

Montgomery Focus: Debut of Tea Talk

On October 13 and 14, 2105, the Chinese Culture Club on Montgomery Campus of Confucius Institute at Troy University (CIT) presented October's feast—Tea Talk, in Bartlett Hall, on Montgomery Campus of Troy University and at E L Lowder Library, which is also the first round of Tea Talk lectures on CIT Montgomery Campus, part of Montgomery Focus serial events.

Located in the South of American and with fewer Chinese Americans than many other US metropolises, Montgomery and its people do not know much about Chinese tea culture, however, the CIT Tea Talk's debut attracted many local people. Ms. Peisong Wang, one of CIT staff, introduced the stories, history and classification of Chinese tea and demonstrated the traditional Gongfu Tea Ceremony in China. Audiences were listening and watching attentively and they were excited to get the chance to know and taste so many representative kinds of Chinese teas.

The Tea Ceremony presented by audiences is the most delightful and meaningful part in Tea Talk. It is so enjoyable to watch local Americans trying very carefully to handle the tiny teacups and it is more enjoyable to see their smiling faces when they completed all the procedures by themselves.

E L Lowder Library plans to schedule the 2nd Tea Talk with CIT soon in their library hall, which can accommodate more audiences. Tea talk will be a monthly event in 2016 on CIT Montgomery Campus and another one or two Tea Talk will be presented before the end of 2015.

Tea is served to friends to express our hospitality or respect in China, and now a small cup of tea served to or serving by American friends connects the two nations together. ■

