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CI Engaged in the Development of China-CEEC Education Exchange Portal

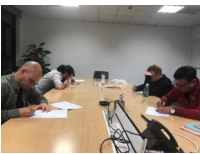


Under the leadership of Global Engagement Office, and after three months' preparation, the first group of video Mandarin classes produced by UNNC CI for *China-CEEC Education Exchange Portal* was about to complete by the end of May. The class contained two modules twenty lectures focusing on beginning level Business Chinese. CI Mandarin teachers and 11 outstanding Chinese and international students participated in the class producing.

The development of *China-CEEC Education Exchange Portal* was one of the key programs of Ningbo Municipal Education Bureau's 'Fourteenth Five Year Plan'. Besides Chinese language courses, the website would also contain various courses on Chinese culture and vocational skills from different universities and schools in Ningbo. The website would be officially launched on the 7th China-CEEC Expo & International Consumer Goods Fair. Through the perspective of educational exchange, it aimed to present the image of Ningbo city to people from Center and Eastern European Countries as well as other countries worldwide.

Besides GEO and CI, some more departments would join in the development of the website including Center for Research on Sino-British Universities and Language Center.

Mandarin Class for 202021 Spring Semester



Group Mandarin class for this semester ended by the week of 25 May. The Mandarin learners sat for a written exam recently. Your feedback to the classes are warmly welcome. Please fill in the questionnaire below to send your feedbacks to us : https://nottinghamedu1-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/zbrzjx1_nottingham_edu_cn/EgdnBt4BKXhHleEXSjzfzFzwBuG_zCcoT5CFkm5cfZKcD2Q?e=dTTTeTf

Cross-Cultural Event: Egg Activities on the Beginning of Summer



5 May saw the solar term called 'Beginning of Summer' (立夏). Staff gathered together to celebrate the event via a very Ningbo local way at Room 209 Trent Building. Like egg hunting for Easter, the 'Beginning of Summer' is also a day relate to eggs. On the day, parents would make a small net to contain an egg. Children bring the egg to school playing egg dual with friends. The egg dual is a game that each person holding an egg and pushing the egg to the other person, until one of the eggs cracks. Staff had a lot of fun from this game. The participants also made egg painting afterwards. The egg activity in the Beginning of Summer has been an annual event organized by the Confucius Institute. Many attendees thanked NCI and HR for bringing fun and Chinese culture to them.

Cross-Cultural Event: Peking Opera Mask Painting



21 May at room 209 Trent Building, the Confucius Institute and Human Resources Department jointly organized the forth cross-cultural event – Peking Opera Mask Painting. 15 staff participated in the activity.

Peking Opera originates has more than 500 years' history. The performance combines music, vocal performance, mime, dance and acrobatics. It is treated as one of the cultural treasures of China.

Through painting the opera masks, participants got a very general idea on how to encode the characteristics of the roles in Peking Opera through the colors and patterns on their faces. The finished opera masks were as beautiful as art crafts.

HSK Test



汉语水平考试

15 May, 33 candidates sat the HSK test at Room 331 Portland Building, making the overall number of HSK candidates hit 120 within 3 months. The rest two HSK tests in this academic year will be on 19 Jun, 18 Jul and 22 Aug.

Sites to register HSK tests: <http://www.chinesetest.cn/getkinfo.do?id=40969938>

Upcoming Events

Cross Cultural Event: DIY Zongzi

- 12.00—13.30, 9 Jun @ MN Canteen
- Light lunch and DIY materials are prepared
- Send email to Confucius.institute@nottingham.edu.cn to register before 4 Jun

HSK test

- 19 Jun, 18 Jul and 22 Aug @PB331

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