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The Center for Language Education and Cooperation (CLEC)

The Center for Language Education and Cooperation (CLEC) is a non-profit professional educational institution for international Chinese language education, affiliated with the Chinese Ministry of Education. Its main functions are developing National Chinese Language Proficiency standards across the world and hosting certification tests; supporting the provision of teaching resources; operating international Chinese languages education programs such as the «Chinese Bridge» series and China Studies Programme, and organizing relevant activities of international exchanges and cooperation.

www.chinese.cn

Shenyang Normal University (SYNU)

Founded in 1901, Shenyang Normal University is a multi-disciplinary university directly under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China. It is one of the oldest, most renowned universities in the country and one of the major universities in China that have established an international education program since the 1980s.

In February 2007, USJ and SYNU signed an agreement to establish the CIUSJ. SYNU teachers are assigned to teach Chinese and other subjects at CIUSJ.

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CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE

Confucius is the most famous Chinese thinker of the 6th century BC. His approach to humanity and the role of Man in society has profoundly influenced China and, to varying extents, Asian countries such as Korea, Japan, Vietnam and Singapore.

Confucianism is still considered the foundation of contemporary Chinese thought and philosophy.



The logo of the Confucius Institute consists of a pigeon, symbol of peace, and the globe to create the image of the Chinese character « 汉 ».

It represents «globalization, Chinese, peace and the prosperity of China» to mirror the ideals, beliefs and values of the Confucius Institute.



Mission

The Confucius Institute at Saint Joseph University (CIUSJ) was established in 2006 through an agreement between the Confucius Institute Headquarters and Saint Joseph University (USJ) in partnership with Shenyang Normal University. CIUSJ is the only government-accredited institute to teach Chinese language and culture in Lebanon.

The Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi (**HSK**), commonly known as the Chinese Proficiency Test, designed by the Confucius Institute Headquarters (Center for Language Education and Cooperation).

The Confucius Institute is the only official center in Lebanon for the HSK, the only objective assessment of the level of Chinese language internationally.

CIUSJ is:

- 1 A center for teaching Chinese
- 2 A center for the promotion of Chinese culture
- 3 A center for Lebanese-Chinese cooperation
- 4 A center for teaching Chinese politics, economics, traditional medicine, martial arts, cuisine, calligraphy and traditional painting
- 5 A center for providing resources for local professionals who teach Chinese
- 6 A center for the development of Chinese courses and programs to be offered to other organizations and institutes
- 7 A gateway to an authentic experience of China and its rich culture

CHINESE LANGUAGE PROGRAM

CIUSJ offers Mandarin Chinese language courses to anyone interested in learning this language: university and school students, local community members, private companies, etc. It is the only accredited center to offer HSK/HSKK/YCT, international standardized tests of Chinese language proficiency.

CHINESE CULTURE

In order to promote the Chinese culture, CIUSJ organizes throughout the year several cultural activities such as calligraphy, papercutting, cooking, singing, etc. and lectures on Chinese medicine, politics, economics, etc.

It also introduces competitions for Chinese language lovers in collaboration with the Chinese Embassy in Beirut like the Speech Competition, Singing Competition and the Chinese Bridge.

SUMMER CAMPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

CIUSJ offers its students the opportunity to explore the Chinese culture and practice the Chinese language in a three weeks summer camp in China. It also offers short- and long-term scholarships and exchange programs.

