The Confucius Institute at The UWI, St. Augustine Campus is a non-profit educational institution for Mandarin Chinese language teaching and the promotion of Chinese culture. It is operated in partnership with Confucius Institute Headquarters (Hanban) and China Agricultural University (CAU). Officially launched on October 23^{rd} 2013, it is the first institute of its kind in Trinidad and Tobago, and the second in the Caribbean region.

Our goal is to teach and provide educational resources for learners of the Mandarin Chinese language, and to encourage and strengthen cultural exchange and cooperation between China and Trinidad and Tobago. As our organization grows, we will become a focal point for cultural exchange, a fully operational HSK (Chinese Proficiency Test) examination centre and a training centre for Chinese language instructors.

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WHAT IS THE CHINESE BRIDGE?

The Chinese Bridge preliminary competition is organized by the Confucius Institute at the UWI St. Augustine Campus. This biennial event is an important platform for international university students to learn the Chinese language and understand more about China. It also serves to help young people in the work better communicate with one another. The components of the competition include Chinese language proficiency, knowledge about China, Chinese cultural talent and comprehensive learning ability. Students who win the preliminary rounds held in their countries qualify to go to China for the semi-finals and finals. They will also be further rewarded with a language and culture immersion scholarship in China to further their studies in China.

COMPETITION STRUCTURE

The competition is divided into three rounds:

1. Prepared speech on a given topic (3 minutes)
2. Talent performance related to Chinese culture (3 minutes)
   Suggested performance types: song, dance, martial arts, calligraphy, prose/poetry recital, traditional storytelling etc.
3. Question-and-answer round (three China related questions)
   Culture, language and national conditions. A question booklet will be given on registration.

COMPETITION AWARDS

There are four prize categories for this competition; First, Second and Third Prize, plus special awards for other outstanding contestants. The contestant who wins the First Prize will qualify to attend the grand finals in China (with all expenses paid by Hanban), while the Second Prize winner will accompany the First Prize winner to China as an observer (with all expenses paid by Hanban). Three Third prize winners will receive one year of free classes at the Confucius Institute. Other outstanding participants not winning one of theses prizes will be given special souvenirs.

**The organisers reserve the right to amend the rules at any time**

REGISTRATION

Registration for the competition is done online. The registration form will be made available each time the contest is advertised.

TUTORING INFORMATION

The Confucius Institute will provide free tutoring for contestants in Trinidad and Tobago for a two-week period prior to the day of the competition. Each contestant will be assigned a tutor, with whom he/she would contact throughout the duration of his/her preparation for the competition.

T&T'S FIRST CHINESE BRIDGE

On Saturday 16th May 2015, Trinidad and Tobago successfully held its first Chinese Bridge Chinese Proficiency competition preliminary round. A total of 10 contestants entered the preliminary round. The First Prize winner, Mr. Rondelle Keller, represented Trinidad and Tobago as a contestant in the second round of the competition in Hunan, China. The Second Prize winner, Ms. Janine Lutchman, represented Trinidad and Tobago as an observer, attending the final ceremony of the competition in Hunan, China.