April 12, 2018

Dear All,

The 2018 Eighth Annual CIRU Chinese Language Competition for NJ High School Students is fast approaching!

The competition will be held on the first floor of Scott Hall Room #114 (43 College Avenue, New Brunswick) on Saturday, May 12th, 2018.

Please plan to arrive at Room 114, Scott Hall at 8:45AM to sign in. An introduction will be given at 9:00AM and the competition will start at 9:15AM sharp and end at around 11:00AM followed by lunch and an award ceremony. Light lunch will be provided. We expect the whole event to be finished at 1:00PM. Free parking is available in Lots 26 and 30 on the College Avenue Campus. Please see the attached map. Street side parking is also available, but you must use meter parking.

We are using simplified Chinese character for the competition, if your school teaches traditional Chinese, please let us know before May, 2018.

Below please find details regarding the format of the competition. There will be six different testing stations in as many rooms

The competition will test six aspects of Chinese Language:

1. **Making Sentences:** Students are given various words and phrases and will be tasked with making sentences with them. For example, 因为..., 所以....

2. **Matching Words:** Students will be tasked with matching adjectives with nouns, verbs with nouns and so on, to make phrases. For example: match 漂亮的,干净的,鲜花, 桌子 to make two correct phrases.

3. **Pronunciation and Tone:** This will have two parts. First, students will read Chinese characters. Some characters will be accompanied by pinyin while some will not. There will be words, phrases, and sentences that students must read correctly. In a second part, students will be given small conversational topics and must respond accordingly. For example, 今天的天气怎么样? 你喜欢什么样的动物? . Students will have to respond in full sentences.

4. **Situational Dialogue:** Students will choose pictures and talk about the events in the picture. This will test students’ ability to use Chinese to express and describe events.
5. **Writing Chinese Characters:** Students will be given a Chinese character writing sheet with partially written Chinese characters and will need to add a couple of strokes or a radical to finish the Chinese character. Students will also be given various radicals and have to make a Chinese character.

6. **Translation:** Students will be given words, phrases, and sentences in English and Chinese and will be responsible for translating them into Chinese or English.

The words used in the competition are within the scope of Hanban New HSK Level 3.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you and good luck!

Best,

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