

A Great Success of the First Chinese Language and Culture Course for Businessman at Dothan Campus

The First Chinese Language and Culture Course for Businessman, presented by Confucius Institute of Troy University's Dothan Campus, was completed successfully amid melodies music and joyful laughers. All the participants have benefited a lot from the six-week Chinese Language and Culture Lecture series.

Mr. Bruce aged 84 came to the closing ceremony of the course much earlier than it began. In the past six-week course, he had never been absent. Although he did not have a good hearing, he enjoyed very much language study and culture activities here. He was such a conscientious and serious learner that he printed out great many learning materials and downloaded videos including Chinese news from China Central Television channels.



Dr. Xu, director of Confucius Institute at troy university came to the closing ceremony in person and hosted the whole event. Just as she said the first round of Chinese course was just a new beginning and more Chinese Language and Culture Courses and events will come up soon. She hopes that all the learners and the local

people will follow our website and updated news. At the end of the closing ceremony, she was interviewed by the local TV station.



The last activity of the closing ceremony was, as usual, to share traditional Chinese food, ordered by Dr. Xu from an authentic Chinese restaurant. The participants were excited and learned to use chopsticks for the first time and tasted dumplings, spring rolls, and other delicacies. All the people sat in a circle and chatted merrily, from time to time, using a few Chinese words they learned in class. The whole celebration did not end until 8 pm. All the people were reluctant to bid farewell.

The whole event could never been such a great success without the support of the people from Troy University at both Troy campus and Dothan Campus.

Also at tonight's book show *Anatomy of the Chinese Business Mind* was very popular among the viewers. Over ten participants at our closing ceremony celebration expressed their wish to join our 2014 China trip.

On Feb. 27th, the Dothan local newspaper reported our Chinese Language and Culture activity at Dothan Campus. For more information, please follow www.dothaneagle.com/news.



Dothan will also host the U.S.-China Manufacturing Symposium March 26-28. Around 500 Chinese businessmen and 60 speakers attended along with a host of international media. The local government and business people saw this event as a great opportunity to join in the rapid development of the world's 2nd largest economy.

