



Troy University Chancellor Honored with Confucius Institute Award

Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., Chancellor of Troy University, receives the World Confucius Institute's Individual Performance Excellence Award from Liu Yandong, Vice Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China on behalf of Confucius Institute headquarters. The award was presented during the World Confucius Institute Conference in Xiamen, China. Dr. Hawkins was one of nine university chancellors worldwide and the only one in North America to receive the award.



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Photo with Mayor of Thomsville



at Elementary School in Thomasville



at Middle School in Camden, Wilcox



at Golden Dragon Copper.

Serve Local Economy and Society in Alabama Better

---Trips to Golden Dragon Copper by Confucius Institute at Troy University

On Jan. 6 and 7, 2015, Confucius Institute at Troy University (CIT) sent Professor Qiu and Professor Wang to visit Golden Dragon Copper and some local schools. They visited Mr. Sheldon Day, Mayor of Thomasville and Mr. George Alford, Director of Wilcox Industrial Development Authority. Also, they visited Mr. Rodger Zhang, Chinese General Manager of Golden Dragon Copper USA Inc. Located in Pine Hill and opened in May, 2014, Golden Dragon Copper has invested \$100 million. And there are 65 Chinese workers and more than 180 American workers in this company. They also visited six local principals.

In conversation with Mayor Sheldon Day and Mr. George Alford, on behalf of CIT, Professor Qiu said, CIT would like to offer services like Chinese language instruction, Chinese Culture workshop etc. to build up the bridge between the local community and China. In conversation with Mr. Roger Zhang, they expressed that CIT will offer free second language acquisition instruction and whatever help CIT could offer. The two sides also discussed the plan of Celebrating the coming Chinese Spring Festival in the company.

In the visiting of six school principals, they introduced them the CIT programs of Chinese language and culture instruction in three locations; Startalk and China Trip. They showed such huge interest and passion for these. Since its founding in 2007, CIT is aiming to serve the development of local community and economy. This trip will strengthen the connection between CIT and different places of Alabama, which highlight the promotion of Chinese.

China Trip Sets Sail Soon

—China Trip 2015 was launched in Confucius Institute at Troy University

At 4 p.m. on Jan. 15th 2015, Confucius Institute at Troy University held a launching ceremony for 2015 *China Trip*. CIT staff Ms. Tingting Xiong introduced related information of 2015 *China Trip* to present teachers, students and community members, and also answered questions from them, the launching ceremony was a complete success.

China Trip is a well-known yearly project sponsored by China Hanban and organized by Confucius Institute at Troy University to provide opportunities for foreigners to travel in China and get to know about China cities, customs and people. Every China trip lasts about half a month, visiting 3-5 major China cities. For many years, this project has been well welcomed by local people in Alabama, and has been successfully held for 8 times since 2009, there are more than 400 people brought to China by this project, including government senators, students, professors and businessmen etc. 2015 *China Trip* will go to 4 big cities in China: Beijing, Shanghai, Suzhou and Hangzhou. Participants only need to afford the international round-trip air tickets, which is well worth the money. If you want to know more about the previous *China Trip*, please feel free to contact team leader: Ms. Tingting Xiong, at 334-808-6154, Coordinator: Ms. Yang Yu, at 334-808-6516, or follow it in YouTube:

http://youtu.be/beck9AjeWdU?list=UUzA110R3x_i_oPvEb0Z2I5g



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- **Where are we going?**
 - **Beijing (May 23-26)**
 - **Shanghai days (May 27-29)**
 - **Suzhou 1 days (May 30)**
 - **Hangzhou 3 days (May 31)**
 - **Beijing (June 1-4)**
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- **Deadline:**
 - **March 1 due for China Trip Application**
 - **April 2 Visa application**
 - **April 15 due for visa application and itinerary**
 - **May 15 Trip Tips**
 - **May 23 Trip starts**
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Coming Events:

1. **Jan 30-31:** AAFLT Conference in Montgomery
2. **Feb.13:** Chinese Spring Festival Celebration in Saint Bernard Preparatory School, Cullman, AL
3. **Feb.14:** Chinese Spring Festival Celebration in Birmingham
http://bhmchinesefestival.org/vendor_booth.html
4. **Feb.19:** Chinese Spring Festival Celebration in Montgomery
5. **Mar.1:** Chinese Spring Festival Celebration among Chinese community in Montgomery
6. **Mar. 28:** HSK Test at Troy University



2015 HSK has open for registration!
For more information, please visit
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or
call 334-808-6516
or
please go to
<http://www.troy.edu/confucius/testing.html>
or
www.chinesetest.com.
The latest test date is at March 28, 2015

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