Confucius Institute at UNL
Chinese Speech Competition

Sponsor: The Confucius Institute at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Time: October 4, 2014, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Location: Colonial Room & Georgian Suite at City Campus Student Union-UNL

Purpose: In order to promote Chinese Language and Culture in the State of Nebraska, the Confucius Institute at UNL will hold a Chinese Speech Competition. The purpose of this competition is to stimulate enthusiasm and interest for learning Chinese, and enhance understanding of the Chinese language and culture among students and others in Nebraska.

1. Eligibility

Contestants must be:

1) School age and older non–native Chinese speakers residing in Nebraska;
2) Non-native Chinese speaking students in kindergarten, elementary, middle and high school, college and graduate school;
3) Persons born in China Mainland, Hong Kong, Macao or Taiwan are not eligible to participate except children adopted by non-native Chinese speaking American families.

2. Registration

Registration is from September 1 – September 15, 2014. Registration can be done electronically or by mail at address listed below. Registration forms are available for download at the website below. Contestants can contact Angela at the Confucius Institute if help is needed.

UNL Confucius Institute website: http://confuciusinstitute.unl.edu

Email form and written speech to: arystrom2@unl.edu Phone: (402) 472-5370 Fax: (402) 472-5372

Or mail form and written speech to: Confucius Institute, PO Box 880542, Lincoln NE 68588-0542.

3. Competition

1) Division:

In order to encourage fair competition, contestants will be divided into 4 groups according to their age and background.

A. Kindergarten and elementary school students group
B. College and graduate students group
C. Middle/High school students group
D. Adult residents in Nebraska

NOTE: If the number of registered contestants in a group is below three, this group will be combined with another group.

2) Contest:

Each contestant will present a 3-5 minutes prepared speech in Chinese followed by answering 2 questions from the judges. Each contestant can choose one of the following topics for his/her speech.

Group A & C	Group B & D
A Happy Moment in my Childhood (我幸福的童年时光) My Favorite Season (我最喜欢的季节)	China in my Eye (我眼中的中国) Is it hard for you to learn Chinese (对你来说学汉语难吗)

3) Judging:

Scores will be given after each contestant finishes his/her speech by 5 judges who are Chinese language instructors and/or native Chinese speakers. Contestants will be judged on the following categories: Voice (loudness/clarity), grammar (accuracy), fluency (no hesitations and pauses/speed), vocabulary (richness/appropriateness), and presentation (manner/attitude/connect to audience).

4) Awards:

All contestants will be awarded a certificate and a souvenir. Top winners will also receive cash awards as listed in the following groups:

A. Kindergarten and Elementary School Students Group –
- One 1st Place Prize - $200
- Two 2nd Place Prizes - $100 each
- Three 3rd Place Prizes - $50 each

B. College and Graduate Students Group –
- One 1st Place Prize - $300
- Two 2nd Place Prizes - $200 each
- Three 3rd Place Prizes - $100 each

C. Middle/High School Students Group –
- One 1st Place Prize - $300
- Two 2nd Place Prizes - $200 each
- Three 3rd Place Prizes - $100 each

D. Adult Residents in Nebraska Group –
- One 1st Place Prize - $300
- Two 2nd Place Prizes - $200 each
- Three 3rd Place Prizes - $100 each

Additionally, all winners will be awarded one coupon of free HSK or YCT exam held this fall or next spring.