaching, the students, parents and teachers attracted to the booth of Chinese culture are reluctant to leave and they still want to play the game until the last moment of the activity.

Nearly 1,000 teachers, students and parents attended the activity. In the Chinese cultural exploration, the students showed great enthusiasm in Chinese learning and felt the charm of Chinese culture of Confucius Institute at Troy University.



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## Chinese Tea Ceremony at 2019 Alabama Coffee Fest



On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

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**Chinese Lantern Festival Family Reunion Party**



At 6:00 pm February 22, 2019, visiting scholars from Confucius Institute at Troy university (CIT) Dothan campus held a Lantern Festival Family Reunion Party for families with adopted Chinese children in the Thomas Harrison Room, Malone Hall at Troy University Dothan campus. More than 110 people attended the event.

The party kicked off with festive music. Ms. Yandong Wang, Ms. Na Jiang and Ms. Yan He from CIT Dothan campus expressed their appreciation for guests' coming, and then the director of CIT Dr. Xu delivered the opening remarks, which made everyone present feel our sincerity and hospitality. The first game, "Simon Says" set the party alight with everyone's laughter continuously. Games and performances were interspersed. Tai chi, calligraphy, Hulusi attracted many guests to take photos and shoot videos. Enjoying the melodious sound of Hulusi, some foreign families couldn't help asking "What is this instrument?" As the prize of lucky draw, the calligraphy work was gifted to a boy. He was over the moon as if he had got a precious treasure. Meanwhile, the games were also varied. The children followed the Chinese popular songs to imitate the dances with laughing and dancing. They were not satisfied just playing a round, and they did it once more. Mom and Dad, who had become their fans, were busy with applauding and taking pictures or shooting videos. In the game of "Act and Guess", the players did their best to use various weird expressions and movements in order to make their partners understand what the words were. "Say it Backward" was tough not only to kids but also to their parents. In "Lifting the Sedan Chair", parents or elder brothers and sisters in a group handed for the sedan, lifting their own baby running between treasure area and base camp. The competitors rushed at a speed of 100 meters to grab a treasure in the compact sound of gongs and drums. Cheers, laughter could be heard without end. At last, children got dozens of gifts by "Searching Treasure".

After the activities was meal time. Red bean sweet dumplings were the most sought-after among the rich food. Everyone sat around, eating, talking and sharing their stories. The event ended in harmony and joy. When many families were about to leave, they specially expressed their gratitude to visiting scholars from CIT for the happy evening and delicious food. They were looking forward to the next activity.

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## Confucius Institute at Troy University Went to Elmore High School to Hold Chinese Cultural Promotion Activities

On February 25, 2019, visiting scholars of the Confucius Institute at Troy University, Cheng Wenjuan and He Jing drove nearly two hours to Elmore County High School to carry out Chinese cultural promotion activities. Elmore County High School is a public high school with more than 500 students located in Eclectic, a satellite city of Montgomery. Visiting scholars Cheng Wenjuan and He Jing explained the customs of the Chinese New Year to the students and taught the students simple Chinese characters around the Spring Festival. They also taught students to make bracelets, and students learnt earnestly. The event was held in four classes, each time lasting one hour. The classes participating in the activity ranged from 9th grade to 12th grade. More than 100 people participated in the event.

Students actively participated in the activities and were curious about Chinese culture. Thanks to the Confucius Institute at Troy University for letting Chinese culture enter the US campus, so that more American students can understand China and Chinese culture.



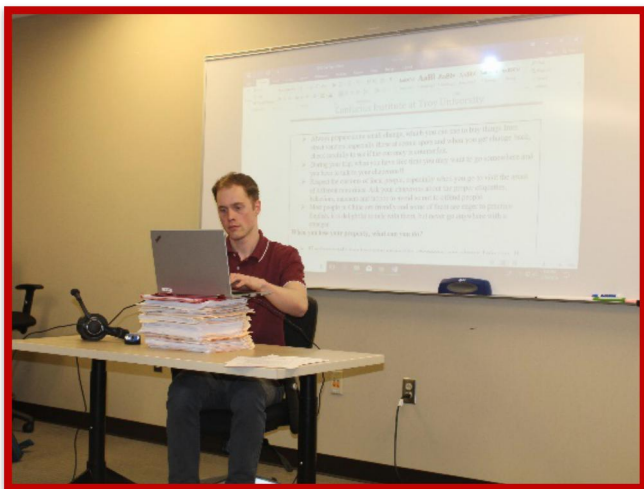
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## 2019 Spring China Trip Preparatory Meeting at CIT



On February 26, the Confucius Institute at Troy University held the 2019 spring China Trip preparatory meeting on the Troy campus. More than 40 people participated in the event. The presenters were Dr. Xu Hong, Director of the Confucius Institute, and Austin Deal, Executive Secretary of the Confucius Institute. Since there are still 10 days before the official departure time, they told people about matters such as weather, food, and environment, and emphasized the rules about this trip. After the lecture, Dr. Xu and Austin answered the questions of the students in detail. This preparatory meeting will make an important preparation for their coming trip.



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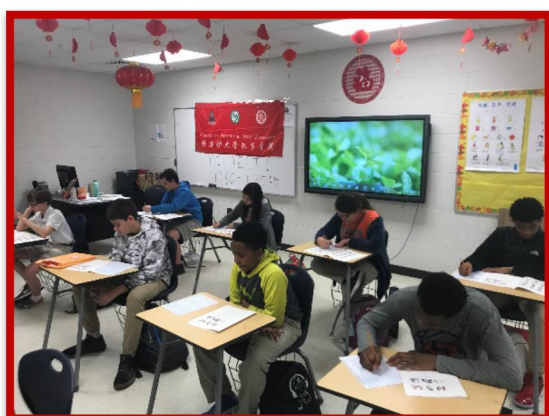
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## Confucius Institute at Troy University Held YCT Tests at Charles Henderson Middle School



On February 27, 2019, the Confucius Institute at Troy University held YCT tests at Charles Henderson Middle School. The test was divided into three sessions. The first two sessions were YCT level one and the latter one was YCT level 3. Zhang Yunchu and Dr. Li Wei, visiting scholars of the Confucius Institute at Troy University, as proctors, arrived at the examination room early; they cleaned the classroom, placed tables and chairs, and commissioned equipment to provide a clean and comfortable test environment for students. The test began, students came to classroom and seated in an orderly manner. Zhang Yunchu read the test rules, and then the two teachers instructed the students to correctly fill in the answer sheet and the test went smoothly. After the exam, the two teachers counted the test papers and filled out the test record sheet.



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## 2019 Spring Chinese Proficiency Test Held at the Confucius Institute at Troy University in Montgomery

From February 23<sup>rd</sup> to February 27<sup>th</sup>, the Montgomery Campus of Confucius Institute at Troy University held a series of HSK, the Chinese Proficiency Tests, in the spring of 2019. In order to facilitate the candidates, the Confucius Institute at Troy University has set up examination rooms at three different campuses, the Montgomery Campus of Troy University, Baldwin Arts and Academics Magnet School and LAMP High School. There are as many as 50 candidates taking the exam, covering five levels of the tests from HSK 1 to HSK 5, and the number of candidates exceeded that of the previous years.

The Test Center of Confucius Institute at Troy University has always attached great importance to the HSK/YCT/HSKK Chinese Proficiency Tests. With the support of the dean of CITU, Prof. Hong Xu, the teachers in charge of the tests have done the work of publicity and application of the test in advance. During the tests, they follow the test instructions and clarify the invigilation responsibilities, which finally makes the 2019 Spring Chinese Proficiency Test a complete success.



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## YCT Test (Level One) was Held in Kelly Springs Elementary School

On Feb 28, 2019, American local time, CIT Dothan team held 2019 spring YCT test (level one) in Kelly Springs Elementary School. There were 28 participants from grade 2 to grade 5.

At 9 o'clock, the test began on time. Following Ms. Wang, Yandong's step by step instruction, all the participants filled in the required information correctly. The classroom was in order and quiet through the test. Sometimes students were deep in thought, and sometimes wrote swiftly. The Dothan team kept a close eye on their needs and were ready to offer help whenever they needed. Everything went well with the test. At sharp 10, the test was over. All the participants finished all the questions on the test paper within the required time.

YCT level one test in Kelly Springs Elementary School was completed successfully.



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## Confucius Institute at Troy University was Invited to Participate in the 2019 Spring Education Job Fair of Troy University



On February 27, the Confucius Institute at Troy University was invited to participate in the Spring education job fair held by Troy University. The job fair mainly focused on education majors. There were about 30 institutions and organizations took part in the job fair, and more than 200 students participated. The Confucius Institute of Troy University provided a large amount of information for students to study and work in China. It is hoped that more students can know about China, study and work in China. In this job fair, there are many students who come to consult. Some students have great interest in China. Some students have never considered working in China, but after this job fair they will begin to consider that. After introducing the learning and working opportunities in China, many students left their contact information hoping to get more information about studying and working in China.



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