

## Founding of the Gold Coast Chinese Language Teachers Association

On 6 November 2016 more than 20 Chinese language teachers from local schools and colleges gathered together at the Tourism Confucius Institute at Griffith University's Gold Coast campus to hold the founding conference of the Gold Coast Chinese Language Teachers Association.

The Gold Coast Chinese Language Teachers Association is an initiative of the Tourism Confucius Institute (TCI) which is the secretariat of the association. The TCI decided to initiate this organisation after conducting in-depth research into the local Chinese language teachers' situation by interviewing some prestigious teachers in the area.

The foundation conference was hosted by Mrs Rhonda Burton. She spoke about the development of Chinese language teaching on the Gold Coast and the importance of establishing a Chinese language teachers association. Ms Jane Xu outlined the preparation work leading up to the conference. Ms Wendy Yuan from the Coomera Anglican College was voted in as president and Ms Iris Lin from the Pimpama State Secondary School was chosen to be the vice president. They delivered speeches expressing their thanks for their colleagues' trust and reiterated their willingness to serve. Several teachers then shared their experiences about Chinese teaching following a discussion on association regulations.





Professor Chaojie Liu, the TCI Chinese director, delivered a speech extending his congratulations to the president and vice president and expressed his appreciation to Mrs Rhonda Burton and other organisation members. He said that the TCI would spare no effort in supporting local Chinese teachers build the community of Chinese language learners on the Gold Coast.