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### Welcome Our New Director, Professor David Young

Professor David Young was appointed as the Director of Charles Darwin University Confucius Institute (CDU CI) in April 2020, working with Dr Jun Du, the Chinese Deputy Director of CDU CI, responsible for the daily executive administration. Professor Young is also the Dean of the College of Engineering, IT and Environment at CDU.

#### Q&A with Professor David Young

Q: Could you please tell us about your background?

A: My major is chemistry and I did my study at the University of Queensland, finishing in 1986. Since then, I've worked at universities in the UK, Singapore, Brunei, Malaysia and in a number of Australian cities. I've been at Charles Darwin University as the College Dean of the College of Engineering, IT and Environment for almost two years now.

Q: Why did you join the CDU Confucius Institute?

A: I worked at the National University of Singapore in 2007 with a research collaborator from China. When he returned to Soochow University, I continued to work with him and visited China many times, both for my own research and to recruit students to Australian universities. I am learning Mandarin and I want to bring the opportunity for Chinese language study, and appreciation of Chinese culture to the people of the Northern Territory.

Q: What are the challenges you are facing as you start your new role in CDU Confucius Institute?

A: The Northern Territory is very multicultural with a long history of migration from China. Darwin has had two Lord Mayors of Chinese descent and at one time Chinese migrants outnumbered European migrants. Darwin is the closest Australian capital city to China, but the NT has a small population and it is a challenge to teach Chinese language to students spread out across this wide land.

Q: How do you think you will contribute to the CDU Confucius Institute?

A: The CDU CI is a partnership between Charles Darwin University, Hainan University and Anhui Normal University. I can contribute to this shared responsibility by assisting with the management of the CDU CI's resources and by championing Chinese culture and language teaching in the NT.

Q: What do you think about taking a dragon boat racing?

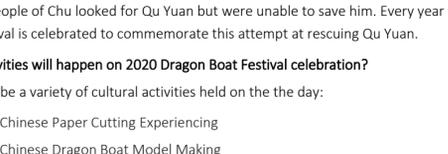
A: Dragon boat racers are strong and fit. I look forward to giving it a try one day.



Caption: David Young (Left) and Jun Du (Right) visited Britany Roestenburg (Middle), Principal of Nakara Primary School, one of the CDU CI teaching points.

### CDU CI Invites you to 2020 Dragon Boat Festival Celebration

CDU CI cordially invites you to join us celebrating the Chinese Dragon Boat Festival from 10am to 14pm on Saturday, 27 June, 2020 at 27 the Mall, Vic Courtyard, Darwin City NT 0800.



**Time:** 10:00am - 2:00pm, 27th June (Saturday)  
**Location:** 27 the Mall, The Vic Courtyard, Smith Street Mall  
**Contents:** Festival activities, Cultural displays, Quiz competition and so much more

#### What is the Dragon Boat Festival?

The Dragon Boat Festival in Chinese is called “端午节”, “Duānwǔ Jié”, the date of which is on the 5th of May of the Chinese lunar calendar, the day when people celebrate by dragon boat racing and having sticky rice dumplings (“Zongzi”).

The Festival has a long history of over 2000 years, and commemorates the life and death of the famous Chinese scholar Qu Yuan, who was a loyal minister of the King of Chu in the third century BCE. Qu Yuan's wisdom and intellectual ways antagonized other court officials, thus they accused him of conspiracy and he was exiled by the king. Qu Yuan drowned himself by attaching a heavy stone to his chest and jumping into the Miluo River in 278 BCE at the age of 61. The people of Chu looked for Qu Yuan but were unable to save him. Every year the Dragon Boat Festival is celebrated to commemorate this attempt at rescuing Qu Yuan.

#### What activities will happen on 2020 Dragon Boat Festival celebration?

There will be a variety of cultural activities held on the day:

- Chinese Paper Cutting Experiencing
- Chinese Dragon Boat Model Making
- Chinese Traditional Costume Experiencing
- Chinese Calligraphy Experiencing
- Sticky Rice Dumplings Tasting
- Play Kick Volleyball and Shuttlecock

### Lucy Li Shared “Convenient Lifestyle in China” on Chinese Corner

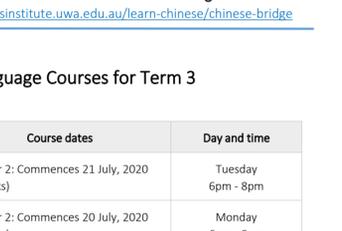
The Monthly Chinese Corner on June 2020, provided Chinese learners an opportunity to practice Chinese with native speakers, meet new friends and discover more about everyday life in China. The presenter, Lucy Li, a Chinese teacher for beginners at CDU CI, introduced the participants to four aspects of a ‘convenient life’: electronic payments, online shopping, high-speed rail, and bicycle/car-sharing.

Electronic payments, such as Alipay, Wechat pay, or Apple pay, have been popular in China. With mobile payments, all consumers need to do is take their smart phone with them and pay by scanning the QR code.

Online shopping Festival in China, like “6.18” and “11.11”, which occur on 18 June and 11 November respectively, provide consumers with a good opportunity to shop with coupons or discounts. The numbers “6.18” in Chinese means “lucky to be wealthy” - the more you purchase, the wealthier you will be; while “11.11” means “Singles Day”, originally discounts provided as a compensation for being single. The Chinese twin e-commerce giants, Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. and JD.com Inc. handled record sales of \$136 billion during the China's Midyear “6.18” Shopping Festival on 18 June, 2020.

High-speed rail provides travelers alternatives beyond airplane, train, and bus, with the current top speed of 350km/h. Some of the participants on Chinese Corner prefer high-speed rail to airplane because they don't have to get rail station 2 or 3 hours in advance.

Bicycle/car sharing is a good way of money saving. People can rent a car-sharing through Car2go rather than buy a car.



### NT Chinese Language Teaching Seminar held “to learn, to share, to grow”

On 29 June 2020, 9am, there is a Chinese Language Teaching Seminar co-hosted by CDU CI and the Chinese Language Teachers' Association of the NT in Level 3 room 3.20/21 of CDU's Waterfront Campus (21 Kitchener Dr, Darwin City NT 0800), with the theme:

The Chinese Language Teaching Seminar is also available online. ...

Please email us to register in advance:

[confuciusinstitute@cdcu.edu.au](mailto:confuciusinstitute@cdcu.edu.au); or

[cltant.australia@gmail.com](mailto:cltant.australia@gmail.com)



### 2020 Chinese Bridge Competition is calling for participants

The Chinese Bridge (“Hanyu Qiao”) Chinese Proficiency Competition is an annual worldwide Chinese Mandarin speaking and performance competition.

The 2020 Chinese Bridge Competition in Australia has three stages including:

- Stage 1, Online Australian Regional Trial;
- Stage 2, Online Australian Regional Final on 8 August;
- Stage 3, Online Australian Final on 15 August, where contestants have the opportunity to win a 3-day tour in China.

Australian Regional Trial Competition in the NT, will be on 1 August, and is calling for participants, who are required to register for the competition by 3 July, 2020.

Online Test Components in the NT Trial Competition:

- **Written test in Chinese on general knowledge of China (20 minutes – 25% of mark);**  
*The written test will be sent to contestants in the morning on 01 August. Contestants will be required to finish the test in 20 minutes and send it back immediately.*
- **Unscripted speech on the topic of “逐梦中文，不负韶华 (Fly high with Chinese) – (up to 3 minutes + answer two questions in Chinese - 50% of mark);**  
*The speech and Q&A will take place using the Zoom online platform.*
- **Cultural performance relevant to Chinese culture (3-5 minutes – 25% of mark).**  
*Contestants will be required to submit a video of their performance before 22 July. Details of how to submit will be forwarded to all candidates after registration.*

The top three contestants from the NT Trial Competition will take part in the Australian Regional Final for students from ACT, NT, SA and WA on Saturday 8 August, 2020.

Feel free to ask for registration forms by emailing [confuciusinstitute@cdcu.edu.au](mailto:confuciusinstitute@cdcu.edu.au), and all registration forms need to be received by 3 July 2020.

To prepare for the written test, past test papers are available at “Chinese Bridge – Information for Secondary Students”: <http://www.confuciusinstitute.uwa.edu.au/learn-chinese/chinese-bridge>

### Online Chinese Language Courses for Term 3

Course	Course dates	Day and time
<b>Chinese for Beginners - Foundation 1</b> by Ms Jiahui Li (Lucy)	semester 2: Commences 21 July, 2020 (20 weeks)	Tuesday 6pm - 8pm
<b>Chinese for Beginners - Foundation 2</b> by Ms Jiahui Li (Lucy)	semester 2: Commences 20 July, 2020 (20 weeks)	Monday 6pm - 8pm
<b>Chinese for Beginners - Intermediate 1</b> by Mr Zhi Gao	semester 2: Commences 22 July, 2020 (20 weeks)	Wednesday 6pm - 8pm
<b>Chinese for Beginners - Intermediate 2</b> by Mr Rentao Jiang	semester 2: Commences 20 July, 2020 (20 weeks)	Monday 6pm - 8pm
<b>HSK Tutorial</b> by Mr Rentao Jiang	semester 2: Commences 23 July, 2020 (20 weeks)	Thursday 6pm - 8pm

CDU CI Online Chinese Language Course Schedule for Term 3

Chinese for Beginners is designed for students with little or no Chinese language background, combined with introduction of grammar and Chinese characters as well as simple day-to-day conversations, is a great course for anyone who wants to build a solid foundation for further Chinese language study.

Chinese Proficiency Test (HSK), an international standardized exam that tests and rates Chinese language proficiency, assesses non-native Chinese speakers' ability to use the Chinese language in their daily, academic and professional lives. The HSK tutorial is for students who have completed the Chinese for Beginners Level 1 to 3 and ready to take the HSK test.

To enrol in the online courses for term 3, please complete the enrolment form:

[https://www.cdu.edu.au/sites/default/files/confucius-institute/docs/confucius\\_institute\\_enrolment\\_form\\_update.pdf](https://www.cdu.edu.au/sites/default/files/confucius-institute/docs/confucius_institute_enrolment_form_update.pdf)

The form can be submitted in person at Building Orange 2, Level 4, Casuarina campus, or via email: [confuciusinstitute@cdcu.edu.au](mailto:confuciusinstitute@cdcu.edu.au).

## Han Yu Pin Yin 汉语拼音



“Pinyin”, the official phonetic system for transcribing the Mandarin Chinese pronunciations of Chinese characters into the Latin alphabet, will be introduced to the students throughout the course.

Is it not pleasant to learn with a constant perseverance and application?

Is it not delightful to have friends coming from distant quarters?

Is he not a man of complete virtue, who feels no discomposure though men may take no note of him?

Confucius [551 BC-479 BC]