

Opening of Confucius Class at the Deva High-School of Art

April 30, 2010, witnessed the opening ceremony of the Chinese Teaching Program at the Deva High-School of Art as a branch of the Confucius Institute Office at “Lucian Blaga” University of Sibiu. Participants included Mrs. Mate, Inspector of Education in the Hunedoara county, representatives from the Deva City Hall, representatives of the Deva parliament, local news agencies, teachers and students of Deva High-School, Chinese representatives of the Confucius Institute at LBUS and some of its Romanian students.



Principal Mihut addressing the opening Speech

In the opening speech, Mr. Mihut, the principle of Deva High School of Art, expressed his hope that this high-school would become a model for future relations of cooperation and friendship between China and Romania. Mrs. Mate endorsed her support to the project. As part of the ceremony, students of the Arts High-School performed Romanian traditional music and dances, while Chinese teachers and students sang the newly learnt national anthem of Romania and also a Chinese song, *Tomorrow will be better*.



Romanian ethnic instruments performance: the band led by the vice-principal Demea (fourth from the right).



Violin performance by Razvan (17 years old), winner of many prizes both at home and abroad



The chorus of the Deva high-school of arts: the choir will go and perform in China this coming August.



The students and teachers of Confucius Institute are singing the Chinese song *Tomorrow will*

be better, and the Romanian national anthem

Confucius Institute brought Chinese textbooks, pictures and tools for Chinese cultural teaching as gifts to the Art School and some traditional Chinese gifts for the Romanian student performers. As part of the ceremony, Chinese students and teachers gave presentations and demonstrations of Chinese calligraphy, paper-cutting, Taiji and cooking. The success of the ceremony has been reported positively by the local media as one of the largest events ever held in Deva with respect to Chinese Culture.



Principal Mihut is trying the Chinese Audio Primer which was gifted by Hanban

The project of this Confucius class in Deva was initiated last November, and it has successfully developed with the contribution of Mr. Oprean, the board-president of the Sibiu Confucius Institute, Mr. Molnar, vice-inspector of Education in Hunedoara county and Mr. Niu, the president of the Deva Bicycle Factory, which is the largest Chinese industry of its kind in Romania. The teaching program will open in May.

