

# Confucius Institute at Troy University (CIT)

## Joined the 2014 Birmingham

### Chinese New Year Celebration

The Annual Birmingham Chinese New Year Celebration kicked off on Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> 2014 at Boutwell Auditorium where people from various parts of Alabama joined the grand celebration. The event was organized by Birmingham Chinese Festival association. Five teachers from CIT at Troy University participated the celebration and promoted Chinese language course and cultural courses and other events hosted by CIT. Our booths, decorated with Chinese Red Knots, Chinese silk fans, Kungfu fans, CIT fans aroused keen interest of the audience. Our Chinese Language and Culture Learning aids, dictionaries, flashcards, textbooks for beginners were the eye-catchers among the viewers. The interactive and hands-on activity, paper cutting, was very popular among the small kids, students, and even senior people. Their faces were lit up when their own paper cut of Chinese characters like spring, double happiness, was finished out of their own hands. The audience around gave out a burst of cheers and applause.



Traditional Chinese food, spring rolls, dumplings, and fortune cookies, as always, were very popular among the tasters, following with a hum of Yummy. Over 200 spring rolls and 500 dumplings were distributed out in less than half an hour.

At the scene of the event, Ms. Chen, Deputy-director of CIT at Troy University answered questions concerning CIT Chinese Language and Culture courses, STARTALK, China Trip for American High School Students and Entrepreneurs. Also pamphlets of Chinese Language and Cultural courses information, and leaflets of such events as STARTALK, China Trip for American High School Students, China Trip for Entrepreneurs were handed out. Afterwards some people decided to sign in our activities on the spot. The whole celebration lasted from 9 am till 3 pm. In the end, the audience and the attendants reluctantly bid farewell amidst wishes of Happy Chinese New Year, Au Revoir, See you next year. The whole event was a great success.

