

Confucius Institute at Troy University Organizes 2012 Students and Staff China Trip

From July 2 to July 13, 2012, Confucius Institute at Troy University (CIT) organized students and staff China Trip. The Trip was co-sponsored Confucius Institute Headquarters, Beijing, China, and Hebei Normal University of Science and Technology, Qinhuangdao, China, which is one of the Troy University's partners in China.

As one of the cultural programs launched by CIT, the trip opened a window for the Troy University students and staff to see a different and delightful culture of China, which owes to consistent and considerate work of Dr. Iris Hong Xu, Director of Confucius Institute at Troy University, also diligent and devoted support from Prof. Maple Xiaofeng Chen, Deputy Director of Confucius Institute at Troy University.

18 students and staff were involved in the trip; the students were from Troy University at Pensacola campus and Orlando campus, the staff were from Troy University at the main campus and Charles Henderson High school at Troy.

In the trip, Troy students and staff visited two cities, Qinhuangdao and Beijing.

In Qinhuangdao, a beautiful coastal resort in North China, Troy students and staff were welcomed by Hebei Normal University of Science and Technology. At there, Troy students shared their language and culture with local students in classes; meanwhile, they were offered Chinese language learning class, they were introduced the basic Chinese characters about their origin and development, about the pronunciation and meaning; besides that, Troy students were overwhelmed by Qi and Martial Art performance, massage experience as well as tea art, paper-cutting, calligraphy, flower-making, all of which came from the local university students and teachers.

Besides academic exchange, Troy delegation visited starting place of the Great Wall and the seashore, which are the first temptations in Qinhuangdao.



特洛伊大学师生团参观华夏葡萄酒公司地下酒窖
Faculty and Students Group Tasting Wine in Huaxia Wine
Company

In Beijing, the capital of China, Troy students and staff visited Forbidden City, Summer Palace, Temple of Heaven, Lama Temple and Confucius Temple, which contains a long dynasty history of China. They also visited Great People's Hall, Tiananmen Square, Bird Nest (National Stadium build for Olympic Games in 2008) and Water Cube (China National Aquatic Center built for Olympic Games in 2008) to feel the economic and political development in contemporary China. Furthermore, they went to Allay, markets as well as local restaurants to get to know the ordinary people's life.

The experiences the Troy students and staff gained in China Trip will definitely enlighten their thinking about the differences and similarities between eastern and western cultures; also will directly strengthen the understanding and friendship between people from different cultures.

Mr. Aaron Brown, Principle of Troy Charles Henderson Middle School, said, "In addition to my enthusiasm, because of my exposure to China first hand, I can intelligently educate my faculty and students about your way of life in China." Mr. Brahm Fay, one of the students, quoted Confucius words to express his excitement, "Together, we learn."

特洛伊大学孔子学院成功组织特洛伊大学师生团中国之旅

2012年7月2日至13日，美国特洛伊大学孔子学院成功组织特洛伊大学师生团中国之旅。本次中国行是由位于北京的孔子学院总部和位于河北省秦皇岛市的河北科技师范学院共同资助，由特洛伊大学孔子学院协助并组织的感受中国文化的活动之一。

特洛伊大学孔子学院的中国行文化活动为特洛伊大学的学生和员工们打开了一扇近距离看中国，了解中国的窗口。孔子学院院长徐虹博士为系列中国行做出了大量的细致而又具有建设性的工作，中方院长陈晓枫副教授为此做了大量具体的工作。

7月2日，18名特洛伊大学学生和员工在来自特洛伊大学彭沙科拉（Pensacola）校区的汤姆森博士和来自奥兰多（Orlando）校区的维登布里克博士的带队下，顺利抵达北京，开始为期12天的中国之旅。随行担任翻译及中国行协调的是来自特洛伊大学孔子学院的中方院长陈晓枫副教授和孔子学院中方教师周红玉老师。

此次中国行特洛伊大学师生团被安排了在两个城市游览和进行学术交流，秦皇岛和北京。

在美丽的滨海城市秦皇岛，河北科技师范学院院长辛彦怀博士带领校方工作人员热情地会见了特洛伊大学师生团成员。辛彦怀博士简单介绍了学校的现状和发展，同时表示加强与特洛伊大学的合作对两校的未来建设会有很大的促进作用。之后的三天里，在河北科技师范学院，两校师生之间开展了一系列文化交流活动，其中包括，语言教学，文化讲座，学术讲座。河北科技师范学院文法学院的学生为到访客人们准备了别开生面的文化体验活动，茶艺表演，插花制作，书法绘画，剪纸工艺，制作中国结；



特洛伊大学师生代表团

Faculty and Students Group

体育学院的学生们展示了气功，武术，太极表演，特洛伊大学的师生们参与到表演队伍中，学起了功夫，保健系的学生还特意为客人准备了推拿按摩；外国语学院的师生们精心排练了一台具有中国传统文化特色的节目，所有这些都让特洛伊大学的师生们兴奋不已。

除了学术和文化交流活动，特洛伊大学师生代表团还游览了秦皇岛著名的游览胜地，万里长城的起点——老龙头。长城的故事数不胜数，但孟姜女寻夫的故事让特洛伊大学师生们不胜感慨。

随后的几天里，代表团到达北京。在北京，紫禁城、颐和园、天坛、雍和宫和国子监的游览让师生团成员们对中国古代建筑的辉煌有了直观的了解，更对其精致的设计和巧夺天工的安排赞叹不已；而人民大会堂和天安门广场的参观让师生们感受了当代中国政治民生的建设；鸟巢和水立方让师生们身临其境感受曾经奥运带给中国国民的同心协力；长城的雄伟与壮丽让攀登者内心平添了一份豪迈。

此次中国行使特洛伊大学学生和员工亲身感受了中国文化，对加深中美了解起到了举足轻重的作用。

代表团成员美国特洛伊中学校长布朗先生说，“对中国的参观游览让我兴奋痴迷，与此同时，我对中国的了解会直接体现到我对我的员工的影响和对学生的教育上。”