

2016 Troy StarTalk Orientation Launched on Troy Montgomery Campus

Confucius Institute at Troy University (CIT) launched the 2016 Troy StarTalk Orientation on Troy Montgomery Campus on May 14.

Dr. Rui Feng, Program Director and Professor from College of Education in Troy University hosted the meeting and Dr. Iris Xu, CIT Director and Program Co-director was also present.

The 2016 Troy StarTalk Chinese Language Summer Program is designed as a two week residential camp between June 26 to July 10, which is divided into Student Program for high school students and Teacher Program for Chinese language teachers. Participating students will be offered opportunity to learn the basic Chinese language and Chinese culture in a relaxing and welcoming environment, while teachers will engaged in a profession development program covering Second Language Acquisition theory and practice, language and culture instructional methods and assessments, curriculum design, etc.

In the morning session, Dr. Rui Feng introduced the origin, purpose and significance of StarTalk program to students and parents, as well as the detailed schedule and arrangement of the student program. Dr. Iris Xu introduce the requirements and emphasized the importance of discipline in this residential program. In the afternoon session, Dr. Iris Xu and Dr. Rui Feng introduced the requirements and detailed arrangements of teacher program to teacher participants.

StarTalk is a government sponsored language program first launched and announced by former President Bush in 2006. With the great effort of CIT, Troy University becomes an important base of this program in southeast part of the United States. The 2016 Troy-StarTalk is the sixth year that Troy University hosts in the state of Alabama.

