



Building Bridges

A Conference for European Confucius Institutes
 搭建文化交流之桥：欧洲孔子学院大会



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF THE CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

MONDAY 16 OCTOBER 2023

Overview

On Monday 16th October 2023, the University of Aberdeen welcomed a senior delegation from its partner, Wuhan University, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Confucius Institute.

Professor Zhao Xuemei, Vice Chair of Wuhan University Council was accompanied by a delegation of six senior staff and they were met by Professor Alan Speight, Vice Principal Global Engagement.

While in Aberdeen, the group renewed a student exchange agreement and met with colleagues from across the University.

In the afternoon, colleagues joined twenty Confucius Institutes from across Europe to mark the 10th anniversary of Aberdeen's Confucius Institute. Since its inception, Aberdeen's CI has delivered Mandarin lessons to more than 20,000 school pupils in Aberdeen City and more than 35,000 people have attended events in Aberdeen City hosted by the Confucius institute, including cultural shows, theatre, orchestras, choirs, art workshops, family days and dance workshops. The Institute has also hosted nearly 50 academic talks from academics from across the UK and China, including partner institute Wuhan University.

Key Information

Dates	16th October 2023
Conference Venue	Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen
Delegates	50 for conference 84 at conference dinner celebration

Guests were provided with an official welcome from Aberdeen City Council at the Civic Welcome Reception hosted at the iconic Aberdeen Town House, followed by the evening celebration dinner at Aberdeen Art Gallery.

Speaking at a celebration dinner, Minister-Counsellor Zhang from the Education Section of the Embassy of The People's Republic of China noted the importance of people-to-people exchange and collaborations across universities. Guests were entertained with an eclectic mix of Chinese and Scottish music, provided by local artists and teachers from Goldsmith Confucius Institute, who had spoken earlier in the day about the importance of the arts in building bridges across communities.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME



CIVIC WELCOME RECEPTION

HOSTED BY

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL
ABERDEEN TOWN HOUSE

followed by

EVENING DINNER CELEBRATION

AT THE
ABERDEEN ART GALLERY

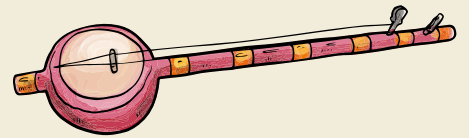


CHINESE AND SCOTTISH MUSIC

PROVIDED BY LOCAL ARTISTS

AND TEACHERS FROM

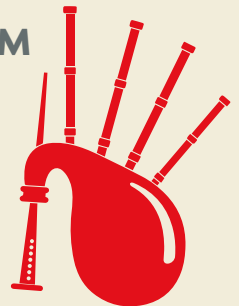
GOLDSMITH CONFUCIUS
INSTITUTE



SCOTTISH PIPE BAND

PERFORMANCE FROM

THISTLE PIPING



LION DANCE PERFORMANCE

BY YEE'S HUNG GA PETERHEAD

