

The TCI Shares Chinese Calligraphy at Griffith University's Harmony Week

March 21 1999 was the first year Harmony Day was observed in Australia, with the aim of encouraging people from different cultural backgrounds to live in harmony. In 2019 Harmony Week was celebrated from 18-25 March at several Griffith University campuses to promote the harmonious cultural atmosphere at the university. This year the Tourism Confucius Institute (TCI) at Griffith University participated in Harmony Week on the Gold Coast and Nathan campuses to recognise the diversity of the university's staff and students.



The TCI organised two Chinese calligraphy activities on the Gold Coast (21 March) and at Nathan (22 March). There were many rich and colourful activities on offer during Harmony Week, and the TCI's Chinese calligraphy was popular with teachers and students. Some asked for a piece of Chinese calligraphy depicting their name, while others tried their hand with a calligraphy brush. Many teachers and students who participated in the activities were pleasantly surprised to learn the meanings of their Chinese names.



TCI teachers Niki Zhang and Mavis Li also introduced visitors to the methods and skills needed for calligraphy and showed them how Chinese characters can be written in different styles. The Griffith teachers and students were amazed and very interested in the mysteries of Chinese characters.



Harmony Week provided an opportunity for Griffith students from all over the world to experience Chinese culture, thus enhancing the concept of multicultural campuses.