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



24th Nov, the Closing Ceremony of the 10th Ningbo International University Students Festival and 2023 Ningbo International Students Chinese Speaking Competition were successfully held at the University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC).



16 foreign candidates from 12 countries gathered at the DH Lawrence Auditorium for the Chinese speaking competition. The final includes a thematic speech and a Chinese knowledge quiz covering basic aspects of Chinese history, geography, literature, and social customs.

Meiling Villar Lam, a Spanish student from NUBS China participated in the final round of the competition and got excellent prize in the event. The event attracted over 150 international audiences from universities and colleges in Ningbo city.

Mandarin Class for Autumn Semester



Though the tuition was waved, the enthusiasm of the Mandarin learners was not waved. Very positive feedback was received from the participants. Besides the normal assessments, the participants would all have a chance to take HSK mock exam to verify their learning result in Dec.

Chinese Painting Month



3rd Nov saw the last Chinese painting class on Chrysanthemum, bringing a perfect ending to the Chinese Painting Month. Since 12nd Oct, 4 classes were delivered in the Thursday and Friday evenings, attracted over 100 participants to enjoy the beauty of Chinese painting and happiness of sharing. Special thanks went to student volunteers from Mandarin Corner and Chinese Calligraphy and Painting Society. The class would continue in the next semester.

Dumpling Making



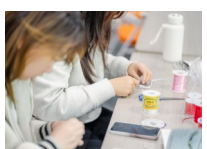
15th Nov at MN Restaurant, 30 pairs of language partners made the traditional Chinese food—dumplings—together. The participants showed high interest in making dumplings and expressed their love to Chinese food. The event also showed the participants different cuisine style in China. This event was a part of the Language Partner Program.

Chinese Calligraphy Experience



22nd Nov, students in the Language Partner Program had a try of writing with brush pen. Though people could seldomly see a brush pen being used in daily life nowadays, calligraphy was still popular among the young generation. Many people believe that a person's beautiful handwriting, especially with brush pen, was a symbol of his/her decent education background.

Chinese Knot Making



Chinese knots were regarded as the icon to bring happiness and good luck. Consequently, making Chinese knots was the last event for this semester's Language Partner Program, aiming to wish everyone a very good performance in the final exam. The participants had very delightful communication in the activity and expressed desire to see each other in the next semester.

Chinese Tea Culture Trip



25 Nov, 19 staff went to Dongqian Lake to have a trip on Ningbo tea culture. In the event, the participants learnt history and knowledge about green tea, practiced skills to make tea snacks, and enjoyed the tea. This event was jointly organised by the Confucius Institute and HR Department.

HSK and HSKK Test

HSK

Chinese Proficiency Test

汉语水平考试

18 Nov, 47 candidates sat the HSK and HSKK test at Room 330 and 331 Portland Building, making the overall number of candidates hit 384 in 2023. The next two HSK and HSKK tests would be on 3 Dec and 13 Jan. Info to the test: <https://www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/confucius-institute/hsk/index.aspx>

Upcoming Events

HSK and HSKK test

- 9.00—17.00 Sunday 3rd Dec @PB330 & PB331
- 9.00—17.00 Saturday 13th Jan @PB330 & PB331

Celebrate New Year

- 10.00—12.00 Wed 3rd Jan @IEB101 Calligraphy for PhD candidates
- 12.00—14.30 Wed 3rd Jan @MN Restaurant Calligraphy & Dumplings for staff
- 15.00—19.00 Wed 10th Jan @Trent 432 Workshop for CI members

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