2010 Mid-Autumn Festival Program

2010年中秋晚会

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The Mid-Autumn Festival is a harvest festival celebrated across Asia and around the world.
There are many customs and traditions surrounding the Mid-Autumn Festival, the most famous of which is eating moon cakes.
Moon Cakes

Moon cakes are a Chinese pastry. They are made with a variety of crusts and fillings, both traditional and modern.
Moon Cakes

Lotus seed paste filling, dried egg yolk center
Moon Cakes

“Five Kernel” filling, assorted nuts and seeds
Moon Cakes

Red bean paste
Moon Cakes

Strawberry jelly moon cakes with custard filling
Moon Cakes

Chocolate moon cake
Moon Cakes

Ice cream moon cakes
Moon Cakes

Coffee-pomelo filled moon cakes from Starbucks
There are other various regional traditions surrounding the Mid-Autumn Festival.
Customs and Traditions

Eating pomelo
Customs and Traditions

Putting pomelo peels on one’s head
Fire dragon dances in southern China
Lanterns are often lit in southern China and southeast Asia.
Customs and Traditions

Family reunions
EDUCATOR EXCELLENCE AWARD
FOR DR. ERIC SHEPHERD BY COUNSELOR YAN GUOHUA
Winners of Regional Chinese Bridge Competition
Victor Florez & Jessica Cummings
(Center Left)  (Center Right)
Victor Florez won the International Chinese Bridge Competition in Changsha, China
Victor Florez with Hanban officials and other Chinese Bridge Competition winners
Teacher’s Day Celebration – September 10, 2010
L-R: Zhaoying Han, Linda Whiteford, Kun Shi, Xiaomei Zu, Liqiang Zang & Xizhen Qin
Confucius Institute at University of South Florida (USF) is the first Confucius Institute in the state of Florida. The opening ceremony for the USF Confucius Institute was held in March of 2008.
The Cultural Center aims to strengthen exchange and learning opportunities for teachers, students, and the local community.
CULTURAL ACTIVITIES - 文化活动
WELCOMING THE NEW CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE DIRECTOR
MEET THE FACULTY & STAFF

Director – 院长
Kun Shi (史昆)

Associate Director,
Dr. Zhaoying Han
中方院长 韩召颖教授

Professor Xiaomei Zu
祖晓梅 教授

Professor Liqiang Zang
臧立强教授

Eric Shepherd

Xizhen Qin

Carol Kim

Jianhua Zou
USF, Chinese Learning in the Culture program participants, Qingdao 2009
USF, Learning in the Culture program, opening party, Qingdao 2009
Students participating in classes, Qingdao 2009
Upcoming Lectures

The Future of US - China Relations

Thursday, October 7, 2010
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
TECO Room,
College of Education

US - China Relations
Join the Confucius Institute and the College of Business in the second lecture in the Fall 2010 Confucius Institute Lecture Series. Dr. Spelman will discuss the future of US - China relations.

In January, 2009, Dr. Spelman became Deputy Director, Kissinger Institute on China and the United States at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C. The Kissinger Institute on China and the United States is dedicated to promoting greater awareness of the U.S.-China relationship and its impact on both countries and the world. To further this purpose the Kissinger Institute has established a counterpart relationship with the Chinese People’s Institute of Foreign Affairs.

Guest Speaker
Mr. Spelman received his Ph.D. in History and East Asian Languages from Harvard University. In 1972, he served as an interpreter for the visit to the United States of the Chinese Ping-pong Team. In 1977 he joined the United States Foreign Service, from which he retired in 2007 with the rank of Minister Counselor in its Senior Service. His domestic assignments included the Bureau of Intelligence and Research (as a China analyst and Director of the Office of Strategic, Proliferation, and Military Analysis), the Taiwan Coordination Staff, and the India desk. Overseas, he served in Hong Kong (twice), Beijing, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, the Taipei office of the American Institute in Taiwan, and, from 2002 to 2005, as Consul General in Shanghai.

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Urban Poverty and Social Assistance in China

Tuesday, November 23, 2010
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
TECO Room,
College of Education

Urban Poverty in China
As China becomes the second largest economy in the world, it faces great opportunities and serious challenges. Urban poverty is becoming increasingly prominent. In this lecture, Dr. Guan will present his study of the urban poverty issue, describe how social assistance is provided, and answer questions from the audience.

Guest Speaker
Dr. Guan Xiping is the Chair of the Department of Social Work and Social Policy at Nankai University. He has done extensive research on social work in Britain and the United States. He is a leading researcher on urban poverty in China, and the author of two books in Chinese: Urban Poverty in China (1999, Hunan) and Introduction to Social Policy (2004, Beijing).

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