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TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL VISITS CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE AT TROY UNIVERSITY

On September 26th, more than 80 students and teachers from the Trinity Presbyterian Middle School in Montgomery, Alabama visited the Confucius Institute at Troy University.

The students learned about Chinese tea culture, costumes, and Kung Fu. They also learned about Chinese artistic culture including the Dragon and Lion dances, musical instruments, and calligraphy in the Confucius Institute exhibition hall. The students showed great interest in Chinese culture by asking about the dances and trying on Chinese clothing. Later, the Confucius Institute organized a Chinese painting workshop for the students.

Visiting Scholar Jiang Na introduced Chinese paintings and calligraphy to the guests and taught them how to paint Chinese bamboo. At the end of the event, students said they wanted to visit the Confucius Institute again in the future to participate in more cultural activities.

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DOTHAN VISITING SCHOLARS MEET VICE CHANCELLOR DR. JEFFREY

On September 30th, Dothan Visiting Scholars Jiang Na, He Yan and Li Fujun met at the Dothan Teaching and Research Center with Dr. Donnie Jeffrey, Vice Chancellor of Troy University's Dothan campus.



The Confucius Institute Scholars arrived at the Vice Chancellor's office and Dr. Jeffrey greeted the scholars warmly in Chinese with "Nihao" and welcomed the new arrival Li Fujun. The Vice Chancellor praised the team for the success of the Mid-Autumn Festival events, and he expressed gratitude for the efforts CIT Dothan team has been making in introducing Chinese culture to the local people, under the leadership of Dr. Iris Xu. Afterwards, Dr. Jeffrey discussed cultural clashes and the social status of both countries with the scholars. Dr. Jeffery also expressed his inclination to do research on sports management in China when talking about China's high-speed developing sports.



The Visiting Scholars expressed their deep gratitude for Dr. Jeffrey's care and encouragement and took a photo with Dr. Jeffrey.

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FIFTH CHINESE TEA TALK ON CHINESE CHESS

On October 3rd, the Confucius Institute at Troy University held a cultural lecture on Chinese chess. Visiting scholar, He Jing first introduced Chinese chess and its rules to the audience. Then, she taught everyone to play chess with other Visiting Scholars. Everyone involved in the activity felt the charm of the ancient Chinese game and was impressed by the profound Chinese culture contained in Chinese chess.



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CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE AT TROY HOLDS THE 10TH ALABAMA CHINESE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION FORUM

On October 5th, the Confucius Institute held the 10th Alabama Chinese Teachers Association Forum at Bartlett Hall on the Montgomery Campus. American Alabama Chinese Teachers Association and the International Language and Culture Institute at Troy University both supported this forum. The event attracted over 50 professors and teachers from Alabama and the neighboring states.

The forum focused on the development of Chinese language teaching in the United States, Chinese language teaching and classroom management, and the development of students' craftsman skills (learning Chinese crafts). The conference consisted of a combination of cutting-edge analysis of Chinese language teaching theories, first-hand teaching experience sharing, and Chinese cultural craft-sharing.

Towards the end of the forum, Dr. Rui Feng and Dr. Iris Xu awarded the certificates of "Chinese Teacher Professional Development" to all the teachers. They expressed their sincere gratitude to these teachers for their great contribution to Chinese language teaching and research.

This was the 10th Chinese Language Forum jointly organized by the Confucius Institute at Troy University and Alabama Chinese Language Teachers Association. CIT has been paying attention to Chinese language teachers' development since its foundation, which contributed to the profound spreading and promotion of Chinese language teaching and Chinese cultural sharing in Alabama and the southeast part of the United States.



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CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE HOLDS TEA CLASS FOR GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS

On October 7th, the geography classes at Troy University moved their second class to the Confucius Institute to have a tea class. Visiting Scholar He Jing first introduced Chinese tea culture, including: the discovery of Chinese tea, the type of Chinese tea, the benefits of Chinese tea, and its role in society.

Then she performed a tea show and let the students taste Chinese green tea and oolong tea. The lecture not only gave the students visual and sensory experiences, but also made them feel the intensity of Chinese tea culture.

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WORLD RELIGIONS STUDENTS COME TO THE CIT

On October 8th, students from the World Religions class in the History Department held their second class to the Confucius Institute at Troy University. Visiting Scholar He Jing introduced the Chinese tea culture to the students, including: the discovery of Chinese tea, the types of Chinese tea, the benefits of Chinese tea, and its role in society.



She explained the differences between Chinese and Western tea culture. Later, Ms. He performed tea art and gave the students a taste of Chinese green tea and oolong tea. After the tea culture lecture, He Jing also explained the two words decorated in the tea performance: “Hai Na Bai Chuan” and a poem by Li Bai of the Tang Dynasty. The students enthusiastically asked questions about Chinese tea culture and Chinese calligraphy.



This class not only gave the students visual and taste experiences, but also showed them the profoundness of Chinese tea culture and Chinese calligraphy.

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CIT PARTICIPATES IN THE AUTUMN JOB FAIR

On October 9th, the Confucius Institute at Troy University was invited to participate in the Autumn Job Fair held in the Arena. There were about 50 institutions and organizations participating in the job fair, and more than 500 students attended.

The Confucius Institute provided information for students who were interested in working in China. By doing this, the Confucius Institute hopes more students can learn about Chinese culture, understand China, and work in China.

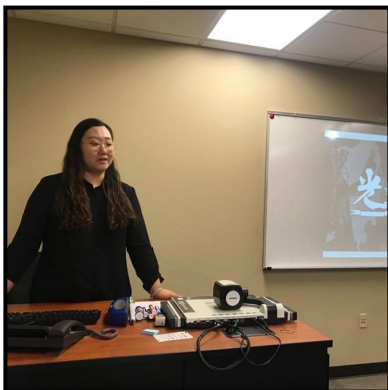
After learning about job opportunities in China, students left their contact information and hoped to get more information from Confucius Institute about job opportunities.



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SIXTH CHINESE TEA TALK ON CHINESE PUPPETRY

On October 10th, the Confucius Institute at Troy held a cultural lecture on the theme of Chinese puppetry at Troy Campus. Visiting Scholar Yunchu Zhang first introduced Chinese puppetry with some videos and brief history. Then, she taught everyone how to make a Monkey King paper puppet. The student completed the puppets and posed with them for a group picture.



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