The Business Confucius Institute at the Athens University of Economics and Business

October Newsletter

The Business Confucius Institute at the Athens University of Economics and Business is proud to be the first and only Confucius Institute in Greece set up in conjunction with the Chinese Language Council International (Hanban).

In the changing world, the Business Confucius Institute at the Athens University of Economics and Business fosters an attitude of globalization and eagerness to study the Chinese language and culture. The Business Confucius Institute is dedicated to promoting the study of Chinese language, culture, and philosophy, and furthers the understanding of China today.

Language

Chinese Saturday courses have already begun! Chinese morning and evening courses begin shortly but there’s still time to sign up!

Chinese Evening Courses
- Dates: October 3, 2017– June 14, 2018
- Days &Time: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:00pm-9:00pm
- Venue: AUEB RC, Kefallinias 46, 112 51 Athens, 1st floor
- Cost: 600 € (plus books)

Chinese Morning Courses
- Dates: October 2, 2017– June 13, 2018
- Days &Time: Mondays & Wednesdays, 09:00am-12:00pm
- Venue: AUEB RC, Kefallinias 46, 112 51 Athens, 1st floor
- Cost: 600 € (plus books)

New and returning students are welcome to the classroom on Tuesday for a new term! This is your last chance to register!

Chinese Proficiency Exams

Don’t miss your registration deadline!

HSK (3 Dec) - register by 6 Nov

Measure your progress and demonstrate your level to universities and employers.

News and Events
On September 20, 2017, after two years of lobbying by Prof. Zu, co-director of BCI, COSCO has eventually approved the consignment of its staff’s Chinese language training to BCI. Mr. Fu Chengqiu, CEO of PPA of China Shipping, hopes that this training program will enhance the smoothness of communication between Chinese management and its Greek staff. Students’ registration is underway throughout the company. The approval of this program symbolizes a tentative attempt in promoting the cooperation between overseas Chinese mega enterprises and BCI. It will prove to be the first in the history of CI development.

On September 25, 2017, Mr. Gao Wenqi, Political Counsellor of the Chinese Embassy in Greece, held a get-together with the BCI faculty. He expressed his high expectation to the volunteers and the teachers of BCI in terms of Chinese language teaching and cultural transmission. He said, "I hope BCI will live up to the expectations of Hanban and the Embassy’s and contribute to the promotion of Chinese education and culture in Greece." On behalf of the six volunteers, Prof. Zu expressed his sincere thanks to Mr. Gao for his encouragement and resolved to make all efforts towards a more constructive and productive path for the development of BCI.

On October 1, 2017, the Chinese Embassy in Greece invited BCI to jointly celebrate the maiden voyage between Beijing and Athens. Chinese flagship airline AIR CHINA is launching direct flights between Beijing and Athens this September in cooperation with the Athens International Airport (AIA), one more landmark in the bilateral ties expected to help bring people of the two nations closer. The service, will be operated twice a week with Airbus 330-200 aircraft, reducing the journey time between Beijing and Athens to just 10.5 hours. At the party, Prof. Zu Lijun, co-director of BCI, sang the song “I Love You China" to praise the exciting and significant event. The faculty of BCI had a very friendly and happy talk with the CA863 flight crew members.

Thank you for reading and we look forward to seeing you soon!
Check our website for updates, and please contact us if you have any questions.

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