

Cross Cultural Exchange Through the Eyes of Students and Teachers

Confucius Institute of the State of Washington

9th Anniversary



CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE THROUGH THE EYES OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Exchange of ideas between Chinese and American students highlighted this CIWA 9th Anniversary celebration. We heard experiences of American students who visited China and Chinese students comparing their system of education after visiting the US. The impact of CIWA's programs and support is evident. Chinese language classes are flourishing in Washington state and accompanying them, enriching hands-on Chinese cultural experiences. Visiting Chinese teachers from partner schools in China share their culture and language while gaining professional expertise through this wonderful exchange.

This April 23, 2018 CIWA anniversary celebration at the Wing Luke Museum in Seattle's Chinatown International District included a World Affairs Council Global Classroom teacher program, museum tours, performances by visiting students from Chongqing, and a reception. The event was capped off by a moderated panel of the Nankai Secondary School students from Chongqing and students from Pathfinder K-8 and Mercer International Middle School in Seattle, who traveled to China to visit their partner schools. It was an inspiring evening to mark this milestone.

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Teachers, students, and guests arrived at Wing Luke Museum, in Seattle's Chinatown International District, where CIWA's 9th anniversary activities took place.



Wing Luke Museum features many historical artifacts in a building that once provided accommodations for Asian immigrants.



Once again CIWA partnered with the World Affairs Council Global Classroom on our anniversary.



Teachers arrived early and signed in for their program.
Right: Teachers on tour of the Wing Luke Museum.



Returning CIWA Chinese Director, Bo Deng, joined us by WeChat with Dongmei Huang and Michele Anciaux Aoki.



Visiting teachers from China signed in to the World Affairs Council Global Classroom Teacher Program and participated in all anniversary celebration activities.



Our visiting teachers from China enjoyed posing with the famous Bruce Lee.





Reception socializing and preparation for cultural entertainment.







CIWA Leaders: Alhua Liao, Jeffrey Riedinger, Michele Anciaux Aoki, Dongmei Huang, and Paul Atkins. CIWA received recognition from many dignitaries.



Paul Quinonez Figueroa from the Office of Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan.



Renzhu Li: Education Consul, Consulate General of People's Republic of China in San Francisco

James Bush, representative from King County Executive Dow Constantine's office, and Jenny Chang from State Senator Bob Hasekawa's office.



Receiving a beautiful scroll from the Chinese Consulate.





Leadership Board and Representatives

Wenyi Tang, visiting teacher at Chief Sealth International High School, introduced the student performers from his school in Chongqing.









Michele Anciaux Aoki introduced the student panel program.



Xiong Weicheng represented Nankai Secondary School Delegation, Chongqing.



Ryan Hauck, Education Director, World Affairs Council, moderated.



Principal David Dockendorf reflected on Pathfinder K-8 students' trip to China.



Students from Chongqing and from Seattle described their experiences while on exchange visits.



Members of the audience listened intently to students' accounts.



Student panelists answered questions and responded to one another.



Proud parents applauded the presentation of cross cultural experience.



Such revelation hearing different points of view from both sides of the ocean.



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