USF Confucius Institute Welcomes New Director
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The Confucius Institute at the University of South Florida is proud to welcome its new director, Mr. Kun Shi! Mr. Shi has been working in the area of Chinese language teaching and culture for over a decade and has extensive experience in this area both in the United States and abroad.

Mr. Shi is the former director of the K-12 Chinese Flagship Program at Ohio State University, and has been simultaneously working with various institutes and organizations in China as an advisor. He is well-versed with areas like program planning and reporting, staff management, organizing workshops, and statewide conferences, all of which will benefit his leadership role at the Confucius Institute. Dr. María Crummett, Dean, International Affairs expressed, “We are delighted to have Mr. Kun Shi as the new director for the USF Confucius Institute. His experience and exceptional language and culture skills will be an asset to not only the USF Confucius Institute but to USF.”

Serving as a consultant for the Asia Society and American Council for International Education, Mr. Shi has worn different hats throughout his career and has received numerous commendations for the exceptional work that he has engaged in. In October 2009, Mr. Shi was invited to serve on the Advisory Committee of the College of Chinese as a Foreign Language at Sun Yat-sen University in Guangzhou. There he presented at the first ‘International Conference on Cultural Materials Enhancing Chinese Language Learning’. He has also received a number of grants from highly accredited organizations such as the National Foreign Language Center and Hanban to support his research interests on program development in Chinese language and culture, and teaching Chinese as a foreign language.

Mr. Shi is also widely published in education and anthropology research publications across the world. He holds an undergraduate degree in English Language and Literature from Fudan University in Shanghai, China and has completed his master’s degree and Ph.D. coursework in Cultural Anthropology from Ohio State University.

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