

## CIT hosted Confucius Classroom Appreciation Luncheon and Roundtable Discussion

Confucius Institute at Troy University (CIT) hosted an appreciation luncheon and roundtable meeting for 6 affiliated Confucius Classrooms in Alabama to express gratitude and discuss future cooperation and further development of CIT Confucius Classrooms.

Dr. Iris Xu, CIT Director, Ms. Jannette Wright, Principal of Baldwin Arts and Academic Magnet School, Ms. Angela Lang, Principal of Pike Road School, Ms. Emily Little, Principal of Forest Avenue Academic Magnet, Ms. Athena Chang, Chinese instructor from Indian Springs School, and several Chinese instructors from the above Confucius Classrooms attended the luncheon on June 6, on Troy Montgomery Campus.

Dr. Iris Xu delivered a welcome speech expressing her appreciation to the valuable partnership with the prestigious schools present and sharing with guests the major achievements CIT has made during the eight years of development.

Principals and teachers from partner Confucius Classroom schools introduced the practice of Chinese program at their schools during roundtable discussion, including program development, curriculum setting, teacher enrollment as well as vision and future plan for Chinese language programs, which are well received at CIT Confucius Classroom schools. Dr. Xu and principals agreed that further discussion will be needed regarding curriculum updating and more teachers need to be equipped due to the growing number of Chinese learners and their higher level language learning demand.

