



Talal Abu-Ghazaleh – Confucius Institute

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Talal Abu Ghazaleh-Confucius Institute:

The Institute was established in September 2008 to introduce the Chinese language and culture, as well as achieving a greater mutual understanding between the Arab and Chinese cultures. This unique initiative is based on the cooperation agreement between Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Global and Confucius Institute in China. The Institute has been named after the great intellectual, mentor and philosopher, Confucius, whose ideas had influenced China and other regions around the world for over 2,000 years.

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TAG-Confucius Institute is the first institute accredited by the Chinese Government to teach Chinese language in Jordan.

TAG-Confucius Institute is holding a new course to teach the basics of the Chinese language for beginners:

- A. Threshold Level for Adults: starting 14/10/2019**
Schedule: Monday and Wednesday from 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- B. Threshold Level for Adults: 14/10/2019 - Day Course**
Schedule Monday and Wednesday from 10:00 – 12:00 am
- C. Threshold Level for Kids: starting 12/10/2019**
Schedule of the course: Saturday from 3:00 - 4:30 pm
And Wednesday from 3:00 - 4:30 pm

***All Chinese language teachers are from China specialized in teaching Chinese language for foreigners and accredited by the Confucius Institute in China.**



Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Confucius Institute Celebrates Chinese Teachers' Day

AMMAN - September 10 is an official holiday in China. On this day the whole country honors educators and teachers. This holiday, in its different interpretations, has existed in China as early as the middle ages. Teachers and coaches have always been honored and respected in China. For this important occasion, Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Confucius Institute (TAG-Confucius), organized a celebration observing the Chinese Teachers' Day with the participation of the Institute's management and faculty at TAG-Confucius headquarters.



Ms. Yang Songfang, Dean of TAG-Confucius Institute said that the 10th of September is an official holiday in China to celebrate Teachers' Day citing the respect and appreciation given to teachers in China.

“This year witnesses the 35th Chinese Teachers' Day in China which has become one of the most important festive dates on our calendar. On this day, the whole country expresses respect and appreciation to educators and teachers for the work they do every day,” she noted expressing her gratitude and appreciation to teachers of TAG-Confucius Institute.

“A teacher is a friend, philosopher, and guide who holds our hand, opens our mind, and touches our heart,” said Mr. Mamoun Abu Al Sebaa', TAG-CI Foreign Director. “In many countries across the world, teacher's day is a special day and China has a long tradition of respecting teachers. There is an old Chinese saying, “Once my teacher, forever my father,” which illustrates tremendous respect for mentors.”

Mr. Abu Al Sebaa' added,” At TAG-C, we do appreciate our Chinese teachers' work and efforts, that's why we do celebrate the Teachers' Day every year to thank our teachers who come to Jordan leaving their families back there in China to do a noble job and help our community to speak Chinese.”

TAG-Confucius Institute Participate in the 4th Chinese Teaching Seminar in Jordan



On September 27, the 4th Chinese teaching seminar in Jordan sponsored by Confucius Institute Headquarters and Chinese embassy in Jordan was held at Confucius Institute at Philadelphia University. Chinese ambassador to Jordan Mr. Pan Weifang, cultural counsellor Mr. Yang Ronghao and secretary of Cultural Division Ms. Zheng Yan attended the seminar. Twenty-one Chinese

teachers from TAG-Confucius Institute, the University of Jordan, the Military College of Foreign Languages, Islamic Educational College, Mashrek International School and Confucius Institute at Philadelphia University participated in the seminar.

The Chinese teachers shared their teaching experience and enthusiastically discussed the issues related to Chinese language teaching, involving classroom management at primary and secondary schools, intercultural communication in teaching Chinese as a foreign language (TCFL), professionalism of teachers in TCFL, teaching case analysis, teaching methods, teaching devices and techniques, etc. The teachers were enthusiastic in discussion in intense academic atmosphere and worked out corresponding solutions to the problems encountered in teaching.

In his summary, Yang Ronghao thanked the Chinese teachers for their efforts and contributions to the development of Chinese language teaching in Jordan. He encouraged the teachers to have more studies on teaching and constantly improve their professional capability and comprehensive quality and work as the ambassadors of cultural exchange between China and Jordan. The teachers should also learn about the local culture, laws, regulations and customs so as to improve their intercultural communicative competence. In addition, the teachers should abide by the rules and regulations of Confucius Institute Headquarters, Chinese embassy and their teaching institutions, be self-disciplined, increase safety awareness and ensure personal safety. At last, he added that the teachers should unite and cooperate with each other to build an excellent Chinese teaching team in Jordan.

After the teaching seminar, Ambassador Pan Weifang had informal discussion with the teachers. He extended his thanks to the teachers for their dedication to work and sense of responsibility. He also shared with the teachers his experience of studying and working abroad, in international and national situations. He hoped that the teachers should pay attention to current affairs, know more about the politics, economy, culture and social development of the local country and enhance intercultural awareness. Ambassador Pan Weifang also explained and answered patiently their questions concerning the work and life of the teachers. He hoped that the teachers would concentrate on improving the quality and level of Chinese language teaching in Jordan and the embassy would do its best to provide help for the teachers.

The teaching seminar was held on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China. The teachers were very proud of TCFL and they said that they would do well in Chinese teaching with full enthusiasm and form confidence and contribute to the educational, cultural, economic and trade exchanges between China and Jordan.

Transport in China

Transport in China has experienced major growth and expansion in recent years. Although China's transport system comprises a vast network of transport nodes across its huge territory, the nodes tend to concentrate in the more economically developed coastal areas and inland cities along major rivers.

The physical state and comprehensiveness of China's transport infrastructure tend to vary widely by geography.

While remote, rural areas still largely depend on non-mechanized means of transport, a modern maglev system was built in China to connect the city center of Shanghai with Shanghai Pudong International Airport.

Airports, roads, and railway construction will provide a massive employment boost in China over the next decade.

Much of contemporary China's transport systems have been built since the establishment of the People's Republic in 1949.

The railway, which is the primary mode of long distance transport, has seen rapid growth reaching 120,970 km (75,167 mi) of railway lines making it the second longest network in the world (2016). Prior to 1950, there were only 21,800 km (13,546 mi) of railway lines.

The extensive rail network includes the longest and busiest HSR network in the world with 25,000 km (15,534 mi) of high-speed lines by year end 2017. While rail travel remained the most popular form of intercity transport, air travel has also experienced significant growth since the late 1990s.

Major airports such as Beijing Capital International and Shanghai Pudong International being among the busiest in the world. At the end of 2017,[4] there are some 34 metro systems in operation across China, including some of the largest and busiest subway networks in the world. Of the 12 largest metro networks in the world by length, seven are now in China.

Additionally, many bus rapid transit, light rail and rapid transit lines are currently under construction, or in the planning stages across the country.

The highway and road system also has gone through rapid expansion, resulting in a rapid increase of motor vehicle use throughout China.

A government-led effort started in the 90s to connect the country by expressways via the "National Trunk Highway System" has expanded the network to about 97,000 km (60,273 mi) by the end of 2012 making China's the longest expressway network in the world.



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