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Confucius Institute at the University of Melbourne Newsletter
墨尔本大学孔子学院通讯

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KEY DATES

Jan 5, 2021 - Summer Intensive courses begin

Term Dates 2021
Summer Intensive: Jan 5 - Feb 2
Term 1: Jan 25 - Apr 10
Term 2: Apr 19 - Jun 28
Term 3: Jul 12 - Sep 18
Term 4: Oct 4 - Dec 14

MONTHLY PHRASES

1. 回单位 huí dānwèi - back to the office

(e.g. 现在可以回单位上班了。Now we can go back to the office for work.)

2. 振兴 zhènxīng - to revitalise

(e.g. 疫情后我们一起振兴墨尔本。After the pandemic, let's revitatlise Melbourne together.)

3. 圣诞节 shèngdàn jié - Christmas

(e.g. 我们祝大家圣诞节快乐! We wish everyone a Merry Christmas!)

NOTICES

Term 4 2020 has just come to an end.

The next available Chinese language courses are the Summer Intensive courses from January 5, 2021.

All the language and business programs will continue to run online via Zoom until further notice.

Confucius Institute at the University of Melbourne wishes you all a Merry Christmas!

墨尔本大学孔子学院祝大家圣诞节快乐!

2021 SUMMER INTENSIVE COURSES

There is still time to enroll in the Summer Intensive courses. Register through the Asialink e-cart links below to secure your place.

1. Basic Chinese for Zero Beginners (1A+1B)

Dates: 5 January – 2 February 2020
Days: Monday – Friday, 10am – 12pm
Registration and payment: through the Asialink e-cart.

2. Intermediate Combined Chinese

Dates: 5 January – 2 February 2020
Days: Monday – Friday, 10am – 12pm
Registration and payment: through the Asialink e-cart.

3. Chinese Character Writing Bootcamp - Level A

Dates: 5 January – 2 February 2020
Days: Monday – Friday, 1pm – 2pm
Registration and payment: through the Asialink e-cart.

NEWS

CLTAV Annual Teachers' Conference

The Confucius Institute at the University of Melbourne supported the 2020 Victorian Chinese Language Teachers Conference held via Zoom on 15 – 16 December 2020. The theme of the conference was the Teaching of Chinese Language and Culture in a Non-Chinese Environment. Four keynote speakers from the US, UK, China and Australia shared their insights. A panel discussion was conducted in which panelists discussed their experience and challenges in their language classrooms and participants engaged in a breakout session to expand on the discussion. 132 participants attended this year.

Chinese Paper-cutting Online Workshop

On 17 December, the Institute delivered a Chinese Paper-cutting Cultural Workshop for local libraries via Zoom. The aim of the workshop was to provide support to the health and well-being of full time carers. The workshop facilitator guided the participants through a one hour paper-cutting session where they learned the origins of the traditional activity, and enjoyed the opportunity to take time out, relax, and focus on creating their own artwork. Each participant successfully created a paper-cut dragon to display in their homes.

Pronouncing Chinese Names Workshop

The Institute delivered two sessions of the Pronouncing Chinese Names Workshop to the University of Melbourne staff in early December 2020. The participants were provided with a basic rundown of the Chinese language and given strategies to pronounce Chinese names more accurately. Due to popular demand, the Institute plans to run the workshop again in 2021.

For further information on the above workshops, please email Ms Clarissa Belanti at clarisas.belanti@unimelb.edu.au.