3rd New Jersey K-12 Educators Study Tour to China
October 27-November 6, 2016

Organized by the Confucius Institute of Rutgers University (CIRU)
In Cooperation with Jilin University, China

To further its mission to promote high-quality Chinese language and culture programs, the Confucius Institute of Rutgers University (CIRU) plans to organize its 3rd New Jersey K-12 Educators Study Tour to China from October 27 to November 6, 2016. The study tour is intended for school leaders interested in starting or strengthening their institution’s Chinese language program, including the establishment of partnerships with schools in China. Participants will visit high schools in two different Chinese cities, observe classes, meet and interact with Chinese school administrators, teachers, and students, learn about best practices in school-to-school partnerships, and experience China firsthand.

Eligibility: Priority will be given to administrators in K-12 schools (superintendents, principals, world language coordinators, education board members)*

- who have never been to China
- who are committed to starting a new Chinese language program or expanding an existing program
- seek partnerships with Chinese schools.

Study Tour Dates: October 27-November 6, 2016

Preliminary Itinerary and Activities: Newark → Changchun (school visits; lecture on Chinese educational system; campus tour of Jilin University; visit of local historical monuments) → Beijing (school visit; visit of Confucius Institute Headquarters/Hanban; campus tour of Tsinghua University; tour of Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Old Summer Palace, and Great Wall) → Newark

What your peers said about previous China Study Tours

“The school visit in Changchun was very well done. It was wonderful to see the similarities and differences to U.S. schools and other Chinese schools as well.”

“One of the most valuable components of the Tour was “Team China” – we were very fortunate to have this group. I feel that I now have a network of people that I can reach out to when I need answers on creating a program of Chinese language and culture.”

“More than experiencing the culture, the sightseeing gave me a true perspective of ancient and present as well as the future of China. This also helped me to better conceptualize how our U.S. children can better fair in China and vice-versa.”

“My visit to China led to very deep, interesting conversations with staff and students at my school.”

* Please note that this program is open to administrators only; Hanban has separate programs for Chinese language teachers.
Cost to Participants:
Participants (max. 10) are responsible for visa (ca. $140-$170) and passport fees (if applicable), partial international roundtrip air travel ($600), and personal expenses.

CIRU and its Chinese partner, Jilin University, will cover board and room, tour guides and admission fees, lectures, study material, international travel subsidy, as well as all transportation within China.

Application Deadline:
Screening of applications begins on June 27, 2016 and remains open until all ten spots are taken.

Your Study Tour Guide from CIRU:
Dr. Dietrich Tschanz, Senior Academic Program Coordinator
For all inquiries regarding this program, please contact Dr. Dietrich Tschanz by phone at (848) 932-2491 or by email at dtschanz@rci.rutgers.edu.
Application Form
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Personal Information:
Last Name: ______________ First Name: ______________ Middle Initial: ______

Date of birth: _____________________ Gender: __________
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Email: __________________________
Cell Phone: __________________________
Home Mailing Address:
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Institutional Information:
School Name: ___________________________________________
School District: ___________________________________________
Title and Position: _________________________________________
School Address: ___________________________________________
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Office Phone: __________________________
Office Fax: __________________________

Passport Information:
Your name as it appears in your passport ______________________
Passport Number: ________________________
Date and Place of Issue: ________________________
Passport Expiration Date: ________________________

In addition to this Application Form, please enclose a short description (max. 750 words) of your existing or planned Chinese language program and the ways that you believe your participation in this study tour will help you establish or expand your Chinese language program.

Application Deadline: Screening of applications begins on June 27, 2016 and remains open until all ten spots are taken. Please send your completed application material (application form and short description of existing or planned Chinese program) to Dr. Dietrich Tschanz at dtschanz@rci.rutgers.edu or send by regular mail to Confucius Institute of Rutgers University (CIRU), 24 College Ave, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.