

A Notice about Preliminary Competition of the 16th “Chinese Bridge”- Chinese Proficiency Competition for College Students
In the Czech Republic and Slovak Republic

To universities and Chinese learners it may concern,

The “Chinese Bridge”- Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign College Students Program is a large-scale international competition organized by Confucius Institute Headquarters (Hanban). Since its launch in 2002, this annual event has become an important platform for international college students to learn the Chinese language and understand more about China. It also serves to help young people in the world better communicate with one another.

Commissioned by Confucius Institute Headquarters (Hanban), Preliminary Competition of the 16th “Chinese Bridge”- Chinese Proficiency Competition for College Students in Czech Republic and Slovak Republic will be held by Confucius Institute at Palacky University **on April 7th 2017 in Olomouc.**

The topic for this year is “Dreams Enlighten the Future”. The student who wins the preliminary round will be qualified to go to China in July for the semi-finals and finals. The final winners in the 1st and 2nd places will also get Confucius Institute Scholarship to further their Chinese studies in China as rewards.

Cordially, we invite Charles University in Prague, Palacky University in Olomouc, Masaryk University in Brno, University of Economics in Prague, Metropolitan University in Prague, Czech Technical University in Prague, Tomas Bata University in Zlin, Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovak University of Technology (Confucius Institute) to recommend qualified college students and postgraduates for this competition and to acquaint students with the information.

Sincere thanks!

Confucius Institute at Palacky University in Olomouc

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Scheme of Preliminary Competition of the 16th “Chinese Bridge” - Chinese Proficiency Competition for College Students

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1. Topic of the competition

Dreams Enlighten the Future

2. Time and place

Time: 7th April, 2017

Place: Science Museum in Olomouc (Vlastivědné muzeum v Olomouci)

3. Registration Process

Sinology Departments or teachers of Chinese take charge of coordinating and organizing registration process for each university, and then send the name lists along with the registration forms by e-mail to Miss Zhang Yingyi (zhangyingyi0803@gmail.com), Chinese teacher of Confucius Institute at Palacky University in Olomouc and also to konfucius@upol.cz, which is the e-mail of Confucius Institute at Palacky University before **17th March, 2017**.

4. Participants

College students with foreign nationalities, aged between 18 and 30 and overseas-born, whose first language is not Chinese.

5. Number of Participants

Charles University in Prague, Palacky University in Olomouc, Masaryk University, University of Economics in Prague, Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovak University of Technology (Confucius Institute) each has a quota of 2-4 seats. The ultimate number of participants depends on specific situation.

6. Competition Details

The duration time for each competitor is 12 minutes, which contains the following 4 aspects:

- (1) Topic speech according to the theme “Dreams Enlighten the Future”; (3 min)
- (2) Language proficiency:
 - Quiz: Numbers of question sets will be determined by drawing lots and each question set has 4 questions; (2 min)

- Picture Talk: Pictures share the same numbers with the question sets. Every competitor has 30 minutes to prepare and then describe the pictures in Chinese for 60 to 90 seconds. (2 min)
- (3) Talent Show: e.g. Chinese songs, musical instruments, dance, opera, acrobatics, calligraphy, painting, paper cutting or martial arts etc.; (3 min)
- (4) Interactive quiz: contestants answer 2 or 3 questions raised by the judges. (2 min)

7. Judges

Competition Organizing Committee will invite sinologists, Chinese teachers and other experts to compose the panel of judges to score and judge the contestants' performance.

8. Schedule

09: 00 Contestants arrive at the scene, draw lots and learn about the competition rules.

09: 30 Judges arrive at the scene, learn about the scoring rules, competition process and the contestants.

09: 45 Honored guest and audiences arrive at the scene.

10: 00 Opening ceremony begins. Leaders of Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Czech Republic, leaders of Palacky University and director of Confucius Institute at Palacky University present speeches.

10: 15 Competition starts.

12: 30 Competition ends. Judges have a discussion meeting. Audiences watch the previous competitions highlights clips.

12: 45 Moderators announce the results, awards and organize group photos.

13: 00 Buffet and free talk time.

14: 00 Activity ends.

9. Awards

- (1) The 1st prize, 2nd prizes, 3rd prizes and several outstanding awards.
- (2) Contestants get certificates and prizes.
- (3) Student who wins the first prize will be qualified to go to China in July for the semi-finals and finals.
- (4) Two outstanding contestants will be recommended for watching the following competition in China.
- (5) Participants of the preliminary competition will be given the priority, while applying for the scholarship of Confucius Institute.

10. Other issues

- (1) Competition Organizing Committee renders the participating students and their teachers round-trip transportation expenses, meal fee on the day of competition and the accommodation on 6th April.(Accommodation need to apply)
- (2) Competition Organizing Committee renders the participating audience the meal fee on the day of competition. (For university students and employees only)
- (3) All of the participating students and their teachers need to send the specific time of arrival and application for accommodation by e-mail to Miss Zhang Yingyi (zhangyingyi0803@gmail.com), Chinese teacher of Confucius Institute at Palacky University in Olomouc and also to konfucius@upol.cz, which is the e-mail of Confucius Institute at Palacky University before **17th March,2017**.
- (4) Competition Organizing Committee will send participants reference materials relating to Chinese language and China by e-mail and publicize the final results on the websites of Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Czech Republic (<http://www.chinaembassy.cz/chn/>) and Confucius Institute at Palacky University (<http://konfucius.upol.cz/>).
- (5) For more details about the competition, please visit the "Chinese Bridge" official website (<http://bridge.chinese.cn>), Chinese Hanban website (www.hanban.org).

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