



Talal Abu-Ghazaleh – Confucius Institute

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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 TAG-Org 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.

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

- A. Threshold Level for Adults: starting 10/11/2019 Schedule: Sunday and Tuesday from 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- B. Threshold Level for Kids: starting 09/11/2019
  Schedule of the course: Saturday from 3:00- 4:30 pm
  And Tuesday 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 Global and Confucius Institute Headquarters Renew Joint Cooperation Agreement on Co-Development of Confucius Institute at TAG Global to 2028



**AMMAN** - HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, chairman of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Global (TAG.Global), and Mr. Ma Jianfei, Deputy Chief Executive of Confucius Institute Headquarters, signed the renewal of joint cooperation agreement on co-development of Confucius Institute at TAG.Global (TAG-Confucius Institute) up to 2028.

The renewal of the agreement comes in response to the growing demand for learning Chinese language and culture noting that TAG-Confucius Institute is the first official center for teaching Chinese language and the first official center for conducting Chinese proficiency tests (HSK) in Jordan.

Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh expressed his gratitude and pride in the partnership with Confucius Institute Headquarters and Shenyang Normal University which has been ongoing since 2008. He added that the future will be for China and we should be prepared for the future, underlining his pride that TAG.Global has been offering visa services to Jordanians and Arabs travelling to China, under the supervision of the Chinese Embassy since 2009.

Additionally, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh noted that the renewal of this agreement comes as response to the growing Sino-Arab relations, especially in economic fields, pointing out that TAG-Confucius Institute is preparing a strategic plan to teach Arabic language in China based on an accredited program and certificate.

TAG-Confucius Institute is located at the premises of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh University College for Innovation on Mecca Street in Amman. It aims at enhancing and promoting teaching of the Chinese language and culture in Jordan based on a cooperation agreement signed between Confucius Institute Headquarters and Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Global with Shenyang Normal University as the partner university.

It is worth mentioning that Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Global established five offices in China (Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Guangzhou and Chengdu) offering professional services for more than a quarter of a million Chinese firms since 1972.

## Abu-Ghazaleh Confucius Attends '70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China Seminar'



**AMMAN** - Chinese Embassy in Jordan and Alrai Center for Studies jointly held a seminar in Amman to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China under the patronage of Chinese Ambassador HE Mr. Pan Weifang with high-ranking dignitaries and a host of members of the Chinese Community in the Kingdom in attendance.

In his speech, Ambassador Pan highlighted the strong diplomatic relations between China and Jordan dating back to 42 years, adding that China and Jordan have always regarded each other as true good friends and partners.

In recent years, the political mutual trust between the two sides has continue to deepen and pragmatic cooperation in various fields has continuously achieved fruitful results, according to the Ambassador.

Mr. Pan revealed that the 9<sup>th</sup> Ministerial meeting of the China-Arab Cooperation Forum will be held in Jordan next year, which will be another major event in the history of China-Arab relations.

"China has become Jordan's third largest trade partner and the second largest source of imports. China is the major importer of Potash in Jordan.

"The project of Attarat Oil Shale power plant, in which China is involved in investment, financing and construction, is expected to be completed and put into operation next year, which will meet 10% to 15% of Jordan's electricity demand," he said.

For his part, Mr. Khaled Shogran, Director of Alrai Center for Studies affirmed that China has made outstanding contributions to the world peace and development noting that China has played an important role in international affairs and its global influence continues to grow.

Shogran expressed his honor to host a seminar in this context that explores the development of China-Jordan relations.

Director of the Asia-Pacific Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mr. Malik Twal said that China has achieved remarkable achievements in the past 70 years, which is due to the wisdom of Chinese leaders, saying that the revival of China is not only an economic revival, but also a comprehensive rejuvenation in many fields.

In the interactive session, Jordanian Director of TAG-Confucius Mr. Mamoun Abu Al-Sebaa said that China's achievements in economy, education, culture and other fields have attracted worldwide attention.

He also introduced the fruitful achievements of the Institute in Chinese language teaching and China-Jordan cultural exchanges noting that the Institute will continue to play its role in enhancing relations between China and Jordan.

At the end of the seminar attended by media representatives, the Ambassador answered questions of the attendees who as well wished for more prosperity and progress to China.

#### TAG-Confucius Institute Conducts Periodic Meetings with its Team

**AMMAN** - Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Confucius Institute (TAG-CI), conducted the periodic meetings with TAG-CI Team in order to develop their performance and find solutions to obstacles and challenges that may academically and administratively face the Institute.

The meeting was led by the Executive Director of TAG-Confucius Mr. Mamoun Abu Al Sebaa`, the Chinese Dean Ms. Yang Songfang and Ms. Randa Al Yabroudi, TAGCI Deputy Manager and TAGCI Teachers.

The meeting began with a warm welcoming to the new teacher

Ms. Sun Na, as a new member joined the team wishing her success and progress in her mission.

Mr. Abu Al Sebaa stressed on following the rules of the Institute's policies and regulation. "Every teacher is an ambassador to China," he stated, "We need dedicated teachers with excellent performance as we are working to be the best CI in the world."

He also talked about problems of education, students, and how to control the classrooms. He added that there will be an appreciation for the ideal teacher every three months according to his or her performance and evaluation.

For her part, Ms. Randa Al Yabroudi said that we all have to work under the principle "one Team and one Family ", and we spend more time working at the institute than we spend with our families, our work must be based on love, sincerity and giving because the prosperity and success of the institute is a success for every member of CI.

Ms. Yang Songfang the Chinese dean talked about the online courses which must be completed before 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019, underlining the teachers> commitment to the instructions and policies of the Institute.

The team discussed the plans for the activities which the Institute will participate in the year 2019.





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