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Students and teachers exchanges, delegations, visits

1. 24 CBE students with 5 teachers went to Beijing for 2013 China- International Youth Leadership Summit. The summit invited top high schools students in Beijing such as Beijing No.11 HS, Beijing No.80 HS and Attached Renda University HS and No.2 attached Beijing Normal University HS. Education Consul from Canadian Embassy, Alberta Beijing Office also attended to share with the students how they do business with globalization concept.
2. 24 CBE senior educators went to China for a China Study Trip, visited Hanban ,China Minzu University , Beijing Canada International School. Then flied to Chongqing for two days school activities , including half day for Chinese Education History lecture from Southwest University and divide into 4 groups visiting 4 schools at Yuebei district to experience Chinese school teaching which involved class activities.
3. 16 students from a Middle School and an elementary school from Suzhou Industrial Park , Jiangsu province, China, arrived in Alberta on Sunday March 24th, started their exchange study at Red Deer public schools (Eastview middle school G6 8 students, Westpark middle school G8 8 students) for 12 weeks. They do homestay and study at grade 6 and 8. A possible visit to Legislature is also being discussed. A China week festival has been held in the week of ...in May in Eastview Middle School. Students and teachers' articles published on the Chinese journal.
4. A group of students from Notre Dame high school, Red Deer Catholic schools went to China during the spring break for a field trip, including visiting their Chinese partner school in Chongqing.
5. A group of students from Hunting Hills High School, Red Deer public schools went to China during the spring break for a field trip, including visiting their Chinese partner school in Chongqing. Each time after the China trip, there will be students willing to do exchange program in China for short term or long term.
6. Education Consul Chief Xue, Huanbai and Education Consul Du,Jian, from Education office, Chinese consulate general in Vancouver, will visit Alberta schools, school boards , U. of A, U. of C and Red Deer College, with Waldemar Riemer and Xinxin Fang, from May 27th to 30th.
7. **Promotion and preparation on Alberta students summer in Harbin and Beijing, China, July 17-31, sponsored by AE and Hanban.** Details please check:
<http://www.education.alberta.ca/students/internationaleducation/events.aspx>
8. Grande Prairie, Grande Yellowhead, St. Albert are preparing the delegation of teachers' visit to Chongqing in June.
9. St. Albert is actively discussing with Chongqing about :(1) receive 2 Chinese visiting teachers from Sep. 2013, to be TA at high school English classes at St. Albert Public Schools ; (2) prepare an English grammar demo class of 60 minutes for Chongqing

students in summer when the delegation of teachers from St. Alberta visit China; (3) a possible students short term summer camp project

Professional Development:

10. Annual TCSL conference (Teaching Chinese as a Second Language) were held on April 27th in Vancouver. 30 some participants from all over Canada with 30 some teaching methods were shared at the conference .
11. Liaison between Hanban, CIE and professors in China regarding inviting Chinese teaching pedagogy experts in early October to visit Alberta. Confucius Institute in Edmonton and Confucius Institute in Montreal are the planned cities now. Detailed teachers, dates, itinerary are still being discussed.

Scholarship:

12. Three students at Hunting Hills High School in Red Deer, AB were awarded China Government Scholarships for studying at a Chinese university beginning in Sept 2013.