



简报 *News Letter* Confucius Institute in Indianapolis



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Chinese Classes and Culture Activities

One of the highlights of the spring semester for CI-Indy came on April 30 with the hosting of the Chinese Spring Festival Art Exhibit at the Carmel City Public Library, Indiana. This was the first stop on a national tour for this prized exhibit which highlights the history and tradition of the Spring Festival. Amy Conrad Warner, IUPUI Vice Chancellor of External Affairs, Zongguang Guo and Haiquan Yang, Consuls of Cultural Affairs at the Chinese Consulate in Chicago, were in attendance at the reception.



Caption: Consul Zongguang Guo and Haiquan Yan with the staff of Confucius Institute in Indianapolis (CI) at the Spring Festival Art Exhibit.

Another highlight was our co-hosting with I-CLASS, on April 17, of the Second Chinese Language and Culture Fair at the Zionsville West Middle School. The fair featured a Chinese Competition for K-12 students and College students, as well as Chinese cultural activities and performances. About 400 students participated and 40 prizes were awarded for Chinese proficiency.

From May 14th – June 12th, 19 students from IUPUI, Indiana University Bloomington, and Butler University, participated in the Chinese Summer Program at Sun Yet-San University (SYSU). The group was led by CI-Indy Director Zao C. Xu and Associate Director Zhe Zhang. The students stayed at SYSU for 3 weeks studying the Chinese language as well as calligraphy, taiji, music and the cultural customs of China. Six medical students joined the program and they had the opportunity to visit local hospitals associated with SYSU. In the fourth week, the students visited Beijing, the national capital and the cultural and political center of China. Student feedback was excellent and many expressed a willingness to pursue further study in China after the program.



Caption: China Summer Program 2010 members visit the 'Bird's Nest', the 2008 Olympic Stadium in China.

May 18th, Director Zao C. Xu is working with Baiyunshan Hutchison Whampoa Shennong College (BHWSC) in China to promote the study of traditional Chinese medicine and culture.



Upcoming Events

- July 5 -Aug 6 Chinese Summer Camp for kids at IUPUI
- July 13 -26 Chinese Bridge Summer Camp to China for High School Students
- September 5 HSK Chinese Proficiency Test at CI-Indy
- September 12 Indianapolis Chinese Festival
- September 25 Chinese Teacher Workshop at CI-Indy

Community Service

May 18 Huaishi Hall in SYSU, Guangzhou. Was the setting for the Business Cooperation Conference organized by CI-Indy. Vice Principal Ningsheng Xu met the Indianapolis delegation, which included senior representatives of the Indiana State and local governments, including Rod Gifford, Steve Akard, and Courtney Poulos. Mr. Gifford made well-received speeches entitled “Indiana Accelerate Your Business: Promoting Innovation and Investment in Indianapolis, Indiana” and “Opportunity Indianapolis”.



May 19. The Indiana business delegation took the opportunity to visit the Guangdong Province Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation and they invited their colleagues to visit Indiana to learn more about why this state is a leader in terms of international investment.



Conferences and Activities Update:

My 29 - The annual Indy 500 parade, a prelude to the premier sports car race in the USA (the Indy 500), attracted over 40,000 people and was televised to a further 300,000 sports fans. This year, CI-Indy took advantage of this opportunity to promote its work in central Indiana with the raising of a giant 30 foot dragon balloon which was carried for the two miles of the parade route by a team of 30 volunteers dressed in traditional Chinese costume. It was very successful in promoting US-China relations.



April 22 – Director Dr. Xu, Associate Director Zhe Zhang and Instructor Fang Jiang attended the National Chinese Conference in Washington DC.

April 22 – CI-Indy co-sponsored the IUPUI International Festival held on the university campus

April 28 – The 2010 annual CI-Indy advisory board meeting was conducted, with representatives from SYSU in Guangzhou participating via videoconference. Attendees included IUPUI Chancellor Bantz and the SYSU vice Principal Ningsheng Xu. Deputy Dean Yao Xu of SYSU was awarded an honorary plaque as ‘Board Member of the Year’

May 7 – June 25 Summer class in Chinese language (C118) was offered to IUPUI students.

May 14 – Preliminary discussions were held with the Indianapolis International Center to establish an Asian Learning Center in Indianapolis.

May 15 – 16 CI-Indy participated in the Broad Ripple Art Festival, Indianapolis

May 24 – The International Festival at Short Ridge Magnet High School, Indianapolis, showcased the work of CI-Indy.

June 5 – Volunteer teacher Shaqi Sun attended the 2nd Asian Festival in Garfield Park, Indianapolis.

June 12 – CI-Indy celebrated the 2nd PBS Kids Festival in downtown Indianapolis.

June 22 – 26 Director Dr. Xu attended the Overseas Chinese Calligraphy Conference in Anhui Province, China.

