



# CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE NEWSLETTER

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## The 17th UNNC Chinese Competition



13 Apr at Siyuan Auditorium, the 17<sup>th</sup> UNNC Chinese Competition was successfully organized. 20 competitors from UNNC, Ningbo Polytechnic, Ningbo International School, and Huamao International School presented their outstanding Chinese language skills and rich knowledge on Chinese culture. This event was jointly organized by Confucius Institute, Language Center, Department of Campus Life and Department of Human Resources. It was greatly supported by students societies of Mandarin Corner and Vis-à-vis.

Professor Gary Rawnsley and Professor Martin Lockett delivered opening speech and closing speech. Provost Professor Nick Miles, Principals of Ningbo International School and guests from organizing departments and friend schools attended the event.

## Chinese Fan Painting



As a component of UNNC Cross Cultural Event, the Chinese Fan Painting was organized on 18 April 2.00-5.00pm at DB-C06. About 20 students and staff participated in the event. Under the instruction of Mr Li, the participants learnt how to use the Chinese brush pen to draw special items and make their unique fan..

This event was jointly organized by the Confucius Institute and Department of Human Resources, and executed by UNNC Chinese Calligraphy and Painting Society.

## Weekly Chinese Painting Class Closed



Monday 19 Apr at room 312 IAMET Building witnessed the last Chinese painting class for this semester. After 5 sessions, the participants had controlled the basic skills to paint portrait. They are very delighted to have the chance to enhance their knowledge about Chinese art and exchange with participants from different countries and cultural backgrounds.

It was the second term for the Chinese painting class. The event was greatly supported by NCI and Ningbo Overseas Chinese Calligraphy and Painting Academy, and executed by UNNC Chinese Calligraphy and Painting Society. It is expected that the class will continue in the next semesters.

## HSK Test and the New Standard



Chinese Proficiency Test  
汉语水平考试

10 Apr, 32 candidates sat the HSK test at room 331 Portland Building. A more concerned issue was the newly announced HSK standard. The changes of the new standard cover the HSK exam structure, vocabulary, grammar, and question formats. The changes include but not exclude to:

- HSK levels expand from 6 levels to 9 levels;
- More vocabularies are required for each level and Chinese character written skill is emphasized;
- The new test will be a comprehensive test for skills of listening, speaking, reading, writing and for the intermediate and advanced levels - translation;
- Though launched on 1 July 2021, the new version of the HSK 1-6 exams are still 3-5 years away;
- The new HSK 7-9 exam is planned to debut in December 2021, with an official launch date of March 2022.

We plan to organize a workshop to share more information about the new HSK standard in early next semester. Your questions and thinking will be very helpful for us to prepare for the workshop. (Our email: [Confucius.institute@nottingham.edu.cn](mailto:Confucius.institute@nottingham.edu.cn))

## China Stand for Global Village on UNNC Family Day



30 Apr, the Confucius Institute fully engaged in the HR department's First UNNC Family Day and organized a series of activities in the stand of China for the 'Global Village'. Hundreds of staff and their family members joined the fun. The stand of China possessed popular Chinese food dumplings, shuttlecock, matchsticks puzzle, moving game, and DIY handcrafts about Chinese poems. The stand was very well attended with a flux of people.

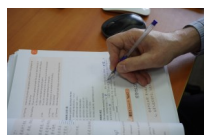
## Chinese Knot Workshop



7 Apr at Trent 138, a mini workshop on Chinese knot was held. Staff from CELE department and FoB participated in the event. The workshop was a component of UNNC cross-cultural Event, which was co-organized by the Human Resources Department and Confucius Institute.

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## Mandarin Partner Program Closed



As the approaching of exam season, weekly Mandarin Partner Program saw its last session in the week of 26 Apr. Thanks to the hard work of student volunteers from Mandarin Corner who organized and offered a lot of help to the Mandarin language learners in a daily basis. The programme will re-open in the next semester and welcome more international students and staff to enroll in.

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## Upcoming Events

### Egg Activities for 'Beginning of Summer'

- Wednesday 5 May 14.00—16.00 @Trent 209

### HSK test

- 15 May 8.30am — 4.00pm @PB331

### Peking Opera Mask Painting

- Friday 21 May 14.00—16.00 @Trent 209

### Make Chinese Local Food 'Zongzi'

- Wednesday 9 Jun 12.00—13.30 @MN Canteen

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