The 5th “Chinese Bridge” Chinese Proficiency Competition for Secondary School Students in Dallas

In order to provide a platform for young students who are learning Chinese to show their Chinese proficiency, to learn from one another, and to stimulate their enthusiasm and interest in learning Chinese language and culture, Confucius Institute at the University of Texas at Dallas will hold the 5th “Chinese Bridge” Chinese Proficiency Competition for Secondary School Students in Dallas on March 31, 2012. Here is the event planning:

**Time & Date:** March 31, 2012

**Venue:** JO2.604, Confucius Institute at the University of Texas at Dallas (Address: 800 West Campbell Road, Richardson, TX 75080)

**Participants:** middle or high school American students aged from 12 to 20, born and growing up in the U.S., without Chinese background, whose first language is not Chinese. In principle, the winner of the first place prize of 4th competition will not attend the competition of this year

**Contents:** every contestant must attend the following three parts of competition

- **Chinese language proficiency** (to give a 2-3 minute free topic speech in Chinese. Please refer to the reference materials compiled based on previous competition, that is, the documentation provided on our website: *Speech-CIUTD Reference*).
- **Knowledge of China** (to answer 3 questions about China. Please refer to the reference materials compiled based on previous competition, that is, the documentation provided on our website: *TheFifthChineseBridgeCompetition(Secondary)-CIUTD Reference*).
- **Chinese cultural skills** (to give a 4-5 minute performance in one of the following forms: Chinese folk musical instruments, calligraphy, Chinese paintings, martial arts, Chinese folk arts, acrobatics, Chinese traditional sports, Chinese songs, Chinese dance, paper-cutting etc.).

**Prizes:**

- **Overall Prize:** 1 first place prize, 2 second place prizes, 3 third place prizes
- **Individual Prize:** 1 Best Style, 1 Most Creative, 1 Best Speech, 1 Best performance
- **Honorable Prize:** Contestants except for the above awards will be given prizes of excellence.

**Awards:**

- The first place winner for overall prize will get Confucius Institute award, trophy and certificate. Will be invited to attend the next level’s competition in Houston of the year
- The second place winners for overall prize will get Confucius Institute award, trophy and certificate
- The third place winners for overall and individual prize will get Confucius Institute award, trophy and certificate
- Winners of honorable prize will get certificate and souvenir

**Judges:** The organizing committee will invite experts in language, culture and arts to serve as judges in the competition
All contestants must fill the application form and email to ciutd@utdallas.edu by March 17, 2012. For more information, please call 972-883-4860, or send email to: ciutd@utdallas.edu.