

Montgomery Focus– Series of 2017 Spring CCC Events
A Lecture on Harbin International Ice and Snow Sculpture Festival

On Mar.1, 2017, the third lecture of Montgomery Focus Spring Series of Chinese Culture Event themed Harbin International Ice and Snow Sculpture Festival (HISSF) was given in Bartlett Hall on Montgomery campus by CIT team.

Chinese Instructor Jing Zhao first briefly introduced the Festival as one of the top four ice and snow festivals in the world. Then she employed many pictures to demonstrate a general profile of this grand event. According to her, the Festival annually starts on January 5 and lasts one month with various exhibitions and snow sports. While ice sculptures are erected throughout the city, there are two main exhibition areas: Sun Island, which features an expo of enormous snow sculptures; Ice and Snow World, which is an area open at night which features illuminated full-size buildings made from blocks of thick ice taken directly from the Songhua River. She also introduced some interesting winter activities during the festival including Yabuli alpine skiing, winter-swimming in the Songhua River and the ice-lantern exhibition in Zhaolin Garden, etc.

At last, Ms. Zhao detailed the modern Harbin people's life in this transforming era with a video story. The two American brothers who were born in Harbin returned to their birthplace twenty years later and had an exciting experience in ice swimming, alpine skiing, and ice sculpture making, which greatly impressed the audience present and aroused their interests in this northeastern city of China.

