

The 21st World University Students ‘Chinese Bridge’ Proficiency Competition for Dutch HBO and University Students 2022

Preliminary rounds announcement

To encourage students at Dutch HBO and Universities with an interest in learning Chinese, and to build their understanding of the Chinese language and culture, Confucius Institute Maastricht at Zuyd University of Applied Sciences will host the **“21st ‘Chinese Bridge’ proficiency preliminary competition”**.

To further unify the relationship between the Netherlands and China, this year’s theme is “One World, One Family.” The event is co-hosted by the Education Department of China’s Embassy in the Netherlands, the Limburg Provincial Government, the Municipality of Maastricht, Zuyd University of Applied Sciences, and Dongbei University of Finance and Economics.

Further information is listed below:

1. Date and Time

Friday, 24th of June 2022. The expected time is from 13:30-17:30.

2. Location

Lumière Maastricht, Bassin 88, 6211 AK Maastricht

3. Application requirements

I. Students must be studying in the Netherlands, be between 18-30 years old, and not have parents that taught them to speak fluent Chinese at a young age (i.e., they must be non-native Mandarin speakers.)

II. People who participated in the previous year (2021) in the global finals of competition of the Chinese Bridge Competition are not allowed to participate again in the following year (2022).

4. Competition content and program

I. Preliminary round candidates are asked to prepare three videos: one 3-minute video with a speech on a self-chosen topic related to the theme of the competition, one video of 1-2 minutes to introduce yourself, and one video of 1-3 minutes to display your talent. The preliminary videos will be submitted to the judges and ranked accordingly. The top 8 candidates based on juror feedback are invited to participate in the competition held on June 24th. The deadline for submitting preliminary videos is May 25th at 9:00 am - the top 8 candidates will be announced on May 31st. The instructions for video uploading will be sent after registration.

II. 'Chinese Bridge' Proficiency Competition The competition will be held on June 24th, 2022 and is divided into three parts: a personal speech on the topic 'One World One Family,' a Q&A round, and a talent performance. Contestants can be awarded a total of 100 points. The order of the contestants will be determined prior to the competition by drawing lots.

Part 1: Speech. This includes the speech and brief self-introduction. Each contestant has 3 minutes to present their speech and can score up to 40 out of 100 points. The self-introduction and speech need to be prepared in advance.

Part 2: Answering questions. This consists of an oral exam, in which the topic will be decided by drawing lots. The questions are related to Chinese culture, current national events, etc. The possible score is 30 out of 100 points.

Part 3: Talent show. Each contestant chooses a Chinese-themed talent according to their own specialty and hobbies. The performance can take a maximum of 3 minutes. The maximum score is 30 out of 100 points.

5. Competition Prizes

I. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place contestants will all receive an award.

- The 1st place winner can participate in the global finals of the competition in China with the prospect to win from the Global Final Prize: A return ticket to China, Chinese Language Ambassador Award, and a scholarship of International Chinese Language Education valid for one to three years.

- The 2nd and 3rd place will receive Internship opportunities in an international company in the Netherlands and a HSK course scholarship.

All the participants will receive a recommendation letter for their future studies and career as well as a certificate of participation.

II. There are two separate awards in the competition: The 'Best Talent Award' is awarded to the contestant with the highest score for the talent performance. The 'Most Popular Award' is awarded to the contestant with the highest score voted for by the audience. The winners of these awards will receive:

- A voucher for one HSK course and one HSK exam
- Free admittance to two weeks Summer Camp Online Program offered by Dongbei University of Finance and Economics

6. Competition registration

Contestants who want to participate in the competition can register via the link below. The deadline is May 24th, 2022.

<< <https://www.confuciusmaastricht.nl/en/the-chinese-bridge-competition-is-back-registration-is-open-now/>>>

7. Registration to view the competition

The 'Chinese Bridge' competition is open to the public. Supporters of the contestants, Dutch university students, high school students, their families, and other people with an interest in the Chinese language and culture are welcome to attend the competition on location. The link for audience members will be communicated after the final program and contestants are announced.

If you have any questions regarding registration or the competition, please contact us via info@confuciusmaastricht.nl

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