

## **Notice on the 2019 Chinese Proficiency Test Summer Camp**

**To: UK Chinese Proficiency Test Centres/Confucius Institutes & Classrooms/Primary & Secondary Schools**

Dear Directors, Principles, Teachers & HSK and YCT Test Takers:

Warm greetings from **Chinese Proficiency Test UK Committee/ Hanban UK!**

As the coordinator & facilitator of the Chinese Proficiency Tests in the UK, we have the great pleasure to announce the following information on the 2019 Chinese Proficiency Test Summer Camp which will be held in China in July 2019.

### **1. Ethics**

In order to further encourage the non-Mandarin speaking students to learn Mandarin and take part in the Chinese Proficiency Tests, Confucius Institute Headquarters (Hanban) has launched the programme of Chinese Proficiency Tests Summer Camp since 2008. The Programme continues to run in 2019.

### **2. Aims**

An immersive Chinese learning programme including various activities, i. e. cultural seminars, student communications, cultural experiences, etc. will be run throughout the Summer Camp. It aims to increase students' knowledge of Chinese culture and their enthusiasm to study the Chinese language.

### **3. Schedule**

17th July (Wednesday) - 30th July (Tuesday) 2019, 14 days in China in total.  
Please see enclosed detailed itinerary.

### **4. Activities and arrangements**

During the programme, tours to the historical attractions and natural sceneries will be arranged in addition to in-class Chinese lessons. The activities shall include:

#### **4.1 Orientation (around 2 sessions)**

Upon arrival in China, the campers will be briefed with information on their daily schedule and activities, the local Chinese customs, currency exchanges, how to seek medical advices and shopping, etc.

#### **4.2 Chinese language classes (40%, 3 sessions daily)**

Campers will be divided into different classes according to their proficiencies of Mandarin, with a maximum of 15 students in each class. They will be taught by professional teachers, using textbooks specialised for the Summer Camp or the textbooks that meet YCT/HSK Course Standards to achieve the best results.

#### **4.3 Chinese culture classes (20%, 1.5 sessions daily)**

A number of cultural workshops will be organised, such as paper-cutting, calligraphy, Chinese brush painting, Chinese chess, clay figurine, Peking opera masks painting,

kite flying, tea ceremony, embroidery, martial art and cultural seminars, etc. Campers can choose to join their preferable sessions.

#### **4.4 Communications & Cultural excursion (30%)**

A variety of sports and recreational activities will be organised, i.e. basketball games & home-visit to Chinese families; sightseeing to one or two famous cultural attractions in the local areas, etc.

#### **4.5 End-of-camp activities (3 sessions)**

Concluding the summer camp activities, all campers will need to take the Chinese Proficiency Test –Han Yu Shui Ping Kao Shi (HSK) or Youth Chinese Test (YCT) and will be awarded the Certificate for attending the Summer Camp and the relevant Chinese Proficiency Test Certificate, both of which are issued by the Confucius Institute Headquarters(Hanban).

#### **5. Costs**

Campers' expenditure in China will be covered by the Confucius Institutes Headquarters (Hanban), including meals, accommodation, transport, cultural experience & tours in China. Campers shall pay for their own international airfare, Chinese visa application and international travel insurance.

#### **6. Eligibility of the Campers**

- 1) Students aged between 14 and 22;
  - 2) Of non-Chinese nationality with both strong academic performance and good character, have set in the HSK, HSKK, YCT & BCT Tests run by the Confucius Institutes Headquarters (Hanban);
  - 3) Must not have lived in China for long (consecutive stay in China is no longer than 1 year);
  - 4) Hasn't participated in any travel or activities to or within China run by (or funded by) the Confucius Institutes Headquarters (Hanban), including but not limited to the Chinese Proficiency Test Summer/Winter Camps of the previous years;
  - 5) In good health and physically fit for long hull travel;
  - 6) Applicants under 18 years old will need to provide the written approval by their parent(s)/guardian(s) for attending the camp, who will also need to sign the attached *Acknowledgement*.
- One teacher is eligible to apply as the lead teacher accompanying the trip when six or more students from the same test centre apply for attending the camp.
  - Parents of the students or relatives of the lead teacher shall not accompany or take part in any camp activities during the programme in China.
  - Please see enclosed the Eligibility & Responsibility of the Lead Teachers

#### **7. Procedure of Application**

- 1) Submit the application form with the supporting documents to the Chinese Proficiency Test UK Committee;

- 2) Initial appraisal by the Chinese Proficiency Test UK Committee, then forward onto the Confucius Institute Headquarters (Hanban) for further assessment;
- 3) The application result announced.

\*As only a limited number of selected applicants will be enrolled onto the programme, please do not purchase the flight ticket to China before the result is announced.

### **8. International travel and Chinese visa application**

In order to ensure the smooth running of the programme, the Chinese Proficiency Test UK Committee also makes arrangement to provide logistic services to the campers to facilitate the trip, including return flights to and from China and the Chinese visa application. Please get in touch for further information.

### **9. Other Documents of the Programme**

- 1) 2019 Chinese Proficiency Test Summer Camp Eligibility & Responsibility of the Lead Teachers
- 2) Application form for the 2019 Chinese Proficiency Test Summer Camp & Acknowledgement
- 3) Itinerary of the 2019 Chinese Proficiency Test Summer Camp

### **10. Contact details for the programme**

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### **11. Application Deadline**

Application is now open to all who are eligible. Due to high demand, please submit your application the latest by 8th June 2019 (Saturday) to avoid disappointment.

### **12. Documents to be submitted for the application:**

- 1) Completed *Application Form for the 2019 Chinese Proficiency Test Summer Camp* (“汉语考试夏令营申请表”) & *Acknowledgement* (“免责声明”)
- 2) Photocopy of the applicant’s certificate(s) of the Chinese Proficiency Test(s) (i.e. HSK, HSKK, YCT, BCT).
- 3) Photocopy of the applicant’s passport (photo page).
- 4) Applicant’s two recent passport photos.
- 5) Parent or guardian’s authorisation letter for applicants under 18 years old.
- 6) Recommendation letter by the tutor

**Please email/post the required documents to the following address:**

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**Chinese Proficiency Test UK Committee**

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