

## **The 2021 Chinese Speech Competition for BC Elementary to Secondary School Students Was Successfully Held**

In order to develop the interest and motivation of students to learn the Chinese language while promoting cultural exchange and providing a platform for Chinese language learning and practice, the Confucius Institute in Coquitlam successfully organized the 2021 Chinese Speech Competition for BC elementary and secondary school students. The Culture and Education Office of Chinese Consulate in Vancouver was the main host for the speech competition for secondary school students.

Due to the impact of the pandemic, this competition was held online, with two parts. The participants were required to submit their videos for the Chinese speech, followed up with their video for a talent show. Confucius Institute in Coquitlam invited the experienced Canadian Chinese teachers and experts to be the judges for this competition. The speech judging was based on the following areas; the focus on the main topic, content, pronunciation and intonations, grammar, use of vocabulary and expression. The talent competition judging focused on the content, talent skills, performance and overall impression.

The following prizes are awarded for this competition.

Elementary School Categories: 3 First Prizes, 6 Second Prizes and 8 Third Prizes.

Middle School Category: 1 First Prize, 2 Second Prizes and 3 Third Prizes.

Secondary School Category: 1 First Prize, 1 Second Prize and 2 Third Prizes.

Please see the list of winner's names below.

"Chinese and Me" was the speech topic this year for secondary school students. The students followed this topic to tell and reflect on their personal Chinese language learning experiences as well as the impact of learning the Chinese language on the status recognition of overseas Chinese people. The students from middle schools and elementary schools focused on the topic "The People I Would Like to Thank the Most". They expressed their sincere thanks to the people in their life who helped them and had the most important impact on them. These people included teachers, parents, family members, themselves as well as the front-line doctors and nurses to fight against COVID-19. The participants also displayed a variety of their talent performances including poem recital, dance, allegro (traditional Chinese folk art form) and story-telling, as well as using music instruments such as violin, piano, drums, saxophone and matouqin (horsehead fiddle) to play Chinese music pieces – Butterfly Lovers, Autumn Moon over the Calm Lake, Descendants of the Dragon, etc.

This competition was successfully completed under the participation and strong support of BC teachers and students. We hope that the students will continue their effort learning the Chinese language, which will help build a bridge between Canadian and Chinese people.

## Winners of 2021 BC Chinese Speech Competition

Elementary School 小学组	First Prize 一等奖	Second Prize 二等奖	Third Prize 三等奖
	Evan Sun 孙浩峻 Marcus Tan 谭钰潇 Xingzhi Ella Dong 董行之	Lagay Luan 栾慈慧 Maple Zhang 张翕儿 Isabella Li 李承佳 January Wang 王睿佳 Nathan Sun 孙浩成 Suris Tan 谭涵月	Brianna Chu Jada Zhou 周樱 George Wu 吴佑文 Jennifer Jiahua Dong 董加华 Yolanda Chen 陈悠然 Felicity Chu Kevin Vu 吴凯文 Kayden Zhou 周焯博
Middle School 初中组	First Prize 一等奖	Second Prize 二等奖	Third Prize 三等奖
	Jason Yu 于泽雄	Darien Yang 杨谨宁 Clarissa Chen 陈映瑜	Maxwell Yang Joe Chan 陈信言 Leonardo Yang
Secondary School 高中组	First Prize 一等奖	Second Prize 二等奖	Third Prize 三等奖
	Joyce Lok Yee Chen  陈洛伊	Victoria Brooks 周雯霏	Madeline Chen 陈子薇 Ryan Li 李云瑞