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Center Welcomes Chinese Educational Delegation

The International Center recently welcomed ten Chinese professors to our office for a week-long workshop on American culture and the Indianapolis business environment.



The delegation with IC staff in our offices.

The workshop was largely made up of themes and topics about which The International Center itself has multiple programs. Our own Global Competency Officer, Ansuyah Naiken and Protocol Officer, Peter Kirkwood presented on [cross-cultural communication](#), including an introduction to the state of Indiana and American etiquette. The lecture on English Language Pedagogy, one of the most important topics to the internationally-driven professors, was presented by Beth Barich and Christine Burns, who represent The International Center's [International Visitor Leadership Program](#). Professors from the Indianapolis community also presented on topics including International Business Environment and Chinese Business Student Career Development to improve the teaching techniques for Chinese professors.

As a result of a collaborative effort between Butler University's College of Business and Indiana University Bloomington's Kelley School of Business, the delegation was able to take classroom instruction and apply it to hands-on experience. Toward the end of their visit, the Chinese professors continued their training by visiting two American businesses with global experience, Elanco Animal Health and Telamon Corporation. The visitors were also able to visit a number of local restaurants and partake in local activities like the Connor Prairie Interactive History Park and their evening outdoor concert.

"They cherished their visit very much and were so eager to learn!" said Lei Wang, The Center's Project Manager - China. "All the instructors were very impressed with their fluent English and thoughtful thoughts. Sometimes, the discussions were so engaged that I, as a time keeper, hated to stop them!"

A Cultural Street Fair Promoting A Global Indy

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 6 as a day to celebrate the cultural diversity of Indianapolis at the third annual Sister Cities Fest. Music, cultural booths, world sports exhibits, a kids zone and international cuisine are just a few of the attractions this free cultural fair has to offer.



Come and enjoy food, fun and entertainment celebrating the cultures of the eight Indianapolis Sister Cities from 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. on Georgia Street in downtown Indy. For more information on the Sister Cities or the activities and sponsors for the event visit the Mayor's Office for International and Cultural Affairs [website](#).

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International Center Cultural Training Workshop

Looking to learn more about the cultural training programs available through The Center? Register now for our upcoming workshop:

Cross Cultural Communications: GERMANY

Date: August 22, 2014
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Location: The International Center
Cost: \$95 per person, includes breakfast and materials

Questions? Contact:
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REGISTER NOW

2014 Fall Internships

The International Center is now accepting applications for our fall internship program. Undergraduate and graduate students looking for an exciting, diverse and enriching internship experience are invited to apply today.

To learn more about our award-winning internship program and the variety of positions available, please contact Jeff Kamm at jkamm@internationalcenter.org or [click here](#).

2nd Annual Polo at Sunset Event is a Success

Polo at Sunset, The International Center's second annual "funraising" event, had yet another successful year. Despite the early evening rain, families and friends of The International Center came out to Hickory Hall Polo Club and experienced what was for many, their first Polo game. Along with the match, guests watched and participated in sideline activities organized and put on by our summer interns.



Photos by Colin Renk

Activities included face painting, an international flag guessing game, and a chopsticks game, as well as an international drum center. During halftime, children were invited to the field to play an assortment of international games including limbo, wheelbarrow, and the French game, Petanque, similar to the Italian game 'bocce ball'. Once the children had participated in all of the evening's activities, they received mini flags from countries all over the world, similar to The International Center's own flag collection.



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While the flags were given to the children, many adults claimed a prize of their own after placing winning bids in the event's silent auction. With over 30 diverse sponsors including, French Lick Resort, The Vogue, Edible Arrangements, Sun King, and the Children's Museum, the packages had something for the whole family to take home and enjoy. We are so grateful for the support and donations from all of our sponsors, the event would not have been nearly so successful without their participation. Thank you to

them and all of our stakeholders who joined us at the match. We hope to see you next year!

Our ICY Event is Just Weeks Away!

For more information about this year's event honoring Mayor and Mrs. Ballard, please visit our [website](#) or contact Billie Fouts at bfouts@internationalcenter.org.

2014 INTERNATIONAL CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

**MAYOR GREG
& MRS. WINNIE BALLARD**

SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

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International Events in the Community

India Day
Monument Circle
August 17

Greek Fest
Holy Trinity Orthodox Church (Carmel)
August 22-24

Welcoming Week
Indy Urban Acres
September 13-21

El Grito
Mexican
Independence Day
Garfield Park
September 15

Hispanic Heritage Fiesta
Indianapolis Zoo
September 21

Chinese Festival
American Legion Mall
September 27

**Thank you!
Gracias! Danke!
Merci!**

A big thank you to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) for their efforts to accommodate the international community in Indiana. Beginning this week, they will be offering the written driver's test in 11 additional languages at select branch locations.

Languages included are Arabic, German, Mandarin, Spanish, Burmese, Japanese, Punjabi, Vietnamese, Chin, Korean and Russian.

Volunteers Needed!

Please email Kaitlyn Neel at kneel@internationalcenter.org if you are interested in volunteering at this year's ICY event on September 9.

