

CIT Staff Promote Chinese Language and Culture at the 71th National Peanut Festival in Dothan



On November 1st and 2nd, 2014, the staff and Students of Confucius Institute at Troy University attended the 71th National Peanut Festival held in Dothan, AL to promote Chinese culture. During the festival, they introduced Chinese language, culture, courses to the patrons of the festival. They also distributed Chinese food, dumplings and spring rolls, and the onlookers were full of praises. Many people, who are interested in Chinese culture, stopped at the CIT booth for a long time, experiencing how to write Chinese calligraphy, observed Chinese paper-cutting, and learned how to use chopsticks. CIT booth became a highlight at the interior gallery of the Peanut Festival.

Dothan's Peanut Festival is a grand annual national festival lasting about ten days. Many people from Florida, Georgia, Mississippi even from parts of Tennessee, which includes a large part the southern portion of The United States, travel to this event. It attracts about 100,000 tourists every year. So it's one of the best times to get to know about local life and to display Chinese culture to the local people.



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The 3rd Alabama Chinese Language Teachers Association Forum Successfully Held

Hosted by the Alabama Chinese Language Teachers Association, in collaboration with Troy University Confucius Institute and University of Alabama at Birmingham, ACLTA Forum was successfully held at UAB on Nov. 8 2014. Over 20 Chinese language teachers throughout Alabama were present for the forum.

The forum's theme was "Chinese: New Century Skills". Dr. Rui Feng presided over the forum.

Qiang Chen, from Enloe Magnet High School of North Carolina was invited to be the keynote speaker, "The Plan and Teaching of Student Centered Thematic Unit". He demonstrated his Chinese language syllabus, teaching plan and design, teaching implementation and rewarding study grades of students and shared with the participants his vivid cases of classroom teaching and rich means of teaching.

Apart from keynote speaker, Dr. Yahui Huang, Dr. Xiang Zhang and Ms. Ling Ma gave wonderful topic-related lectures, acquainting the participants with the position, current situation and future development of Chinese language teaching in Alabama.

New members were recruited to add new force to ACLTA at the Forum.



Debating at Open House Day to Promote Chinese Language and Culture

—CIT attended the Open House Day on Montgomery Campus of Troy University

On November 18th, The Confucius Institute at Troy University set up a booth at the Open House Day on Montgomery Campus of Troy University, introducing the Chinese language courses offered by CIT to the teachers and students. Many students surrounded the booth to find out more about Chinese custom, to fill in questionnaires and get desirable souvenirs. The booth attracted the eyeballs of the audience with good effects.

This year, Dr. Tatum, the Vice Chancellor of Montgomery Campus, gave a special introduction of our CIT booth to the audiences. Which provided a guarantee for the efficient publicity. CIT enjoyed the good opportunities such as Open House Day to promote Chinese culture.



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