

Counsellor Xu Lin Visits the Tourism Confucius Institute at Griffith University

On 20th July 2017, Ms Xu Lin (Counsellor, State Council of the People's Republic of China, Member of the CPPCC National Committee and former Chief Executive of the Confucius Institute Headquarters) visited the Tourism Confucius Institute at Griffith University with Mr Duan Yi (Deputy Director of the Division of the American and Oceania Confucius Institutes), and Ms Yuan Li (Deputy Director of the Division of General Affairs).



Group photo of Counsellor Xu Lin and some TCI staff members

In the morning Professor Leong Liew (Director of the Tourism Confucius Institute at Griffith University) and Professor Chaojie Liu (Chinese Director of the Tourism Confucius Institute) discussed their work with Counsellor Xu. After visiting the TCI's Nathan campus office she presented DVDs of "Bridging West and East" as a gift to the TCI.



Group photo of Counsellor Xu with TCI staff on the Gold Coast campus

In the afternoon, Counsellor Xu visited the TCI's office on the Gold Coast campus. She warmly spoke with the staff and posed for photos with them. The TCI's teachers and volunteer teachers then talked about their work with Counsellor Xu and the two directors. Counsellor Xu hugged Associate Professor Hongling Shu, in recognition of A/Prof Shu's work in remote areas of Africa for two years. Afterwards volunteer teacher Mr Hongyi Tao played the bamboo flute and delivered a Chinese Martial Art demonstration, which won the hearts of Counsellor Xu and the two directors.



Counsellor Xu recording video while volunteer teacher Mr Hongyi Tao's the bamboo flute performance

Before departing Counsellor Xu extended her appreciation to the TCI's staff and encouraged them to make greater contributions to Chinese teaching and cultural exchanges.