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# Newsletter

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### Understanding about China: Chinese Village Explore at Xiangshan

12 Oct, 20 international students and Mandarin learners visited Xiangshan to experience the life of Chinese fish village. Besides the traditional activities like sweet potatoes pick up, local food make, bamboo basket DIY, and Taiji performance, the most unique experience for the participants was to play golf in the small village. As some participants said, though the small village remained relatively authentic Chinese flavor, it was not isolated from the globalization.

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Different from purely displaying the cultural heritage, the NCI Ningbo believed a direct experience of modern China would be much helpful for the international students to have a better understanding about what China looked like nowadays. This activity was a component of the university's 'Living in China' programme. Appreciations to Department of Campus Life and all the other departments' joint efforts. [Read more](#)



### **Nottingham Confucius Classroom Alderman White School visited UNNC**

From 12 to 18 Oct, 19 students and teachers delegates from Alderman White School visited UNNC. It was the third time for Alderman White School to visited UNNC. Alderman White School was the first Confucius Classroom of Nottingham Confucius Institute. Learning Chinese language was the first target for this trip, thus the delegates took 15 hours Mandarin class and participated in a final exam during their one-week visit at UNNC.

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### **Carlton Le Willows Academy visited UNNC**

Carlton Le Willows Academy visited UNNC from 19 to 24 Oct. It was their fourth time to visit UNNC, study Mandarin and play table tennis with UNNC EXCEL Table Tennis Team. Carlton Le Willows Academy was the England Table Tennis Base for kids and teenagers. Every year, they attended Siyuan Cup Table Tennis and won distinctive prizes.

Similar as delegates from Alderman White School, they also visited local schools and scenery sites of Ningbo before they continued their trip to Beijing. [Read more](#)

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### **NCI Mandarin Teachers Attended Academic Conference in Beijing**

26 - 27 October, four teachers of Nottingham Confucius Institute China Ningbo Branch attended the academic conference on Effective Strategies for Language Learning, organized by the Chinese Testing International Co.,Ltd, at the Beijing Foreign Studies University.

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### **NCI Director Delivered the Public Lecture on US-China Trade War**

On 30 Oct, Prof. Shujie Yao, Director of the Nottingham Confucius Institute China Ningbo Branch, delivered the public lecture entitled as *US-China Trade War and the Implications of China's Economic Dynamics* at TB 330. 67 UNNC students and staff attended the lecture and showed their great interest and passion on this hot topic. Following the background introduction, he explained the reasons of the trade war and effects on both America and China. The highlight part is about the China's confidence in the trade war despite the US unilateralism and pressure on china's high technology and economic area. Prof. Yao pointed out that China was suffering loss in a short term but it was the time to test China's ability and wisdom and we would finally prove our strong resilience.

This lecture is also part of the "living in china" programme for UNNC international students. Thanks for the joint efforts of SPDPO [Read more](#)

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### HSK Test

13 Oct, 23 candidates sat for the HSK test at UNNC, which made the number of annual HSK test takers exceed last year in two month before the end of 2019. The overall number of test takers is very probably to hit 300 and achieve a new high record.

#### Upcoming events:

- 2 Nov. Municipal Mandarin competition @Tianyi Pavilion
- 2 – 3 Nov. Teachers' training at Guangzhou
- 23 Nov. Understanding about China: Chinese cuisine experience
- 27 Nov. Mandarin Teaching Conference



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## Confucius Institute Mandarin Course

Everyday Chinese		HSK Course		Private Course	
Beginner 1, 2	10 weeks 1 class per week 2 hours per class	HSK 1,2,3	10 weeks 2 classes per week 15 hours per class Tuition: 1800RMB	15 Hours Package 3300RMB	30 Hours Package 6600RMB
Intermediate 1,2,3	Tuition: 1200 RMB	HSK 4,5,6	10 weeks 2 classes per week 2 hours per class Tuition: 2400RMB	One to 1: 3300RMB One to 2: 1650RMB	One to 1: 6600RMB One to 2: 3300RMB
7 Oct -- 16 Dec 2019		7 Oct--16 Dec 2019		16 Sep--13 Jan 2020	

**Monday**

Intermediate 1 18:00-20:00  
HSK2 18:00-19:30  
HSK3 18:00-19:30  
HSK5 18:00-20:00

**Tuesday**

Beginner 1 18:00-20:00  
Intermediate 2 18:00-20:00  
HSK1 18:00-19:30  
HSK4 18:00-20:00  
HSK6 18:00-20:00

**Wednesday**

Intermediate 3 18:00-20:00  
HSK2 18:00-19:30  
HSK3 18:00-19:30  
HSK5 18:00-20:00

**Thursday**

Beginner 2 18:00-20:00  
HSK1 18:00-19:30  
HSK4 18:00-20:00  
HSK6 18:00-20:00

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## Pay and refund

Participants should pay 100% tuition at the required time in order to attend all the classes:

If join the class late

Class Type	Pay 80% tuition	Pay 50% tuition
10 weeks class	before the 6th week	after the 5th week
20 weeks class	before the 11th week	after the 10th week

If withdraw

Class Type	Refund 80% tuition	Refund 50% tuition
10 weeks class	before the 2nd class	between the 3rd and the 5th class
20 weeks class	before the 4th class	between the 5th and the 10th class

## Make up missed lesson

Group course	No make up lesson will be arranged for participants who miss the class due to any personal reason
Private course	Valid only when the teacher receives learner's request at 24 hours before the class

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### Nottingham Confucius Institute China Ningbo Branch Mandarin Class Scholarship

#### • For Group Class

- The highest performer at each group class
- 1000rmb/person
- Paid by cash at the end of the semester
- No application is required

#### • For Private Class

- The participants who receive more than 80% scores
- 1500rmb/person
- Paid by cash at the end of the semester
- No application is required

#### Evaluation Criteria

Attendance (15%)	Punctuality (5%)	1% deduction for being late each time
	Leaves (5%)	≤ 2 times, no deduction; > 2 times, 1% deduction for each time
	Absence (5%)	1% deduction for each time
Class Participation (15%)	Excellent (13% - 15%); Good (10% - 12%); Average (7% - 9%); Poor (4% - 6%)	
	Coursework (30%)	
	Exam/Presentation (40%)	

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