



CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE NEWSLETTER

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Mandarin Class for Autumn Semester



Mandarin class for this semester started the first class on 8th Oct. Over 130 learners registered the class and were allocated in 8 groups classes and 7 private classes.

The class would last for 10 weeks and end in December.

Culture Experience in Gulin Vocational Technical School



16th Oct, 19 representatives of UNNC international students who came from 11 different countries visited Gulin Vocational Technical School to experience the Chinese tea and cuisine culture. This event aimed to enhance the international students' understanding of the Ningbo city's history on tea making, drinking and trading as well as its function in the Marine Silk Road.



The students also had a chance to learn how to make the lotus pastry. Many students indicated that this event was very interesting, they would like to learn more about how to do Chinese snacks, and show what they've learnt to their friends and families.

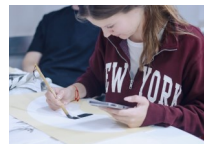
This event was jointly organized by the Confucius Institute and Department of Campus Life as one of the components of the university's Living in China program.

Chinese Painting Month



12th Oct at TB119, the first Chinese painting class in this semester: *the Plum Blossom* was held in UNNC. About 40 staff and students participated.

Same as the previous semesters, Mr. Li was invited to deliver the class. His professionalism and patience won high praise from the participants.



The classes on orchard and bamboo were delivered in the following two weeks. The last class would be delivered on December.

This class was jointly organized by Confucius Institute and HR Department and supported by Mandarin Corner and Chinese Painting and Calligraphy Society.

Language Partner Program—Fan Painting and Tea Culture



Aiming to provide more chances for the international students to practice Chinese, the language partner program had been organizing on every Wednesday afternoon 3-5pm at room 112 Teaching Building on 18th and 25th Oct.

On 18th Oct, the activity was focused on Chinese fan culture. The history about painting on fans was introduced. The international students also had a chance to paint a fan with their language partner.



The activity on 25th Oct presented Chinese tea culture to international students. The aroma flavor of tea enclosed the distance between the students from different cultural backgrounds.

HSK and HSKK Test

HSK

Chinese Proficiency Test

汉语水平考试

15 Oct, 37 candidates sat the HSK and HSKK test at Room 330 and 331 Portland Building, making the overall number of candidates hit 337 in 2023. The rest two HSK and HSKK tests in this year will be on 18 Nov and 3 Dec. Info to HSK: <https://www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/confucius-institute/hsk/index.aspx>

Upcoming Events

Chinese Painting Month—Chrysanthemum

- 7pm Friday 3rd Nov @ TB119

Language Partner

- Dumpling making 3.00—5.00 pm Wednesday 15th Nov. @MN Restuarant;
- Calligraphy 3.00—5.00pm Wednesday 22nd Nov. @PB109
- Chinese knot 3.00—5.00pm Wednesday 30th Nov. @PB109

Closing Ceremony of the 10th Ningbo International Students Festival and 2023 Ningbo International Students Chinese Speaking Competition

- 1.30—5.00pm Friday 24 Nov @ D. H. Lawrence Auditorium

HSK and HSKK test

- 9.00—17.00 Saturday 18th Nov @PB330 & PB331
- 9.00—17.00 Sunday 3rd Dec @PB330 & PB331

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