TCI Takes Second Prize at the 2016 Tropicarnival Dragon Boat Race

On the morning of 2 October morning, passers-by were attracted by the sound of drums and powerful shouts at the Broadwater Parklands on the Gold Coast. The annual Tropicarnival Dragon Boat Races were about to begin with a large contingent of 34 teams, including various professional and amateur clubs as well as corporate organisations.
Professor Leong Liew (Director of the Tourism Confucius Institute), Professor Chaojie Liu (Chinese Director of the TCI) and Mr Ted Fong cut the ribbon and dotted the eyes of the dragons for the Tropicarnival Dragon Boat Race ceremony. Prof Liu also was a paddler on the TCI team.
The TCI won second place in the race for corporate teams organisations after three intense heats.

The Tropicarnival Dragon Boat Race has played an important cultural role in local community for 31 years. The TCI has sponsored and named one dragon boat for several years with its staff and students as crew members. This year the TCI recruited 12 members from its Chinese course students at Griffith University and also from the local community. Together with TCI staff, they trained and competed as the Tourism Confucius Institute Team.