MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear friends,

Happy New Year! On behalf of the UAlbany Confucius Institute (CI), I would like to take this moment to thank you for all your support in 2018 and wish you all the success, happiness and joy in 2019.

2018 was quite a year for CI:

- We offered language and cultural classes to about 100 credit and non-credit students, co-organized annual Chinese Language Speaking Contest with East Asian Studies (EAS). CI also organized 2 pedagogical training workshops for the local 105 Chinese teachers.
- Culturally, CI organized 13 events of various kinds, from large cultural performances to book exhibit, from arts to traditional Chinese medicine and Buddhism, which attracted over 5000 people and received numerous positive feedbacks.
- Academically, CI’s Speaker Series invited 10 scholars from different disciplines to present their research on various aspects of China, which greatly benefits UAlbany faculty and students.
- The collaborative agreement has been successfully renewed by Hanban, UAlbany and Southwestern University of Finance and Economics (SWUFE), which marks the recognition of CI’s 5 years’ achievements and great expectation towards CI’s future.
- CI has also significantly strengthened its services and engagement with the community, developed strong partnerships with local public libraries, schools, Chinese Community Center, Chinese School and Clarkson University.

We look forward to your significant continued support in 2019. I once again wish you and your family a very happy and prosperous New Year!

Youqin Huang,
Executive Director of Confucius Institute
CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

Mar 24th, 2018: One-day workshop on Teaching Chinese through Song and Culture. Prof. Zuyan Chan and Prof. Hong Zhang from Department of Asian and Asian American Studies at Binghamton University (SUNY) conducted a very interesting and interactive pedagogical training to over 50 Chinese language teachers in the Capital District.

Jul 5-6, 2018: Director Youqin Huang organized a symposium A Decent Home for All: International Symposium on Housing in China in Chengdu, working with China Household Finance Survey and Research Center at SWUFE. With about 40 scholars from U.S., U.K., Switzerland, Australia, Hong Kong, and China, this symposium discussed various issues related to homeownership in China such as access, affordability and inequality. Two Special Issues in the journal of Cities and Journal of Housing and Built Environment are in process.

Sep. 8th, 2018: one day workshop titled How to be a leader in Chinese Language Education, with Prof Lening Liu of Department of East Asian Language and Cultures at Columbia University and Prof Chongming Ding of Department of Chinese Language and Culture at Beijing Normal University. Two Professors discussed with 60 teachers how to design and lead the class, how to evaluate teaching results and how to teach Chinese grammar.

TEACHING

CI offers Chinese language and culture classes both on and off campus, serving a wide range of students.

- Advanced Chinese (AP class) in Tech Valley High School (TVHS) in Albany.
- HSK 4 (Credit) in East Asian Studies at UAlbany
- Chinese Language and Culture Series class at UAlbany (Non-credit)
- Learn Chinese through Song at Albany Chinese School
- Tai-chi and Martial Arts class at UAlbany (non-credit)
- Private tutoring for EAS students and community members
- Oct. 9th: Students from Leland and Gray Union Middle and High School (Vermont) visited CI and UAlbany library.
The year 2018 is the key year to renew the collaborative agreement for UAlbany CI. With CI's hard work with the board members, the International Exchange and Cooperation Institutes from both UAlbany and SWUF, the three party agreement has been signed between Hanban, UAlbany and RF, which followed by the signing of the two party agreement between UAlbany and SWUF.

On August 26, 2018, the SWUF President Dr. Zhi Zuo, made a friendly visited to UAlbany and signed the agreement with UAlbany.

President Dr. Havidan Rodriguez, which marks the recognition of CI’s 5 years’ achievements and great expectation towards CI’s future.

SWUF President Dr. Zhi Zuo, Director of International Exchange and Cooperation Dr Ting Liang, and the Associate Dean of Business School Dr Shilei Yang visited UAlbany Business School and CI to promote further collaborations between two partner universities.

UALBANY CI 5TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

According to the CI's work plan, this September and October are the important months when dozens of cultural and academic activities were organized to celebrate the Chinese Culture Festival and UAlbany CI 5th Anniversary Celebration.
CHINESE CULTURE EVENTS

CI organized 13 cultural events of various kinds, covering a variety of topics, among which two were large cultural performances. In September and October, CI launched 2018 Chinese Cultural Festival for the first time, with a series of cultural events.

- Feb. 10th: 2018 Spring Festival Gala Chinese New Year Celebration at UAlbany ballroom. Congressman Paul Tonko and Assemblyman John McDonald with over 600 people attended this event.
- Apr. 20th: Co-organized the Chinese Speech Contest with EAS.
- Jun 2nd: CI participated the 24th Kid’s Arts Festival of New York State at Schenectady County City Hall.
- Jul 21st: Chinese Traditional Medicine Talk at Clifton Park Public Library.
- Aug 19th: Buddhism and Chinese Culture Talk at Chinese Community Center.
- Sep 8th: Chinese Paper-cutting Workshop at Clifton Park Public Library.
- Sep 12th, 23rd and 29th: Children’s Picture Books from China Exhibit.
- Oct. 2nd: Film Screening: Guangzhou Dream Factory.
- Oct. 10th: CI participated UAlbany Annual Fall Fair at Campus Center Ballroom.
- Oct 19th: Mongolian Music and Dance Performance at Troy Saving Bank Music Hall.
- Nov 4th: CI participated The Festival of Nations in Albany Convention Center, showcasing Chinese culture through calligraphy, paper cutting, and Chinese music instrument.
- Nov. 8th: CI sponsored and participated the Multicultural Night at Montessori Magnet School in Albany, featuring Chinese music, arts and crafts, and Chinese food.
- Nov 14th: CI represented China at UAlbany International Fair at the Lecture Center Concourse.
## SPEAKER SERIES

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<td>Meredith DeBoom</td>
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<td>Oct. 5 12:00 pm</td>
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<td>Nov. 9 12:00 pm</td>
<td>William Clark</td>
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<td>Millennials Here and Millennials There: Housing Market Access in the US and China</td>
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NEW PROJECTS

In 2018, CI specially invited Mei Hua Tonglong Quan and Dachengquan Grandmaster Rengang Wang from New York city to teach the Tai-chi and Martial Arts on campus. (Please see the group picture on the left)

Currently, we are establishing our UAlbany Martial Arts Team on the campus and planning to participate the national competition.

The Chinese Music Literature class and Chinese traditional music instrument Guzhe class are special offered by CI.

DIRECTORS ATTENDING 13TH CI MEETING

During December 4-6, 2018, UAlbany Dean and Vice Provost for International Education Harvey Charles, CI Director Youqin Huang and the Chinese Director Jianlin Shuai attended the 13th Global Confucius Institute in Chengdu, China, met with other Confucius Institute leaders and exchanged experiences.

UALBANY PRESIDENT VISITED SWUFE

December 11, 2018, UAlbany President Havidan Rodriguez, Vice President Fardin Sanai, Dean and Vice Provost for International Education Harvey Charles visited Chengdu. SWUFE President Zhuo Zhi Zhuo, Vice President Qingshuang Yin, Director of International Exchange and Cooperation Ting Liang and CI directors welcomed the delegations. The two sides conducted in-depth discussions on the cooperation and development of the Confucius Institute, the academic exchanges and researches between the two universities.

MEDIA PRESENCE AND RECOGNITION

Feb 10th, UAlbany CI organized the 2018 Spring Festival Gala at the Campus Center Ballroom. The event was so successful that it has been reported by local media Times Union – the largest newspaper in the area, Schenectady Today (a TV channel) and UAlbany News. Besides, Hanban official website also released the news report about this event.

Sep 7th: Director Youqin Huang was invited to talk about Confucius Institution and its programs at The Roundtable of the Northeast Public Radio/WAMC.
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### Traditional Chinese Culture Series

This course covers a variety of topics about Chinese culture and how it relates to modern China. It helps students to better understand major Chinese values and the contemporary Chinese society.

Major topics include, but not limited to the following:

- Chinese music appreciation
- Traditional Chinese painting
- Modern China city and country life
- Peking Opera
- Chinese traditional festival
- Chinese traditional costume
- Chinese food

### HSK (Chinese Proficiency Test) HSKK (HSK Speaking Test)

*Your gateway to studying in China
*A must for applying for scholarship and summer camps
*Priority conditions for the Confucius China Studies Program
*Plan for Career Building
孔院邀你逛庙会
2/2/2019 2-5pm
Ualbany campus center ballroom
Free event

UAlbany Confucius Institute is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to fostering the study of Chinese language, culture and economy.

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All events are open to the public.
http://www.albany.edu/Confucius for more information about these talks and other CI events.