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### CDU CI participates in Business at Sunset in Katherine

On July 8, 2021, CDU CI was invited to perform at the Business at Sunset event hosted by the Chamber of Commerce NT in Katherine. The Vice Chancellor of CDU, Scott Bowman attended, together with other senior CDU staff and CDU CI teachers. Business at Sunset is a periodical networking opportunity for local businesses. Teachers from CDU CI brought the business partners traditional Chinese cultural performances, including Chinese Dance by Debora Zhao and Tai Chi by Wesley Tong.



Professor David Young is giving speech

### A Snapshot of Business at Sunset



Chinese Dance by Debora Zhao



Tai Chi by Wesley Tong



Teachers from CDU CI and Vice-Chancellor of CDU, Professor Scott Bowman AO



Teachers from CDU CI

### CDU CI's Involvement in the Kindness Festival

On July 31, 2021, CDU CI attended the CDU-sponsored Kindness Festival held at Darwin Waterfront. The Kindness Festival is organised by the Kindness Shake, an initiative started by a group of students and graduates and members of the international community in Darwin, to celebrate the Northern Territory's international students and multicultural community. More than 4000 people were at the festival which provided up to 30 multicultural performances, food stalls, games and community stalls.

CDU CI provided guests with games Gobang, and Chinese Chess, which attracted students and families.

Wesley Tong presented his compelling Tai Chi performance as a part of the multicultural festival.



Vice-Chancellor of CDU, Professor Scott Bowman, and students

## A Snapshot of the Kindness Festival



Teachers from CDU CI and guests



Debra Zhao playing Gobang with guests



Guests are inquiring of Mr. Rentao Jiang about Chinese Chess



Wesley Tong performing Tai Chi

## CDU Open Day

On August 29, 2021, CDU CI participated in the Annual CDU Open Day Program held at CDU Stadium, Marrara NT. David Young, CI's Director, attended the event, along with Jun Du, Chinese Deputy Director, and teachers from CDU CI.

The CDU Open Day provide the community with a good opportunity to approach Chinese cultural activities by CDU CI including:

- Gobang and Chinese Chess
- Papercutting
- Calligraphy
- Chinese Dance
- Chinese live music performance.



Teachers from CDU CI and guests

## A Snapshot of Kindness Festival



## Mulan Performance at Larrakeyah Primary School

On September 23, 2021, a whole school production of Mulan was presented by Larrakeyah Primary School at Darwin Entertainment Centre, with 1000 guests in attendance. The performance was supported by the CDU CI through the provision of professional instruction including dancing, instruments, and Kungfu design.

The success of the Mulan Performance was a result of the long partnership between Larrakeyah Primary School and CDU CI since 2017. At the beginning of the partnership, only a year-3 class with 25 students participated in the Chinese language learning, and now more than 400 students are involved covering preschool to primary school students.

The Principal of Larrakeyah Primary School, Ms Fathma Mauger said that the feedback from both the students and families was highly positive and that students loved learning Chinese as a second language.

“The partnership with CDU CI is the most important one because it not only allows our students to learn Chinese Language from teachers who understand how to teach Chinese as a second language, but also allow our students to learn Chinese Culture because we want our students to become global citizens” Ms. Fathma said.



The Principal of Larrakeyah Primary School, Fathma Mauger (left) and guests

## 2021 Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration

On September 21, 2021, the 2021 Mid-Autumn Festival Event was co-hosted by CDU CI and the Australia-China Friendship Society. The Mid-Autumn Festival is one of the critical traditional Chinese festivals during which Chinese community in the Territory will come together, perform their traditional dance and opera, eat mooncakes, and chat with friends.

The annual Mid-Autumn Festival celebration is an opportunity for those of Chinese descent and Language learners to experience the Chinese culture in Darwin.



Teachers from CDU CI and members from Australia-China Friendship Society organized a variety of activities for the celebration of 2021 Mid-Autumn Festival, including:

- Chinese Food Tasting; and
- Chinese Cultural Performances.

## A Snapshot of the 2021 Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration



Guests in the 2021 Mid-autumn Festival Celebration



Teacher from CDU CI, Amanda Mu  
performing Chinese Dance



Chinese Deputy Director Yaru Liu  
performing Chinese Opera



Members from Australia-China Friendship Society performing Chinese Dance



Members from Australia-China Friendship Society performing Chinese Dance

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## Darwin High School Visit to CDU CI

On October 15, 2021, more than 20 students from Darwin High School with their Chinese Language teacher Ms. Weijin Wang, visited CDU CI. Professor Yaru Liu, the new Chinese Deputy Director of CDU CI, welcomed the guests with a diversity of activities at Casuarina Campus including a Chinese language learning skills presentation and Tai Chi performance.



Teachers from CUD CI and guests from Darwin High School

## A Snapshot of the 61st Chinese Corner



Professor Yaru Liu giving a welcome speech



Miss Debora presenting the Chinese language learning skills



Mr. Wesley performing Tai Chi

## The 61<sup>st</sup> Chinese Corner – Welcome to our New Chinese Deputy Director

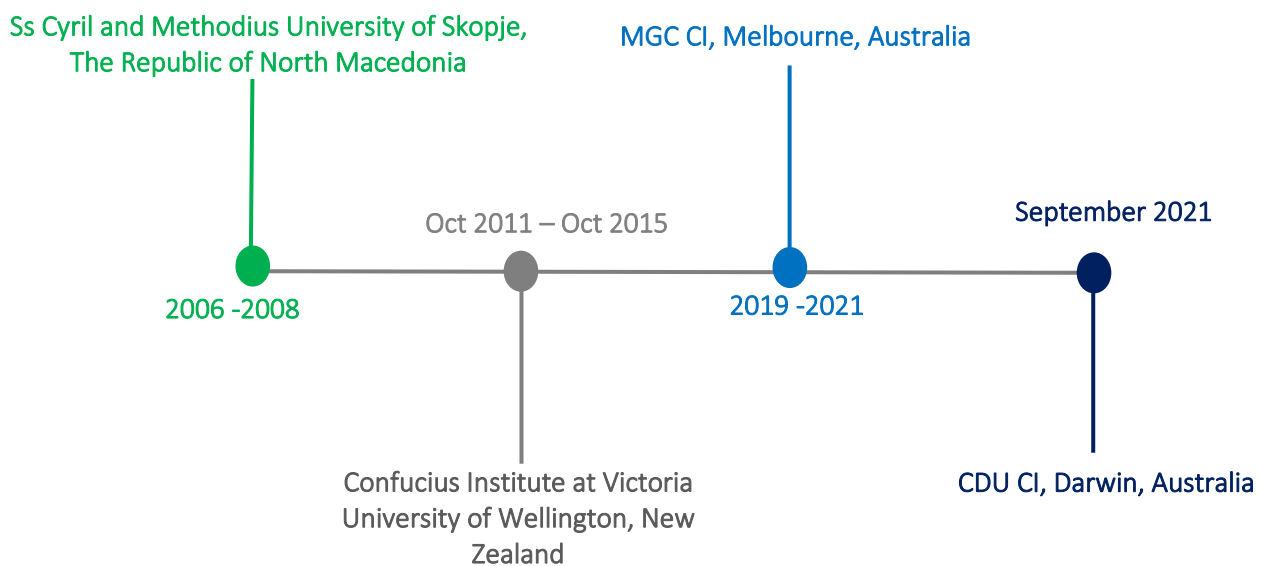
On October 30, 2021, the 61<sup>st</sup> Chinese Corner was held by CDU CI at Casuarina Campus. CDU CI Director, Professor David Young gave a welcome speech and introduced the new Chinese Deputy Director, Professor Yaru, Liu, to the attendees. Professor Yaru, Liu gave his presentation ‘**The 15-year Journey of my Chinese Teaching, from Skopje in 2006 to Darwin in 2021**’.

Before moving to Darwin, Professor Yaru, Liu

- had been teaching Chinese at Confucius Classroom at Melbourne Girls’ College Confucius Institute (MGC CI) of Melbourne University for 2 years since 2019
- had been working for Confucius Institute at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand for 4 years between October 2011 and October 2015
- had his first overseas language teaching at Ss Cyril and Methodius University of Skopje, the Republic of North Macedonia for 2 years between 2006 and 2008.



Professor Yaru Liu



In his 15 years' experience in overseas Chinese language teaching, Professor Yaru, Liu has contributed to Chinese language and culture communication and exchanges

At the end of the presentation, Professor Yaru, Liu gave a compelling opera performance, which won warm applause.



## A Snapshot of the 61st Chinese Corner



Professor David Young giving the welcome speech



Professor Yaru Liu giving his speech





Guests were attracted by the Professor's compelling journey



A group photo of guests and staff

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## The 15<sup>th</sup> CDU CI Board Meeting

On November 16, 2021, the 15<sup>th</sup> CDU CI Board Meeting was held online and included staff from CDU CI, Anhui Normal University, and Hainan University, to report the past performance of 2021 and discuss the strategic plan for 2022.

### The General Business of the Board Meeting

- Report of the previous Board Meeting
- Annual Deputy Report
- Annual Financial Report
- New mechanism of allocation of CI annual operational funds
- Involvement of partner universities
- 2022 Board Meeting in China
- Application to host the 2022 Confucius Institute Oceania Conference

### The Attendees of the Board Meeting

- From Charles Darwin University
  - Deputy Vice-Chancellor Students and VET of Charles Darwin University, Ms. Sam Jacob
  - CDU Confucius Institute Director, Chair of the CDU CI Board, Professor David Young
  - CDU Confucius Institute Acting Chinese Director, Professor Yaru Liu
  - Chairman of the CDU CI Advisory Board, Mr. Daryl Guppy
  - CDU CI Confucius Institute Administrative Officer, Ms. Joey Zhou



Attendees from CDU at the Board Meeting

- From Anhui Normal University by Video Conference
  - Vice-President of Anhui Normal University, Professor Xiong Yujie
  - Dean of the College of International Education and Director of the Department of International Exchange and Cooperation, Professor Zhang Derang
  - Vice Dean of the College of International Education and Vice Director of the Department of International Exchange and Cooperation, Professor Du Jun
  - Chief Staff Member of the Office of Foreign Affairs, Ms. Li Yiming



Attendees from Anhui Normal University at the Board Meeting

- From Hainan University by Video Conference
  - Vice President of Hainan University, Professor Ye Guangliang
  - Director of the Division of International Cooperation and Exchange, Ms. Yang Zhixin
  - Dean of the School of International Education, Professor Zhou Wei
  - Vice Dean of the School of International Education, Dr. Gao Zhi
  - Director of Foreign Cooperation & Exchange Office, School of International Education, Ms. Miao Xu



Attendees of Hainan University at the Board Meeting

### CDU CI Advisory Board Meeting

On December 2, 2021, the 4<sup>th</sup> CDU CI Board Meeting in 2021 was held at Casuarina Campus to discuss the CI's work plan for 2022. The meeting was Chaired by Mr. Darryl Guppy, President, NT Branch Australia China Business Council. Members in attendance were Professor David Young, Director of CDU CI, Professor Yaru Liu, the Chinese Deputy Director of CDU CI, Dr Shuqin Li, President of Australia China Business Council NT Branch, Alan Jape, Chairman of Japer Group, and Community Representative, Ms. Stephanie Lin.



## Chinese Learner Awards Night

On December 2, 2021, the 2021 Annual Chinese Learner Awards Night was held at Casuarina Campus., with more than 100 students and guests in attendance. The Meeting was hosted by Professor David Young, the Director of CDU CI. Professor Yaru Liu, the Chinese Deputy Director of CDU CI, along with teachers from CDU CI. Students from Leanyer Primary School, Parap Primary School, Darwin Language Centre, Haileybury Rendall School were winners.



Guests at the Award Night came from a diversity of organisations in the Northern Territory including

- Mr. Alan Jape, Chairman of Japer Group
- Ms. Bee Huang Khoo, President of Chinese Language Teachers' Association NT
- Mr. Daryl Guppy, President of Australia China Business Council
- Mr. Kevin Northcote, Principal of Darwin Language Centre
- Dr. Shuqin Li, President of Australia-China Friendship Society
- Ms. Stephanie Lin, Member of CUD CI Advisory Board
- Ms. Zoe Saliba, Assistant Principal of Darwin Language Centre.



Winners at the Awards Night

## CDU Multicultural and Sporting Day

On December 3, 2021, CDU CI participated in the 2021 CDU Multicultural and Sporting Day held by CDU Global at Casuarina Campus, aiming to celebrate the strength in diversity that makes CDU vibrant, through international dance performances, music, and delicious international cuisine. Professor Yaru Liu was one of the hosts at the performance event. Teachers from CDU CI including Debora Zhao and Wesley Tong brought their traditional Chinese performance to the guests, including, the face changing performance, which is an important aspect of Sichuan Opera in China.



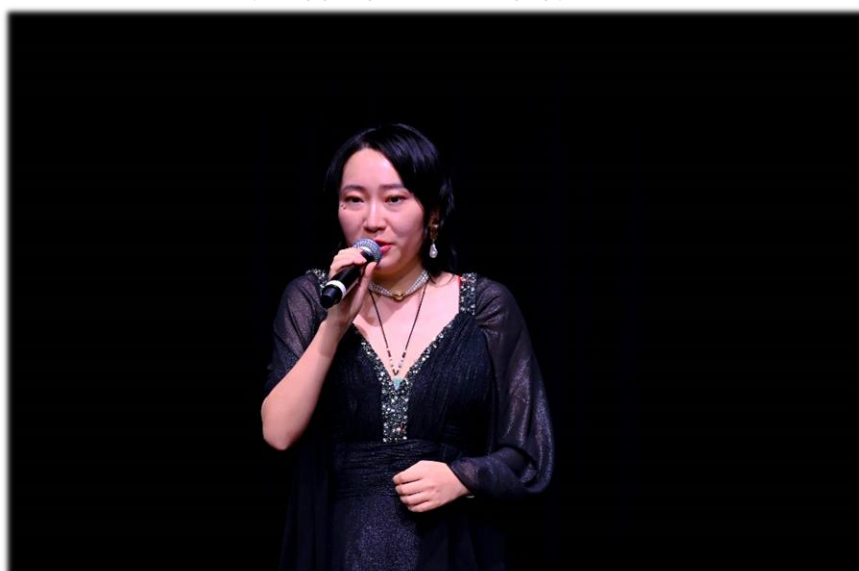
## A Snapshot of the CDU Multicultural and Sporting Day



Professor Yaru Liu, teachers from CDU CI and guests



Wesley Tong giving the face changing performance



Debora Zhao giving a Chinese music performance



Wesley Tong giving a Chinese music performance

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*Is it not pleasant to learn with a constant perseverance and application?*

*Is it not delightful to have friends coming from distant quarters?*

*Is he not a man of complete virtue, who feels no discomposure though men may take no note of him?*

*Confucius (551 BC-479 BC)*

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