

Montgomery Focus: The 2nd Ancient Chinese Architecture launched at E. L. Lowder Library

The Chinese Culture Club event, Ancient Chinese Architecture-Part 2, was launched at E. L. Lowder Library by CIT on the Montgomery Campus.

CIT instructor Jing Zhang further illustrated the features and cultural spirit of traditional Chinese Architecture in this lecture with rich images and videos on April, 22.

Starting with a brief review of the previous lecture, Zhang then introduced the most famous four towers and pavilions in China, with a comparison to the modern Guangzhou TV and Sightseeing Tower, to explain the ancient and modern ideas of Tower.

Illustration were also given to the unique features of Chinese architecture, such as Dougong and latticed windows, as well as the Dragon and Phoenix decoration, which are the symbols of the status and authorities of emperor or empress.

Architecture in different parts of China was a major part of the lecture. With pictorial introduction to the drum towers of Dong Minority, Fujian Earthen houses, Huizhou Dwellings, Beijing Hutong and the masterpieces of traditional Chinese Architecture-Suzhou Gardens, the audience was led to the magnificent Chinese building crafted in a delicate way.

The lecture ended with an appreciation of architecture in Chongqing, which due to the mountain topography, enjoys distinctive features of terrace, balcony, steps, slops annex and hanging room.

The two lectures on Ancient Chinese Architecture impressed local Americans who knew little about Chinese architecture in the past, and informed them with real Chinese traditional architecture and modern skyscrapers.

