## Confucius Institute in Coquitlam Successfully Hosted 2021 Chinese Writing Competition for Elementary and Secondary School Students

From April to June of 2021, the Confucius Institute in Coquitlam organized the 2021 Chinese Writing Competition for BC elementary and secondary school students. The purposes of this competition are to enhance cultural exchange, to enrich the Chinese language learning and practice activities for students, to encourage the students to use Chinese language to express their feelings and thoughts, and finally, to improve the students' writing skills. The main theme for this competition is "The Person I Would Like to Thank the Most". This competition was well received and welcomed by the students and the Chinese teachers. Many students participated in this competition.

Due to the pandemic in Canada, this competition was held online and the participants were asked to submit their writings electronically. The organizer invited the experienced Chinese language teachers and experts to be the judges. The judging is based on the following areas: focus of the main theme, content, writing structure and logics, word and phrase usages and sentence structure, etc. The total of 38 writings have been selected as the winning pieces. Please see the winning list below. All the participants will receive the participation certificates and gifts and all the winners will receive prizes and awards. In addition, the winning writings will be published in the local newspaper.

The participants used Chinese language to express their personal and social life experiences as well as to express their thanks and appreciation to the people they would like to thank such as their family members, teachers, friends, classmates and the front-line doctors and nurses. All the writings displayed the achievements of Chinese language learning of the students. We hope that the students will continue to make efforts to learn Chinese language and make further improvement.

## Winning List of 2021 Chinese Writing Competition of BC Elementary and Secondary Students:

	一等奖 First Prize	二等奖 Second Prize	三等奖 Third Prize
小学1组 Group1of Elementary School	Maggie Jin 金瑶, Natalie Liu 刘美鹭	Luca Piao 朴仕豪, Jenifer Jiahua Dong 董加华	George Wu 吴佑文, Chenxu Wang
小学 2 组 Group 2 of Elementary School	Kevin Wu 吴凯文	Simon Ye 叶幸霖, Felicity Chu	Kayden Zhou 周煊博, Olivia Meng 孟圆圆
初中 1 组 Group 1 of Middle School	Darien Yang 杨谨宁	Evangeline Lin 林子萱, Maxwell Yang, Kevin Cheng 程凯文	Gloria Xiong 熊梓立, Ada Xingzhu Li, David Zhang 张翊航, Sean Huang 黃熙恩, Jennifer Shi 时悠悠
初中 2 组 Group 2 of Middle School	Emily Zhang 张如萱	William Wang 王嘉恩, Thomas Chen 陈鹏宇	Ethan Xin Ze Ho 何歆赜, Joe Shun Yin Chan 陈信言
初中 3 组 Group 3 of Middle School	Clarissa Chen 陈映瑜	Serena Lu 吕心怡	Cindy Cheng 程畅, Thomas Jingnan Zhang 张靖南
高中1组 Group1of Secondary School	Gary Cai 蔡嘉睿	Danny Chee 池家升	Ivan Li 李恩丈, Joyce Chan 陈洛伊
高中2组 Group2of Secondary School	Harry Xu	Victoria Brooks	Dawn He, Stephanie Song
特别奖 Special Award	Mikkah Damji		·