

## The 2014 Overseas HSK Conference Concludes Successfully at Dalian

Dalian, Aug. 28 — the 2014 overseas HSK conference was held at Dalian University of Foreign Languages(DUFL), attended by 169 representatives from 149 Chinese test centers in 53 countries such as the United States, UK, Korea, Thailand, Madagascar and so on.

Zhiping Hu, Deputy Chief Executive of Confucius Institute and Deputy Director General of Hanban, Liu Ximing, the chief secretary of DUFL Party Committee, Sun Yuhua, the Chancellor of DUFL, and Zhu Gongwei, Vice chancellor of DUFL attended the conference. The conference was presided over by Duanli, division Chief of Hanban, and Chancellor Sun Yuhua of DUFL gave a welcome speech first.

Hu Zhiping, Deputy Chief Executive of Confucius Institute and Deputy Director General of Hanban, gave a keynote speech, and he remarked that the HSK test has gone through many difficulties and has made great progress. Although there were problems still remained to be solved, it was going to have a bright future and it was very important for us to promote the test. The conference prized 20 test centers around the world and honored two new test centers for their hard work. The conference introduced two HSK test candidates, the first one to attend the exam and the millionth one, who were keen Chinese language learners. Afterwards, the representatives from the excellent overseas Chinese test centers gave their speech and shared their experiences.



In the afternoon, 6 teams,formed according to the areas they belonged to, discussed the issue on how to further expand overseas Chinese test market.

The representatives offered their suggestions and opinions in a friendly atmosphere, and they also exchanged

their views on how to exert people's efforts to promote the test, how to serve candidates better and how to launch Chinese language teaching into a new level. After the discussion, all the representatives received training on online Chinese Test, test administration and examiner induction and certification.

On the morning of the 29<sup>th</sup>, Madam Xulin, Counselor of the State Council, Chief Executive of Confucius Institute Headquarters and Director General of Hanban, attended the conference. The leaders of the six teams gave their feedback based on the panelists discussion yesterday and offered their suggestions. Madam Xu gave the wrap-up speech and remarked that Hanban will focus on the organization and development of Chinese test and make it a priority in the following decade and Hanban will try its best to support the promotion of Chinese test to finally develop a market-oriented model and make it a worldwide test. She responded to the discussion of representatives item by item, gave her explanations and reply, which helped attendees clarify some of the points as well as build up their confidence in this cause. She affirmed the efforts made by Confucius Institutes around the world and held high expectations for them.

The conference has promoted the communication and exchange among Confucius Institutes and Chinese test centers, and it is of great importance for the development and organization of overseas Chinese test.