Educational Outreach Programs

**Chinese Culture Day:** In September 2010, eighty high school students in advanced Chinese language classes from Fairfax County participated in this all day, interactive workshop conducted entirely in Chinese. Students learned about Chinese arts and inventions, music, paper cutting, tai chi, and many other traditional activities.

**Chinese Learning Library:** Confucius Institute at Mason is in the final stages of creating a digital library of photos, videos, and information related to China. This library will feature China’s history, geography, and culture to provide educators and students with easily accessible information that can be downloaded and used with ease.

**Chinese to Careers DVD:** When local educators called for a tool to show students how it could be advantageous to study Chinese for securing future employment, Confucius Institute at Mason answered the call. This video interviews business persons who explain how Chinese has helped them succeed. The video can be viewed at http://confucius.gmu.edu/resources.cfm.

**Ethnic Minority Clothing:** Following a generous donation of ethnic minority clothing from Beijing Language and Culture University, Confucius Institute at Mason is in the process of creating a DVD featuring 10 of the 56 minorities of China with information about the location, culture, music, dance, and clothing of the ethnic groups.

**In-Service Teacher Training:** In December 2010, sixty elementary school Social Studies teachers from Fairfax County participated in an educational workshop to become familiar with Chinese language, history, and culture. Activities included a presentation of Confucius, Chinese geography, language pronunciation, arts, and paper cutting.

**Speaker Programs:** The Confucius Institute at Mason has hosted various Chinese specialists and visiting professors to as guest lectures on subjects such as journalism, Confucianism, Chinese art and calligraphy, and many other topics of interest to students and the community.

**Teacher Training Program:** In May 2010, eighty Chinese language teachers from Virginia, Maryland, and Washington DC participated in an all-day educational workshop. The teachers learned about Chinese pedagogy, teaching strategies, digital tools, and other techniques to promote language learning.

**Traveling Trunks:** Confucius Institute at Mason has been recognized for its innovative work in creating interactive, hands-on teaching tools that include actual Chinese artifacts and inventions with accompanying information so that teachers may use these supplemental resources as a teaching aid to increase student learning.

“Confucius Institute at Mason’s goal is to significantly increase the number of people learning Chinese and learning about China. We strive to create programs that are sustainable and have long range and broad impact.”