Chinese Culture Class

Introduction
Chinese culture class is a new class planned and organized by Confucius Institute at UTSA. The goal of class is to help learners to know about Chinese culture and communicate with local Chinese people in daily-life settings. The class covers five topics, namely **Sightseeing and major landmarks in China, Chinese Food, Chinese Festivals, Chinese Calligraphy/Painting, and Chinese Tea.** The topics are interesting, well plotted and reflect the real life. The class provides a relaxed environment for learners to experience some activities, such as Chinese paper cutting, making Chinese food and painting pumpkin, etc. In addition, the class will teach some basic spoken Chinese, which will develop learners’ Chinese communicative competence. We look forward to seeing you in Spring, 2016. No prerequisites and/or knowledge of Chinese are needed for attending this class.

_Tentative Schedule: January 24—May 22. Every Sunday, 3:00-4:45pm_

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| **Sightseeing/Landmarks in China** | • Learn ancient sites and relics, amazing natural wonders, modern construction, nightlife.  
• Learn useful spoken Chinese related to touring settings, such as inquiring directions, shopping, checking in hotel.  
• Help you with your first/next trip to China. | • Watching Documentaries  
• Round-table discussions |
| **Chinese Food** | • Learn Chinese eight regional cuisines.  
• Learn relationship about food and weather, food and medical care.  
• Appreciate color, aroma and flavor of Chinese food.  
• Learn how to cook Ma po Tofu and Kung Pao Chicken. | • Enjoy chopsticks games  
• Make dumpling |
| **Chinese Festivals** | • Learn origins, legends and customs of Chinese Festival.  
• Discuss differences between Chinese festival and Western festival. | • Chinese paper cutting  
• Make snowy moon cake  
• Sing New Year song |
| **Chinese Calligraphy/Painting** | • Learn how to hold the brush and use painting tools and materials.  
• Learn to admire figure painting, landscape painting, flower and bird painting.  
• Practice painting beautiful flowers and animals.  
• Learn Chinese calligraphy skills | • Produce four beautiful pieces of painting: pumpkin, goldfish, bamboo, flower.  
• Practice basic Chinese calligraphy strokes |
| Chinese Tea                                      | • Learn the history of tea drinking.  
• Learn the categories and use of tea.  
• Understand the different steps in tea ceremony | • Taste different kinds of Chinese tea.  
• Make kung fu tea |