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WELCOME 欢迎



The worldwide network of more than 350 Confucius Institutes established over the past few years, is a highly visible manifestation of increased interest levels in China. After five years delivering learning experiences on China in language, business and culture, it seems a good time to review our past activities whilst developing potential new long term plans. Today, the question is no longer, why to engage with China, but how to do so meaningfully with tangible and sustainable results.

This publication gives some insight into our first five year's activities and tries to explain our ideas, aims and visions. From the outset, we set our sights high aiming to provide a platform

for engagement with China at all levels helping to ensure that Scotland becomes a key partner for China in education, business and culture.

We are delighted that our efforts have been recognised by four consecutive Awards of Excellence for the years 2007-2010 from our Chinese partners in the Ministry of Education, Hanban, with a special award being given to the Principal in our fifth year, 2011.

We could not have become one of the leading Institutes without tremendous support from Hanban, from our partner Fudan University, from our many partners in educational, business and cultural circles – and of course from the University of Edinburgh. Partnership

has proven to be a key to our success, and it is a great pleasure to publicly thank all those who have worked with us enabling numerous worthwhile and enjoyable collaborations.

I look forward to the future, working with friends, old and new, on the journey that lies ahead.

Sincerely

PROFESSOR NATASCHA GENTZ
 Director of the
 Confucius Institute for Scotland
 Chair of Chinese Studies
 in the University of Edinburgh

KEY PARTNERS





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A VENUE FOR PRESTIGIOUS SINO-SCOTTISH MEETINGS

Based in Abden House, a beautiful baronial style mansion, housing stylish reception rooms, the Institute has welcomed many senior decision makers from China and Scotland. These include the Chinese Vice-Minister of Education, the Chinese Ambassador to the UK, the First Minister of Scotland, the Secretary of State for Scotland, the UK Ambassador to China, the First Secretary for Scottish Affairs at the UK Embassy in Beijing, and the Scottish Ministers for education and culture.

CREATING CONNECTIONS

On the business front, the Institute has hosted presentations, dinners, talks,

networking events and forum discussions with organisations as varied as the Regional Export Club, 48 Group Club Scotland, and BNP Paribas.

Our links with partner Universities in China have increased significantly. Welcoming delegations from partner Universities, holding discussion rounds and signing ceremonies are regular features of the Institute's operations. Collaboration with Chinese partners also includes leadership training programmes, as for NAEA or the Beijing Film Academy. Sharing expertise is not only building bridges between Universities but also to relevant cultural and educational institutions in Scotland.

MME XU LIN, DIRECTOR OF HANBAN, ASSESSED THE INSTITUTE AS "EXCELLENT"



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A key role of the Confucius Institute is to host high-level meetings between political, educational and business decision-makers from both countries. Our prestigious headquarters at Abden House, part of the University of Edinburgh, is a superb venue. Indeed it is a physical expression of Scotland's commitment to engage with China.

PICTURES

1. Scotland's First Minister, Alex Salmond, meets Confucius.
2. Abden House, home of the Institute.
3. 'Graduation Ceremony' after a BFA training week.



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CASE STUDY

UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR THE CHINESE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION

In 2009, a 25 strong delegation from China, including Principals, VPs and senior executives from national universities along with Ministry of Education officials, attended a week long series of exchanges with higher education colleagues. A second group visited in 2011.

Their programmes featured talks and discussions on topics such as university governance and management, curriculum development, quality assessment, research management, academic enhancement, external engagement, and knowledge management. The groups also had the chance to attend lectures and seminars around the University as well as visit world class facilities such as the Queen's Medical Research Institute and the Informatics Forum.

"WE WERE DELIGHTED TO TAKE PART IN THIS EXCHANGE BETWEEN CHINA AND SCOTLAND. THE PROGRAMME GAVE US MANY IDEAS TO TAKE BACK TO OUR INSTITUTIONS IN CHINA"

Xu Jie
Associate-Professor, NAEA

A CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR CHINESE LANGUAGE & CULTURE

The Confucius Institute offers up to 50 timetabled language courses every year, as well as **workplace classes, one-to-one teaching**, cultural learning and school workshops to stimulate interest in the study of Chinese.

PICTURES

- 1. A Chinese language class at the Institute.
- 2. A demonstration of Chinese calligraphy.
- 3. Trying the yang qin.



“OUR TEACHER IS FABULOUS! SHE EXPLAINS REALLY WELL, ENCOURAGES US ALL TO SPEAK AND REALLY ADDS TO WHAT THE TEXTBOOK OFFERS.”
Alana Blewitt
Language Student



Learning a language is not just a linguistic skill it is a lifelong asset. Our aim in providing a diverse programme of classes has enabled over 800 adults to enrol and to enjoy learning Chinese. Excellence in teaching is paramount. Our seconded teachers from Fudan University are extremely motivated and experienced and have received awards for their teaching.

One of the few official Chinese language test centres in the UK the Institute offers the chance to achieve a door-opening qualification, as the HSK exam is the only official language qualification recognised by the PRC.

People also enjoy our classes on calligraphy, arts and traditional music, delivered by internationally recognised professionals or simply join our weekly film programme and regular conversational ‘Chinese Corner’.

“DESPITE HAVING LIVED IN CHINA FOR MORE THAN FIVE YEARS, I LEARNED A SURPRISING AMOUNT”
Graham Thompson
Cultural Course Attendee

“FROM INITIAL ENQUIRY TO COURSE COMPLETION, I GOT EXACTLY WHAT I WANTED”
Joan Creiger
Language Student

CASE STUDY
VIDEO CLASSES FOR THE UHI MILLENNIUM INSTITUTE
The first Chinese language classes in Scotland delivered by video conferencing were piloted in autumn 2009. This innovative partnership between the Confucius Institute and UHI Millennium Institute enabled students from Elgin and Morayshire to learn the language without having to travel far from their homes.
The specially designed pilot course provided a practical introduction to the language, concentrating on speaking “survival Chinese” using the phonetics of Pinyin. The students met their language teacher for an introductory session in Moray College and then had weekly classes via video conferencing. The pilot group of students and their teacher found the experience very satisfying and excellent progress was made by the students.
Since this pilot, students in Argyll and on the island of Mull have also joined our video conferencing classes.

“IT WAS GREAT TO BE ABLE TO ACCESS SUCH HIGH-QUALITY AND INTERESTING TEACHING DESPITE BEING SO FAR FROM EDINBURGH. I ENJOYED THESE CHINESE LESSONS VERY MUCH, AND THE VIDEO LINK WORKED VERY WELL”
Frances M Scott
Elgin

A NETWORK OF KNOWLEDGE ON CHINA

The Confucius Institute has commissioned a substantial outreach programme with almost 100 lectures given by senior academics, public intellectuals and professionals. A number of international conferences, both academic and public, have also been arranged with topics ranging from ‘Old Chinese’ to ‘India & China Business Conference’.

“TREMENDOUSLY EXCITING & INSPIRING”
Prof Michael Puett
Harvard University



PICTURES

1. British Chinese Language Teaching Society delegates with the Director of the Confucius Institute for Scotland, Professor Natascha Gentz.
2, 3 & 4. The Institute regularly hosts lectures, seminars and meetings.
5. Professor Michael Puett, of Harvard University, attendee at the ‘Old Chinese’ conference.

In order to promote understanding of contemporary China, it is important to provide information that is authoritative and based on academic or professional expertise.

The Institute has invited speakers from prestigious Universities across the world, such as Harvard, Washington, UCLA, Frankfurt Institute for Social Research, Oslo and Heidelberg, or Tsinghua, Peking and Fudan, NTU and Hong Kong University. More than three hundred academics have visited to deliver individual lectures or to participate in conferences, sharing their expertise with

colleagues and the community. Drawing on more regional expertise the Institute has provided a platform for local experts to share the rich Sino-Scottish cultural links being forged in organisations such as the National Library of Scotland, The National Galleries and of course, Edinburgh’s iconic Festivals.

Talks from visiting writers such as Mark Leonard, author of ‘What does China Think?’ and Duncan Hewitt, ex BBC ensure debate is topical and relevant while considered insights into China from speakers such as former Ambassador Nicholas Platt, author of ‘China Boys’,

provide a unique perspective on China’s international engagement.

AN INSPIRING CONFERENCE VENUE

The Institute is a perfect venue for small conferences, all of which have received very positive feedback. Speaking after a conference on ‘Old Chinese’, Professor Michael Puett of Harvard University described it as “tremendously exciting and inspiring”, adding, “the international network established here is one that you can rely upon, not only throughout your graduate career, but throughout your entire life”.

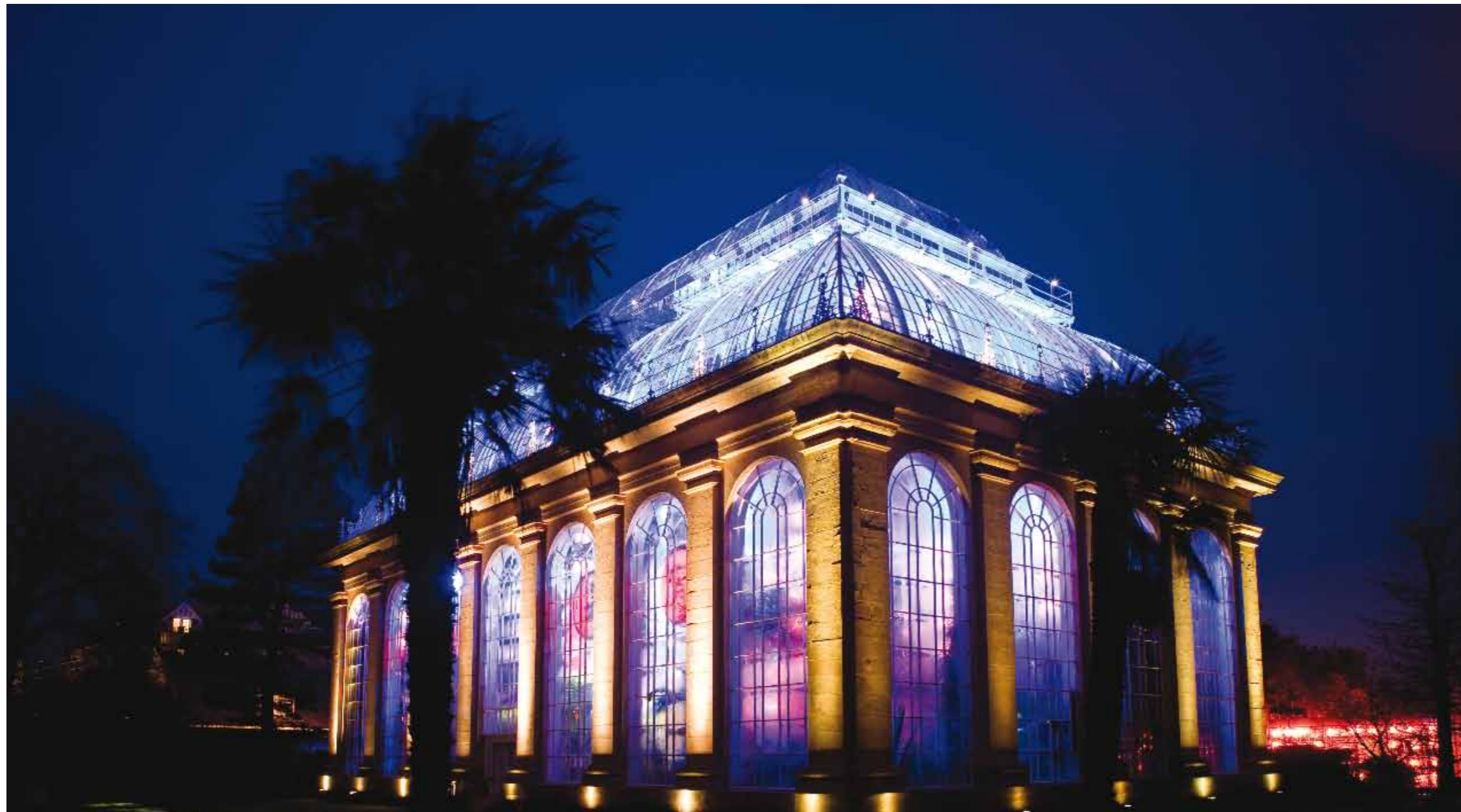


CASE STUDY CHINA: 60@60

To mark the 60th anniversary of the People’s Republic of China in 2009, the Confucius Institute organized a varied programme of special events, from a business conference to modern dance, all reflecting on China’s development from a third world economy to the world’s second economy.

It included a commemorative lecture series entitled ‘The PRC at 60’, with a variety of perspectives on China over the last six decades. Expert speakers from Oxford, Glasgow, St Andrews and Edinburgh drew capacity audiences of around 80 people at each lecture, all keen to increase their understanding of China. In addition, working with the University of Edinburgh Business School, a global conference examined the role of the state in internationalism, comparing China and India.

Other events included a ministerial reception, a dance and music performance featuring two of our artists-in-residence, and a talk on the wit of Confucius.



From the outset, the Confucius Institute has had a strong cultural vision. From documentary photography to ground breaking theatre, the Institute has built a reputation for its diverse cultural programme, drawing audiences totalling more than 150,000 in the last five years. Some of its major events are described overleaf.





PICTURES

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1. Lantern Festival, Edinburgh Botanic Gardens. © Euan Myles
 2. Maggie Cheung delivers a masterclass.
 3. Guizhou Ethnic Arts Ensemble at Holyrood Palace.
 4. Beijing Film Academy's production of A Midsummer Night's Dream.
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5. Flute player at the opening of the China Now in Scotland festival.
 6. Flyer for the exhibition 'China: A Photographic Portrait'.
 7. The Scottish Film Festival in China.
 8. iMAP's Travellers & Oasis concert at the McEwan Hall.

CINEMA CHINA, 2007

The 'Cinema China' Film Festival ran at Edinburgh's Filmhouse and 19 other venues in the UK and Ireland. Spanning movie making from the 1930s to 2006, it included an extensive lecture series, master classes from leading Chinese actress Maggie Cheung and director Xie Fe, special events and a schools' educational programme. As Jonathan Ross put it in on 'Film 2007', "Cinema China, you are spoiling us". In all, some 5,000 tickets were sold.

CHINA NOW IN SCOTLAND, 2008

'China Now in Scotland' was the largest ever festival of Chinese culture in the country, consisting

of over 150 events drawing a total audience of over 70,000, celebrating contemporary China in the year of the Beijing Olympics. The festival was coordinated and marketed by the Confucius Institute working with numerous partners and organisations. From the classroom to the boardroom, in galleries and gardens, theatres and on the streets, the programme stretched from Orkney to Galashiels. Activities ranged across education, business, culture and of course, sport! Keynote events included 8.8.8 at Glasgow's Kelvingrove, and 'Spirit - A Chinese Lantern Festival', at Edinburgh's Royal Botanic Gardens, visited by over 6,000 people.

CHINA: A PHOTOGRAPHIC PORTRAIT, 2008

This ground-breaking and hugely popular exhibition from the Guangdong Museum of Art, ran at the City Art Centre, Edinburgh for ten weeks in summer 2008, and was seen by 11,000 visitors

Around 600 vivid, controversial and thought-provoking images, dating from 1951-2003, prompted rave reviews. The Scotsman described it as "a remarkable, warts and all, portrait of the people" while the Edinburgh Evening News said the exhibition "goes beyond the newsprint and presents a vivid image of the real China".

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM, EDINBURGH FRINGE FESTIVAL, 2009

This unique interactive production by Beijing Film Academy featured music, dancing and martial arts, fused with online computer gaming and video technology to create a visually spectacular performance. The magnificent McEwan Hall was transformed into a bizarre and fantastic dream setting using the multimedia skills of the chief video designer for the Beijing Olympics 2008. The show was awarded four stars by the critics, and seen by around 2,000 people.

This success was only possible through the combined efforts of

the artistic and technical skills of the team from Beijing Film Academy complemented by the Institute's local know-how, facilitation and marketing skills.

SHANGHAI & THE 2010 EXPO, TOURING EXHIBITION, 2010

Recognising that few Scots would be able to visit the 2010 World Expo in Shanghai, the Institute created a touring exhibition to highlight the Expo and tell the story of Shanghai's growth from a sleepy fishing village to a world city. The exhibition was seen by over 45,000 people in just over six months.

GENERAL

As well as staging major events such as those highlighted here, the Institute also runs regular Chinese Corners, stages free film showings, organises small scale cultural programmes, and offers a well stocked library of books, DVDs and other publications.

FURTHER INFORMATION

- **Cinema China**
www.llc.ed.ac.uk/cinema-china/startpage.html
- **China Now in Scotland**
www.chinanow-inScotland.org
- **Shanghai & The 2010 Expo Exhibition**
www.confuciusinstitute.ac.uk/expo
- **Midsummer Nights Dream**
www.confuciusinstitute.ac.uk/bfa

"THE INSTITUTE'S ABILITY TO UNIFY THE DIVERSE EFFORTS OF VARIOUS PROGRAMME PARTNERS, COUPLED WITH THE IMPACT OF THE MAJOR EVENTS THEY RAN, ENSURED THAT NOT ONLY WAS A SUBSTANTIAL AND DIVERSE AUDIENCE REACHED, BUT SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT SUSTAINABLE RELATIONSHIPS WERE ALSO ESTABLISHED"

Lord Smith of Kelvin
Patron, China Now In Scotland

A WAY TO ENGAGE WITH CHINA ACROSS SCOTLAND



The Confucius Institute recognises the need to develop global citizens of all ages. Our outreach work has involved people right across Scotland, in urban centres and rural locations, with students ranging in age from their early teens to their late eighties.

The Institute has delivered annually up to 12 full-day workshops in Scottish schools. A typical example is described in the case study on Page 15. By working with the English Speaking Union the Institute has enabled more than 80 schools to focus on China in student led debates with topics as varied as ‘Polluter Pays’, ‘One Child Policy’ and ‘Google in China’.

The role of the Institute championing development of Chinese language provision for schools is stressed by Dr Judith McClure, Convenor of the Scotland-China Education Network. “The Institute has made a real difference enabling direct engagement with university expertise and international initiatives.”

WORKING TOGETHER

But it’s not just about work in schools. The Institute has also been behind other events, such as a kite festival for 600 children, charity events for the 2008 Sichuan earthquake, fringe festival shows, kung fu presentations, musical performances, and art projects including concerts and dance events.

As Kimho Ip, musician, composer and Institute teacher says, “It is not only that people need to learn about Chinese culture, it is to learn about the world today and the world today is many different countries working together as one.”

PICTURES

1. Kite Festival for Scottish schools, 2008.
2. A student at one of the Institute’s Chinese language classes.
3. An introductory lesson on the yang qin.
4. Brush writing exercises at a China Day event in Queen Anne High School, Dunfermline.



“THE WORLD TODAY IS MANY COUNTRIES WORKING AS ONE”
Kimho Ip
Musician, Composer & Institute Teacher



CASE STUDY TAKING CHINESE LEARNING TO A FIFE SCHOOL

In February 2009 a group of 15 teachers from the Confucius Institute provided a whole day of exciting and colourful events for around 300 first year pupils. The language workshops, calligraphy session, Chinese “facts and fun” workshops, craft activities, dance lessons, and martial arts lessons were very well received. Feedback from both pupils and teachers was overwhelmingly positive, with calligraphy and music being the most popular classes.

A LINK BETWEEN BUSINESS & EDUCATION

The Confucius Institute has created highly effective synergies between education and business. Director, Professor Natascha Gentz, explains, “We need to understand China’s social fabric, the logic of its systems and processes, its networks and hierarchies – so we know where the decision-making lies and can play an active role in shaping the way business is conducted in the new China”.

The Institute’s business outreach programme has included high profile expert panels, Sino-Scottish business meetings and partnership working with organisations such as the China-British Business Council and the 48 Group Club. As well as workshops and language courses for companies interested in China, the Institute has evolved a career development programme to build links between Chinese speaking postgraduates and such businesses.

With the support of eight partners our ‘Expert Panel’ events in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen heard from the knowledgeable panels under high profile chairs such as ex-Deputy Prime Minister, the Right Honourable John Prescott MP; Sir Richard Needham, Deputy Chairman of Dyson Ltd and former UK trade minister; and Lance Browne, Vice Chairman of Standard Chartered Bank. As John Prescott said: “the level of interest, and diversity of businesses at the China Expert

Panel event was impressive”, adding “the Institute had clearly tapped into the SME sector and stimulated them to consider evolving a plan for engagement with China”.

THE INSTITUTE, THE UNIVERSITY & BUSINESS

The Institute works closely with business studies in the University. With the formation of a Business Advisory Group a wider programme of CEO seminars is planned. Adam Dupre, of 48 Group Club recognises “The Institute operates in the real world and while it has high level aspirations of national collaboration and implementation it also operates at the grassroots level by providing practical first steps support from translation to cultural briefings.”

CASE STUDY

GRADUATES CAREER DAY

In autumn 2009, the Confucius Institute staged a very successful graduates career day, primarily for Chinese students in Edinburgh. This was an innovative “speed dating” job fair, with 200 students networking with 15 companies in four hours. Each student was able to meet with four different Scottish companies in a wide variety of sectors, including law, retail, education, travel, hospitality, food and drink and property.

This event was also an excellent opportunity for Scottish companies to meet high calibre graduates interested in, and capable of, working in a China-related context.

The Institute intends to run similar events in future.

“I ENJOYED THE EVENT AND THINK IT WAS A REALLY GOOD INITIATIVE. SOME OF THE CANDIDATES WERE REALLY IMPRESSIVE AND THREE OF THEM HAVE ALREADY FOLLOWED UP ON OUR INITIAL CONTACT AND WE WERE ABLE TO SECURE WORK FOR THEM WITH CLIENTS OF THE FIRM”

Lisa Douglas
Davidson Chalmers

NATHALIE SCHULTZ,
“THE INSTITUTE HELPS TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN ASPIRATION AND REALITY”

PICTURES (RIGHT)

1. The Chinese Consul General and Lord Smith of Kelvin.
2. The Right Honourable John Prescott MP with speakers from Aberdeen Expert Panel.
3. The opening event of China Now in Scotland.



“BUSINESSES PLANNING TO WORK WITH CHINA WOULD DO WELL TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CULTURAL INSIGHTS AND LANGUAGE SKILLS OF CHINESE SPEAKING GRADUATES...THEY CAN ACT AS A BRIDGE TO BUILD YOUR BUSINESS”

Peter Budd
Chairman, Arup Scotland



A HUB FOR SINO-SCOTTISH FRIENDSHIP



PICTURES

1. Queuing for 'jiaozi', a type of Chinese dumpling.
2. A Spring Festival gathering at the Institute.
3. The opening of the exhibition 'China: A Photographic Portrait'.
4. Institute staff with 'jiaozi'.

The Confucius Institute is not just a great place to learn, it's somewhere to have fun and socialise! The Institute works to help **staff, students, and partners** make new friends throughout the Scotland/China community.

The Institute works closely with Chinese community associations, Chinese students and scholars associations in Scottish universities, the Scotland China Association and the Scotland China Education Network, to create innovative and enjoyable events throughout the year. Ranging from informal meetings for sharing of experiences, ideas and visions, to parties, receptions and dinners, Abden House provides a fantastic venue for all these events.

Bringing Scottish and Chinese people together to celebrate Chinese festivals, including Chinese New Year and the Mid-Autumn Festival is a regular activity. As Zhao Kun, Vice-president of the Edinburgh Chinese Students & Scholars

Association, said, "the Institute's physical presence has enabled our Association to expand its outreach work and give all our Chinese students members a 'home from home'".

ENGAGING WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

The Institute also helps visiting Chinese scholars interact with local people. As Wei Zhou, a postgraduate student and volunteer at the Institute said, "The Institute gives me opportunities to engage with people who are interested in China", adding, "I enjoy volunteering here, since I feel I can not only contribute to a better understanding of my home country, but also learn more about the UK".



**CASE STUDY
MOON FESTIVAL EVENT**

In September 2010, the Institute worked with the Scotland China Association, the Edinburgh Chinese Students & Scholars Association, and the Edinburgh Chinese Association of Professionals to stage a highly successful 'Moon Festival' Party.

Around 350 people attended the event in Pollock Halls, including members of the city's Chinese community and many new students from China. They enjoyed displays of traditional Chinese dancing and music, including a children's dance team from the Alba Cathay Chinese School. The guests also tried some Scottish country dancing, helped by a ceilidh band and piper for an authentic local feel.

Profits from the event were donated to the Yushu earthquake appeal.

MAJOR EVENTS 2007-11

2007

- **March - April:** Cinema China: A nationwide festival of Chinese film.
- **9 March:** Lecture by Dr Paul Bailey, University of Edinburgh, 'Cultural Modernity in 1930s Shanghai'.
- **9 March:** Lecture by Professor Natascha Gentz, University of Edinburgh, 'The Female Star in Early Shanghai Cinema'.



- **10 March:** Masterclass by Maggie Cheung (pictured).
- **11 March:** Lecture by Dr Susan Daruvala, University of Cambridge, 'Women, Morality & Humanism'.
- **11 March:** Lecture by Dr Paul Bailey, University of Edinburgh, 'War and Revolution in China 1937-1949'.
- **12 March:** Lecture by Dr Paul Bailey, University of Edinburgh, 'Gender, Revolution & Modernity in Chinese Cinema'.
- **12 March:** Lecture by Dr Julian Ward, University of Edinburgh, 'Chinese Communist Films About the Sino-Japanese War'.
- **12 March:** Lecture by Professor John Orr, University of Edinburgh, 'The Contrasting Worlds of Zhang Yimou'.
- **13 March:** Lecture by Professor Natascha Gentz, University of Edinburgh, 'Tragedy and Melodrama in Chinese Cinema'.
- **13 March:** Lecture by Professor Joachim Gentz, University of Edinburgh, 'Martial Arts, Landscapes & Religious Concepts'.
- **14 March:** Lecture by Professor Natascha Gentz, University of Edinburgh, 'Heshang or the River Elegy'.

- **15 March:** Lecture by Dr Julian Ward, University of Edinburgh, 'Men & Women Getting By in Post-Mao China'.
- **15 March:** Lecture by Professor John Orr, University of Edinburgh, 'Style and Meaning in the Films of Hou Hsiao-Hsien'.
- **17 March:** Lecture by Professor Xie Fei, Beijing Film Academy, 'The Role of the BFA in Chinese Cinema'.
- **18 March:** Lecture by Dr Song Hwee Lim, University of Exeter, 'Male Homosexuality in Contemporary Chinese Cinema'.
- **18 March:** Lecture by Professor John Orr, University of Edinburgh, 'Contemporary Taiwanese Cinema'.
- **18 March:** Masterclass by Director Xie Fei, Professor, Beijing Film Academy.
- **11 July:** Visit by Vice-Minister of Education in China, Mme Wu Qidi and delegation.
- **July - August:** Visit by a BFA film crew to shoot 'Landing in Edinburgh'.
- **20 August:** Visit by the Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University of Melbourne.



- **19 September:** Open Day (pictured).
- **24 September:** Dinner for 120 to mark the opening of the Confucius Institute for Scotland.
- **25 September:** Official Opening by the First Minister of Scotland.
- **25 September:** Open House Afternoon.
- **18 October:** Talk by Dr Boy Luethje, Frankfurt Institute for Social Research, 'Work & Trade Unions in China'.
- **19 October:** Book Launch & Talk, 'Our History is Still Being Written', with Caroline Hoy & Jonathan Silberman, Pathfinder Books.

- **22 October:** Lecture by Paul French, Access Asia, 'Fat China: How Expanding Waistlines will Change a Nation'.
- **24 October:** Visit by Hanban Director and Delegation.
- **19 November:** Lecture by Duncan Hewitt, ex BBC, 'Media, Civil Society and the Young Generation in the New China'.
- **23 November:** Visit and Lecture by Chinese Ambassador, Mme Fu Ying.
- **4 December:** Open Evening.
- **December:** First Award for Excellence from Hanban.

2008

- **8 February:** Institute Chinese New Year party.
- **18 February:** Lecture by Professor Lauren Pfister, Hong Kong Baptist University, 'The Legacy of Legge and Chalmers'.



- **22 February - 16 March:** Lantern Festival (pictured), the opening event for China Now in Scotland.
- **7 March:** Visit by Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Education.
- **12 March:** Business networking event: 'China - With a Difference'.
- **13 - 15 March:** Asia-Links: interKULTUR conference.
- **10 April:** Visit by Shanghai Municipal Library staff to mark book donation "Window of Shanghai" project.
- **14 April:** Lecture by Professor Rudolph Wagner, Heidelberg University, 'The Commentators Burden in Shaping the Sage'.
- **21 April:** Lecture by Professor Thomas A Wilson, Hamilton College, 'Cultic Confucius'.

- **14 May:** Lecture by Professor Liu Dong, Peking University, 'Principles of Uncertainties in the field of Chinese Studies'.
- **19 May:** Lecture by Professor John Berthrong, Boston University, 'The Religious Dimensions of Confucianism'.
- **3 June:** Lecture by Professor Michael Nylan, 'Lives of Confucius: The Analects Versus the Historical Records' Accounts'.
- **9 June:** Lecture by Professor Joachim Gentz, 'Confucius the Enlightened Philosopher'.
- **28 June:** Lecture by Professor Wang Hui, 'Confucianism in China Today'.
- **30 June - 4 July:** Guangdong Museum of Art exhibition installation delegation visit.
- **5 July - 14 September:** Exhibition, 'China: A Photographic Portrait', City Art Centre, Edinburgh.
- **21 July:** Lecture by Dr Julian Ward 'The History of Modern China through Film'.
- **29 July:** Lecture by Simon Groom, Director, National Galleries of Scotland 'The Real Thing: Contemporary Art from China'.
- **8 August:** Lecture by Mark Leonard, Executive Director, European Council on Foreign Relations, 'What Does China Think?'.
- **10 August:** 'Focus on China' book festival event. Chair: Professor Natascha Gentz with Mark Leonard and Rana Mitter.
- **22 August:** Lecture by David McClay, Curator, National Library of Scotland, 'China Revealed: The Travels of Isabella Bird'.
- **28 August:** Lecture by Dr Kimho Ip, 'Culture/Subculture: China Music Now'.
- **31 August:** Film screening, 'My China Now, Part 1' at Edinburgh Filmhouse.
- **5 September:** Lecture by Dr Robert McLean, 'China's Cultural Revolution through Stamps of the Period'.
- **6 September:** Film screening, 'My China Now, Part 2' at Edinburgh Filmhouse.
- **8 September:** Lecture by Dr Wang Yaping, Heriot-Watt University 'The Processes and Problems of Urbanisation in China'.
- **9 September:** 'Hiya China', educational day for schools at 'China: A Photographic Portrait' exhibition.
- **18 September:** Launch of Edinburgh Review edition on China, at the Institute's 1st Anniversary Evening.

- **22 - 27 September:** Visit by Weifang Educational & Cultural Delegation.



- **22 - 27 September:** Kite Festival for Scottish Schools (pictured).
- **27 October:** China: Talking to the World', panel discussion with Duncan Hewitt, Linsey Hilsum and Ma Jianguo.
- **31 October:** Edinburgh: China Expert Panel business event, chaired by Sir Richard Needham.
- **5 November:** Aberdeen: China Expert Panel business event, chaired by The Right Honourable John Prescott MP.
- **13 November:** Glasgow: China Expert Panel business event, chaired by Lance Browne, Vice-Chairman, Standard Chartered Bank in China.
- **December:** Second Award for Excellence from Hanban.

2009

- **29 January:** Lecture by Professor Michael Puett, Harvard University, 'Connecting the World: Ritual Theory from Early China'.
- **30 January:** Institute Chinese New Year Party.
- **29 January - 2 February:** Three-day international postgraduate workshop, 'Old Chinese Philosophy & Religion'.
- **24 February:** Lecture by Professor Natascha Gentz, 'The Birth of Tragedy in China: Global Routes of a Local Genre'.
- **26 February:** Confucius Institute Network UK full day conference.
- **10 March:** Lecture by Professor Natascha Gentz, 'China's First Nobel Laureate: Gao Xingjian'.

- **28 April:** Lecture by Han Dong, Chinese poet and novelist, 'New Words, New Roads: Chinese Literature in the World'.
- **22 May:** Scottish film premier at Edinburgh Filmhouse, 'Perhaps Love (Ai Ru Guo)'.
- **11 August:** 'Musical Silk Road', iMAP concert led by Kimho Ip on yang qin, Filipe Davidse on saxophone.



- **14 - 23 August:** Edinburgh Festival Fringe performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' by Beijing Film Academy (pictured).
- **26 August - 15 September:** Three week training programme for Beijing Film Academy senior staff.
- **11 September:** Lecture by Professor Liu Xinming, Fudan University, 'Understanding Chinese Grammar'.
- **11 September:** Lecture by Professor Tan Zheng, Fudan University, 'Wang Xiaobo - Contemporary Chinese Writings'.
- **14 September:** Lecture by Professor Fan Ke, Nanjing University, 'Muslim Communities in China'.
- **26 September:** Discussion Event, 'The Legacy of Legge' chaired by Professor Natascha Gentz.
- **3 October:** 'Silver Moon over China' dance performance by Ding Qirui, Visiting Dancer in Residence.
- **6 October:** 'Modern Dance in China Today' Insight Evening with Ding Qirui and Janis Claxton.
- **7 October:** Lecture by Professor Rana Mitter, Oxford University, 'How China's Wartime Past is Changing its Present and Future'.

MAJOR EVENTS 2007-11

- **13 October:** Lecture by Dr Jiemian Yang, President of Shanghai Association of International Relations, 'Chinese Diplomatic Thought & Foreign Policy'.
- **14 October:** Lecture by Professor Paul Bailey, University of Edinburgh, 'The 1950s in China: New Wine in Old Bottles'.
- **19 October:** Lecture by Professor Christoph Harbsmeier, Oslo University, 'Wit & Humour in Confucius'.
- **21 October:** Lecture by Professor Natascha Gentz, University of Edinburgh, 'Repercussions of the Cultural Revolution on the 1980s'.
- **28 - 30 October:** Conference, The State & Internationalisation of Business: Is there a China or India model?'
- **29 October:** Lecture by Professor Jane Duckett, University of Glasgow, 'The China Challenge: Models, Visions & Global Futures'.
- **4 November:** Lecture by Professor Ian Taylor, University of St Andrews, 'China's Rise in Africa'.
- **4 November:** Lecture by Professor Natascha Gentz, University of Edinburgh, 'The Influence of Confucianism on China & the Modern World'.
- **11 November:** Lecture by Dr Felix Boecking, University of Edinburgh, 'Understanding China's Economic Transformation'.
- **11 November:** Seminar by Dr Li Wengang, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, 'China-Nigeria Relations: A Chinese Perspective'.
- **16 - 20 November:** Training Programme for the National Academy of Education Administration, China.
- **December:** Third Award for Excellence from Hanban.

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- **19 January:** Lecture by Professor Eric Schwitzgebel, University of California, 'The Mencius-Xunzi Debate on Human Nature'.
- **1 February:** Shanghai in Edinburgh: A full day programme for school students from Perth, Midlothian and Edinburgh.
- **1-4 February:** 'Shanghai & the 2010 Expo' exhibition at the Scottish Government Offices, Edinburgh.
- **10 February:** Global Kids 2010: An all day event at Broughton High School, Edinburgh, for 300 students.

- **17 February:** 'China Day', an all day workshop at Bathgate Academy for 200 S1 students.
- **19 February:** 'China Day', an all day workshop at Queen Anne High School, Dunfermline for 300 S1 students.



- **Throughout March:** 'Shanghai & the 2010 Expo' exhibition (pictured) at the University of Edinburgh, Main Library.
- **11 - 13 March:** 'China Inside Out', a three day conference in association with Scottish PEN.
- **14 March:** 'Travellers & Oasis' concert in the McEwan Hall, Edinburgh, with iMAP.
- **18 March:** Lecture by Professor Shen Tung, National Taiwan University, 'Chinese Music Dissemination from Shanghai to Taipei'.
- **22 March:** Lecture by Professor Zhang Longxi, City University of Hong Kong, 'The Complexity of Difference in Cross-Cultural Studies'.
- **23 April:** 'China Day', an all day workshop at Our Lady's High School, Cumbernauld for 120 S2 students
- **12 - 13 May:** Conference, 'Cultural Globalisation in Historical Perspective: Actors, Arts and Artefacts'.
 - **12 May:** Keynote Address by Arif Dirlik, University of Oregon, 'Modernity in a Eurasian Perspective'.
- **May:** 'Shanghai & the 2010 Expo' exhibition at the Scottish Government offices, Glasgow.
- **4 June:** Lecture by Professor Chang Mau-kuai, Academia Sinica, 'The Politics of Multiculturalism in Taiwan'.

- **6 June:** Prizegiving & Activity Day for Scotland China Association schools competition winners.
- **23 June - 13 July:** Three week study visit by Beijing Film Academy.
- **July:** Publication of 'Selected Poetry of Robert Burns' in Chinese Translation.
- **Throughout August:** 'Shanghai & the 2010 Expo' exhibition at 'Ocean Terminal Shopping Mall, Edinburgh.



- **5 - 22 August:** Edinburgh Festival Fringe 'Rhythm of the Drums: Song of the Cicada' by Guizhou Ethnic Arts Ensemble (pictured).
- **12 - 16 August:** Research visit by Professor Chen Pingyuan, Dean of PKU Chinese Department.
- **13 August:** International Workshop. 'Modern Chinese Culture' with Chen Pinyuan & Xia Xiaohong, Peking University; Leonard Chan, Chinese University of Hong Kong; and Mei Chia-ling, National Taiwan University.
- **16 August:** 'China Day', an all day workshop at St George's School, Edinburgh, for 120 students from four Edinburgh schools.
- **24 September:** Launch of the Cultural Resources Centre within the Confucius Institute for Scotland.
- **24 September:** Launch of portal website 'www.chinainfoscotland.org'.
- **September - October:** First round of China debates in schools across Scotland, with the English Speaking Union.
- **26 October:** Lecture by Ms Bao Yanli, Curator, Shanghai Museum. 'Gu Embroidery'.

- **27 October:** SIN-China Research Advice Seminar.
- **1 - 2 November:** Chinese language training programme for local teachers, with the UK Association for the Promotion of Chinese Education.
- **December:** Fourth Award for Excellence from Hanban.

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- **31 January:** Meeting on Chinese trade with Michael Moore MP, Secretary of State for Scotland.
- **2 February:** Chinese New Year Party.
- **9 February:** Chinese New Year Gala Performance at Usher Hall with the Chinese Consulate.
- **14 February:** 'Shanghai & the 2010 Expo' exhibition in Perth.
- **17 February:** 'China Day' full day workshop at Glasgow's Hillhead High.
- **24 February:** 'China Day', an all day workshop at Edinburgh Academy.



- **22 March:** University of Edinburgh student Peter Dolby wins the UK final of the Chinese Bridge language competition (pictured).
- **23 March:** MACE debate at the Playfair Library with the English Speaking Union.
- **21 March:** Seminar by Brian Stewart, former UK Consul General in Shanghai, 'The New China'.
- **20 April:** Seminar by Tim Dodds, Chatswood Public School, New South Wales, 'Chinese Language Acquisition: Perspectives from Australia'.
- **21 April:** Seminar by former Ambassador Platt, author of 'China Boys', and past President of New York's Asia Society.



- **28 April:** 'China Day', an all day workshop at Cowdenbeath Primary (pictured).
- **19 May:** China Briefing at Glasgow Caledonian University.
- **26 May:** Business Networking Seminar with Minister Counsellor Zhou, co-sponsored by CBBC, HSBC, ARUP and Diageo.
- **11 June:** Scotland China Association AGM. Tribute talk by Frances Wood, Head of the Chinese Department at the British Library. 'John Chinnery, A Seriously Witty Sinologist'.
- **29 June - 1 July:** Conference, British Chinese Language Teaching Society (BCLTS).
- **29 June - 18 July:** Three week study visit by Beijing Film Academy.
- **2 July:** Studies in Chinese Cinema. Programme of talks and launch of 'The Chinese Cinema Book'.
- **11 August:** Chinese Politics & Economics Forum, Tsinghua University in association with LSE.
 - Professor Yan Xuetong, 'The Trend of International Configuration'.
 - Professor Wang Tianfu, 'Social Stratification Structure in China: Past & Present'.
 - Professor Long Denggao, 'Development & Trend: FDI in China'.
 - Professor Liu Taoxiang, 'China's Economic Growth: 2011-2020'.
- **12 August:** Visit by Xiang Xiaowei, Depute Director of Bureau of External Cultural Relations, Ministry of Culture, PRC.
- **13 - 29 August:** Edinburgh Festivals 2011 Focus on China.
 - Fringe Festival dance performance, 'Enclosure 99-Humans'.

- Lecture by Professor Wang Hui, 'Contemporary Chinese Thought'.
- Lecture by Alexander Huang, 'Continental Shifts: All the World's a Stage'.
- Lecture by Tu Weiming, 'Continental Shifts: Global Philosophies'.
- **26 August:** Visit by Chevening Delegation.
- **7 - 9 September:** Conference, British Association of Chinese Studies.
 - **7 September:** Keynote Lecture 1 by Professor Wang Hui, 'Six Moments in the Life of Ah Q'.
 - **7 September:** Keynote Lecture 2 by Professor David Der-Wei Wang, 'The Future of New China: Liang Qichao's Vision of Literature & Revolution'.
- **7 - 9 September:** Exhibition on Cao Yu in Pollock Halls of Residence.
- **20 September:** CPD Training on Access 3 course. In conjunction with St George's Confucius Classroom.
- **27 September:** Fact finding visit by MOE.
- **14 October:** Fact Finding Visit by MOE Applied Linguistics Sector.
- **24 - 28 October:** Training Programme for the National Academy of Education Administration, China.
- **25 October:** Lecture by Professor Ian Holliday, Hong Kong University, 'Rising China & Global Justice'.
- **26 October:** Lecture by Professor Wang Hui, Tsinghua University, 'Empire or Nation? A Critique of Two Narratives of Chinese History'.
- **27 October:** Lecture by Asst Professor Si Jia, Fudan University, 'On the Eve of the 1911 Revolution'.
- **27-28 October:** Conference 'Art in Translation' with keynote lecture by Roderick Whitfield, SOAS, 'When Buddhism came to China'.
- **4 - 6 November:** Exhibition, '100th Anniversary of 1911' in conjunction with the Embassy and Consulate of the PRC.
- **4 November:** CPD Session by Shaz Lawrence on Teaching Chinese and Assessment. In conjunction with St George's Confucius Classroom.
- **21 November:** Visit by China Youth Federation.
- **30 November:** Lecture by Antje Richter, 'Calligraphy & Beyond: The Letters of Wang Xizhi'.



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