

# **CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE NEWSLETTER**

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#### **October**

#### Mandarin Class for Autumn Semester



Mandarin class for the new semester is ready to register. Both face to face class and video class are provided. If you are not sure about which class fits you most, please feel free to our office 451-2 Trent Building.

### Lantern Riddles on Mid-Autumn and National Holiday



At the night of 6 Oct, over 300 pieces of lantern riddles were displayed at the bridge between Portland Building and the New Library. It was the event organized by NCI Ningbo and Mandarin Corner to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival and National Holiday in a very traditional Chinese style. The riddles contained riddles in both Chinese and English and covered the topics of Chinese characters, articles of daily use, names of places and so on. The riddles were expected to display for a week, however they were all figured out in two days thanks to the enthusiastic of students and staff.

## **Public Benefit Chinese Painting Class**



The Chinese painting class kept on delivering every Monday evening @IAMET 218. In this month, 3 classes were organized. The class had covered the skills to paint bamboo, orchid, stones, and lotus. More classes would be offered in the next few months. To join this free class, please contact us via email. Special thanks to UNNC Painting and Calligraphy Society's great efforts to coordinate this class.

### **Language Partnership Programme**



Aiming to provide more chances for the international students to practice Chinese, the language partner project has been organizing on every Wednesday afternoon 2-6pm at room 112 Portland Building since 14 Oct. As a component of the 'Living in China' program, this project has attracted over 60 pairs of language partners to practice Chinese regularly both online and on site.

#### **HSK Test**



17 Oct, 23 candidates sat the HSK test at Room 331 Portland Building, making the overall number of HSK candidates hit 260 in 2020. The rest two HSK tests in this year will be on 21 Nov and 6 Dec. Info to HSK: https://www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/confucius-institute/hsk/index.aspx

### **Field Trip on the Double Ninth Festival**



25 Oct, 33 staff and students participated in the field trip to Dongqian Lake. The trip was designed as it was on the day of Double Ninth Festival in Luna Calendar, a very day in Chinese tradition to care for old people and climb high to cherish friendship. Therefore, the participants visited a scenery site in Xiaoputuo, where they learnt the story of a prime minister in the Southern Song Dynasty (1127-1279) named Shi Hao built the place in order to accomplish his mother's desire. Then the participants climbed a hill in Hanling and played team-building games to echo the theme of climbing high and cherish friendship. This event was jointly organized by the NCI Ningbo and Mandarin Corner.

### Call for Art Work on '24 Solar Terms and UNNC'



Cooperated with Calligraphy and Painting Society, NCI Ningbo is calling for art work on '24 Solar Terms and UNNC'. All the participants would receive a coffee coupon. The excellent work would be displayed on NCI Ningbo's wechat on every Solar Term in 2021. Please submit your work to Trent 451-2 on the office time.

### **Upcoming Events**

Chinese Painting Classes

- 7pm on 2, 9, 16, and 30 Nov @IAMET218;
- 7pm 23 Nov @ DB-A04

Language Partnership offline salons

- offline 2-6pm on 4, 11, 18 and 25 Nov @Portland Building 112;
- online flexible schedule

Voting for art work on '24 Solar Terms and UNNC'

Early Nov on NCI Ningbo wechat

### HSK test

21 Nov and 6 Dec @PB331

HSK invigilation training

• 2.00—3.00 pm 18 Nov @Trent 138

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