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## December



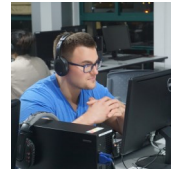
International Chinese Language Conference



Fudan (NCI's partner university) Won Awards



Christmas Party and Chinese Talent Showcase



End of Term Exam



NCI Mandarin Teachers' Workshop

## NCI Directors attend International Chinese Language Education Conference



**9-10 Dec-** NCI Director Jason Feehily, Co-Director Prof Nan Li, and Prof Shujie Yao, Director of NCI Ningbo Branch attended the annual CI conference in Changsha, capital of China's Hunan Province. The main focus of this year's conference was innovation and development in overseas Chinese language education: a departure from that of previous years. Prior to the conference, NCI directors also attended the joint Fudan Confucius Institutes meeting hosted by Prof Chen Zhimin, Vice President of Fudan University and Deputy NCI Board Chair (pictured left).

## Congrats to Fudan University on winning awards



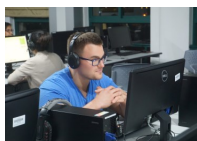
We would like to congratulate our Chinese partner, Fudan University, for their stunning achievement at the CI conference awards ceremony in Changsha. They won five awards in total: "Excellent Chinese Institution for CI Cooperation", "Excellent CI Award" (Frankfurt CI), "Excellent CI Individual Award" (Prof Zhou Bing, Auckland CI Co-Director), "Excellent HSK Test Centre Award" (Auckland CI) and another "Excellent CI Individual Award" (a Mandarin teacher at Fudan University). Five awards in one year is a great achievement indeed!

## NCI Ningbo Christmas Party



NCI Ningbo launched Christmas festivities at the MN Canteen on December 14. Around 110 Mandarin learners attended the party, showcasing language skills and other talents. The party began with a welcome speech from Prof Nick Miles, who congratulated the Institute on its achievements in teaching Mandarin and promoting Chinese culture in both the UK and China and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 10 students also received a Best Learner prize for their great work this semester.

## End of term exams at NCI Ningbo Branch



In early December, 112 Mandarin learners attended end of term exams organised by NCI Ningbo Branch. Mandarin courses at NCI aren't credit bearing courses: the purpose of regular end of term exams is to measure learners' Mandarin proficiency and progress, with some taking mock HSK exams (the Chinese Proficiency Test). Following the exams, NCI Mandarin teachers gave individual feedback to students, commenting on their strengths and weaknesses and offering advice on how to improve at the next stage of their learning.

## NCI Ningbo Teachers' Experiences Sharing



With an end of Mandarin class in this semester, 3 Mandarin teachers and 2 volunteers of NCI Ningbo exchanged their teaching experience in the semester with each other on 17 Dec. The teachers highlighted the importance of student-centered pedagogy, and reached an agreement to pay more attention to students whose language skill is just between two HSK levels in the next semester.

## HSK at UNNC



1 Dec, 78 candidates took the HSK test at UNNC, making a new record of highest test takers' number in a single test day. The number of annual HSK takers reached 388.

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