



CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE

Dr. Courtney A. Hogarth – Jamaican Director

SEMESTER I

SEPTEMBER 2022

Staff members are as follows:

- Dr. Courtney A. Hogarth (Jamaican Director)
- Dr. Feng Lei (Chinese Director)
- Ms. Keneisha Sappleton (Senior Secretary)
- Mr. Adrian Lindsay (Tutor)
- Mrs. Guo Zhouya (Tutor)
- Ms. Claire Dunn (Office Attendant)

- Concluded classes for Jamaica Customs (July–September). 30 students; total teaching hours: 64.
- Met with Dr. Ronald Robinson of Pre-University School. He proposed having 400 students in 30–40 per class for Mandarin in Semester 2.
- Security personnel assigned to the CI building.
- Chinese Ambassador intervenes in repair work for the CI building on account of damage from heavy rains.
- Gender, Sports and Social Sciences started using the CI building for delivery of classes.
- September 28–29 saw Confucius Institute Days being celebrated at the CI. About 150 guests in total.

OCTOBER 2022

- CI staff, including Principal Webber, attended the China National Day reception at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel.
- CI staff attended a reception celebrating 50 years of diplomatic relations between China and Jamaica at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel.
- 18th October – symposium on China-Jamaica relations organized by the Jamaica China Friendship Association and the Chinese Embassy at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel. CI staff in attendance.

NOVEMBER 2022

- Proposed Confucius Institute Board Meeting cancelled.
- A new vehicle purchased from ATL for the Chinese Director's use.
- Chinese Ambassador's Scholarship, valued at JMD \$200,000.00 each, issued to 15 UWI students. Among recipients were 10 students of Mandarin. These were handed out in the Dan Qing Gallery.

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JANUARY 2023

- On January 4, Mr. Zhao Xurui, Mandarin teacher, arrived in Jamaica.
- Staff and students of the Confucius Institute attended the Chinese Embassy's Spring Festival reception for the Year of the Rabbit. There was a performance by the Mandarin students.
- The Confucius Institute hosted its own Spring Festival reception in the Dan Qing Gallery. It was well attended. Guests included the Deputy Principal, Chinese Ambassador and Dean of the FHE.
- Pre-university classes for students of Mandarin started at the CI. There were 400 students in total, twice weekly for eight weeks.
- There was a further eight-week extension for the top 10 students from the pre-university group.
- On January 30, community Mandarin classes commenced. Duration: 10 weeks, with 6 students. Among the 6 students, one was subsequently employed by the Chinese Embassy.

FEBRUARY 2023

- Chinese Director, Dr. Feng, assisted the Ministry of Education with translations for PEP Exams in Port Antonio, Portland.
- The American International School of Kingston hosted the Chinese New Year celebrations. The CI contributed towards the programme.
- The Jamaica Chinese Association and the CI started discussions regarding Mandarin classes for children at the CI.

MARCH 2023

- Weekend classes for children, aged 8–16 years, of the Jamaica Chinese Association, commenced at the Confucius Institute. In total there are 70 students in 3 groups. There will be a total of 10 weekends, with 4 hours per session.
- On March 23, the CI participated in Modern Languages Day with a display and in the preparation of Chinese food.
- Discussions resumed regarding the Educator's Delegation to China.

APRIL 2023

- The CI grounds started establishing boundary hedging with the planting of Bougainvillea and Frangipani.
- A delegation from Jinan University visited the Confucius Institute and met with Dr. Feng and Ms. Sappleton.
- A delegation comprised of members from the Shandong Provincial Government visited the Confucius Institute. It was from this province that workers were sent to work on construction of the Confucius Institute building some years ago.
- Again, Dr. Feng was called on for assistance with the PEP Exams in Port Antonio.

MAY 2023

- Mandarin classes for the Jamaica Customs started in early May. There are 15 students who will study for a duration of eight weeks.