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CIT Was Invited to Participate in the Opening Ceremony of the Asian/Pacific Heritage Month in Fort Rucker



On May 3, 2019, American local time, visiting scholars from Confucius Institute at Troy University Dothan campus came to Fort Rucker Air Base to participate in the opening ceremony of Asian/pacific Heritage Month with the full support of visiting scholars from CIT Troy campus.

At 10:20 am, visiting scholars from CIT Dothan campus arrived at the site of the Asian/Pacific Heritage Month activities at Fort Rucker Air Base early and began to decorate exhibition booths, including a Chinese painting and calligraphy booth and a Chinese handcraft booth. In addition to Chinese style of performances and Chinese cultural sharing activities, CIT also brought delicious Chinese food to the opening ceremony.

No sooner than the booths had been set up, some people started asking whether it was ok to do calligraphy, kick shuttlecock or make bracelets. The event began with a lion dance performed by four American soldiers who had been to Troy University to learn it ahead of time. Then the Taichi fan dance was performed by visiting scholars from CIT Troy campus and Dothan campus. The performances won rounds of applause. The Hulusi performance of a Chinese boy made many people feel more interested in Chinese musical instruments. After the performances, visitors crowded around the two exhibition booths with great interest. Some were brave enough to have an experience, and some enjoyed watching others. Most people wanted to write their own names in Chinese. Seeing their concentration on practicing Chinese calligraphy solemnly stroke by stroke and their happiness in appreciating their own works, we can feel their sincere love for Chinese characters. Among them, there is an American college student learning Chinese, who wants to learn Chinese well and go to China to develop her career after graduation. Meanwhile, handcraft booth attracted many kids. They had a lot of fun, making dragons and kicking shuttlecocks. The stuffed panda was their favorite. They loved it so much that they held on and refused to let go.



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Last Staff Meeting of CITU for the School Year

On May 5th, Confucius Institute at Troy University held the last staff meeting of the school year on Montgomery campus. All the staff of CITU attended the meeting.

The meeting was hosted by Dr. Hong Xu, Director of the Confucius Institute at Troy University. The visiting scholars from Troy campus, Dothan campus and Montgomery campus first made a discussion separately on the plans for the next school year. Then Dr. Xu concluded the work for this school year and made some arrangements for the recent work of CITU. She also gave an overall deployment and arrangement for the 2019 Troy Star Summer Camp to be held in June. The team leaders of each campus had an efficient communication over the job description of summer camp. The visiting scholars made some comments and suggestions over the work. All CITU staff expressed their willingness to be dedicated to do their best for the development of CITU and the promotion of Chinese culture.



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China Trip Students Reunion Dinner

On May 6th, students for 2019 Spring China Trip organized by the Confucius Institute gathered together recalling Chinese stories. More than 30 students attended the reunion dinner.

The 2019 Spring China Trip was about ten days, and it left a deep impression on the students who went to China. The reunion of the students who participated in China Trip organized by the Confucius Institute allowed the students to meet again and share the beautiful memories of the Chinese trip. While tasting Chinese cuisine, many students expressed their love for Chinese history, culture and language, and hoped to have an opportunity to visit China again in the future. The event ended in a happy atmosphere.



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Confucius Institute at Troy University Brings Chinese Paper-cutting to Local Communities

On May 8th, 2019, the Confucius Institute at Troy University held a Chinese paper-cutting culture sharing activity at a local senior nursing center, Crowne Health Care of Montgomery. Over 40 seniors joined the activity.

At the beginning, the visiting scholar of CITU, Dr. Li Fang, gave a general introduction to Chinese paper-cutting, and then showed some classic paper-cutting works, like the one with the Chinese character "Fu" and the twelve zodiac animals. The seniors were eager to make their own paper-cutting works. Then they started their own paper-cutting of the panda. When they completed the panda paper-cutting, they were so excited and would keep their own works forever.

The working staff at the nursing center expressed their great thanks to CITU for bringing the special Chinese cultural activities to the local communities. CITU has established a long cooperation relationship with the local senior centers, which will furtherly promote the spreading of Chinese culture in the local communities.



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CIT Was Invited To Participate In

Fort Rucker Asian/Pacific Heritage Month Activities II

On May 17, 2019, visiting scholars from Confucius Institute at Troy University Dothan campus came to Fort Rucker Air Base to participate in the Asian/Pacific Heritage Month activities with the full support of visiting scholars from CIT Troy campus.

At 10:30 am, visiting scholars from CIT Dothan campus arrived at the site of the Asian/Pacific Heritage Month activities at Fort Rucker Air Base early and began to decorate exhibition booths, including a Chinese painting booth and a tea ceremony booth. In addition to Chinese traditional tea ceremony and fan painting, CIT also brought delicious Chinese food.

The activities were awesome. After the opening performance of tropical dance and Taekwondo, Dr. Feng Rui from CIT gave a wonderful speech on east-west differences. The easy-to-understand language and vivid pictures opened a window for us to understand the differences between the east and the west. After the speech, Dr. Feng was honored with a medal by Fort Rucker Air Base. Next, Ms. He Jing presented a traditional Chinese tea ceremony along with the explanation by Ms. He Yan. Their performance let everyone experience the spirit of Chinese tea ceremony through the beautiful movement of making tea and the show of serving tea etiquette. On the other side, the Chinese painting exhibition was very popular. People were extremely interested in drawing Chinese paintings on fans. More and more foreign friends were joining the crowd continuously. With the instruction of Ms. Jiang Na, they finished their fan painting independently. Everyone loved his own work very much and asked for a photo with the "master".

At the end, an organizer came to say that the activities prepared by CIT were absolutely popular, and he expressed sincere gratitude to visiting scholars and invited CIT to participate in Asian/Pacific Heritage Month next year.



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CIT Was Invited to Participate in Fort Rucker Asian/Pacific Heritage Month Activities III

On May 22, 2019, American local time, visiting scholars from Confucius Institute at Troy University Dothan campus came to Fort Rucker Air Base to participate in the Asian/Pacific Heritage Month activities III with the full support of visiting scholars from CIT Troy campus.

At 9:20 am, visiting scholars from CIT Dothan campus arrived at the site of the Asian/Pacific Heritage Month activities at Fort Rucker Air Base early and began to decorate the venue with CIT Troy team together. They carefully prepared three Chinese cultural activities, Chinese calligraphy, paper cutting and Peking Opera. In addition, CIT also brought delicious Chinese food.

Then Ms. He Yan gave a presentation on Chinese Peking Opera, including its history, its classification, the four character categories of Sheng, Dan, Jing and Chou, the facial makeup in different colors, as well as the movies and Chinese pop songs related to Peking Opera. Visitors marveled at the extreme pursuit of beauty in Beijing Opera and were excited about the combination of rock music and Beijing Opera.

At the end, an organizer came to say that the activities prepared by CIT were absolutely popular. He also expressed sincere gratitude to visiting scholars, presented them with the US army badge and invited CIT to participate in Asian/Pacific Heritage Month next year.



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Soldiers and their families from Fort Rucker Air Base Visited Confucius Institutes at Troy University

At 9:30 am on May 30, 2019, American local time, soldiers and their families from the Fort Rucker Air Base in Alabama visited the Confucius Institute at Troy University. They first visited the Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum located at the International Art Center on campus. Later, they came to the Cultural Exhibition Center of the Confucius Institute at Troy University, and visited traditional Chinese musical instruments, traditional costumes, paper-cuts, dragon and lion dance, Chinese calligraphy, and Chinese paintings. Confucius Institute invited Master Du, Xiaoren to have Chinese painting show. Under the guidance of Mr. Du, visitors practiced painting Chinese painting - Morning Glory. An hour later, they drew a vivid morning glory. After lunch, visiting scholar He, Jing introduced the history of Chinese tea, the type and function of Chinese tea and its role in Chinese society to visitors. Then, He, Jing performed tea art for everyone and invited everyone to taste Tieguanyin tea. The soldiers and their families had a great time here, and after the event, they took group pictures together.



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Confucius Institute at Troy University Brings Chinese Paper-cutting to Local Senior Nursing Center

On May 23rd, the Confucius Institute at Troy University was invited by John Knox Manor, a senior nursing center in Montgomery, to share Chinese paper-cutting culture with the local senior citizens. A total of 25 people attended the event.

Dr. Li Fang, a visiting scholar of CITU, first introduced the history, themes and uses of Chinese paper cutting. She also showed the exquisite Chinese paper-cut works “Fu” made of Chinese dragons and the twelve Chinese Zodiac animal paper cutting works. With the guidance of the visiting scholars from CITU, the seniors picked up the scissors and tried to cut out the panda from the paper. After that, everyone got their own self-designed paper-cuts for decorating the windows. Some of them said that they wanted to give their paper-cuts to their grandchildren as presents.

At the end of the event, everyone expressed their sincere gratitude to the visiting scholars from CITU with a loud applause.



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