

**The 10th Anniversary of Confucius Institute at Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu  
and the International Conference on the Significance and Sustainable Development of  
Education and Culture Held in Sibiu, Romania**

The 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Confucius Institute at the Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, was held in the Romanian cultural city of Sibiu from November 3-5, 2017, organized by Confucius Institute Headquarters / Hanban and Confucius Institute at Sibiu. 26 Chinese and foreign directors and representatives from Confucius Institutes from 13 countries and regions, representatives of Chinese-funded enterprises and Romania government agencies, and heads of the Chinese Ambassador to Romania Education Group attended the meeting. The conference consists of four sub-forums, namely "Confucius Institute Development Forum", "Round Table Discussion on Intercultural Education in Romanian Education", "Seminar on International Chinese Education for International Students" and "Discussion on Romanian Students of Chinese and Chinese Literature" meeting".

On the morning of November 3, the conference kicked off at the Continental Forum Hotel Convention Center in Sibiu. Prof. Ioan Bondrea, Director of the Confucius Institute at Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, University, , and Liu Wei, deputy party secretary of Beijing Language and Culture University, Professor Oprean, Dean of the Institute of Foreign Affairs, and Deng Li-ming, head of the Education Section of the Chinese Embassy in Romania attended the opening ceremony of the conference and delivered speeches. Wang Jiong, the Chinese director of the Confucius Institute, expressed her welcome to the all the participants on behalf of Han Jianfei, the Deputy Director-General of the Confucius Institute Headquarters.

On the afternoon of November 3, the Confucius Forum on Development held discussions on the theme of "Confucius Institute Characteristics" and "Sustainable Development". The Chinese and foreign academic leaders and representatives from various Confucius Institutes shared the unique and valuable experience and research results about the development of Confucius Institutes and sustainable development management methods of the Confucius Institutes and other aspects. Dong Chuan, Deputy Director of the Working Department of Confucius Institute at Beijing Language and Culture University, gave a start-up report. In combination with Chinese traditional culture, Zhang Wei, dean of the Confucius Institute at Havana University in Cuba, was the first dean of Confucius Institute at the Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, he proposed using Confucianism as a guide to establish the Confucius Institute. After that, Xia Junsuo, Chinese director of Confucius Institute in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Yu Youxue, the Chinese director of Confucius Institute at Cattolica University Milan in Italy, Yoshitaka Yoshikawa and Jia Hui, Confucius Institute at Kansai Gaidai University, , Zhu Tingting, Chinese present of Confucius Institute at Suez Canal University Egypt, Zeng Ying, Dean of the Confucius Institute at Western Michigan University, Germany Katja Yang, foreign minister of the Confucius Institute at Bonn, Agnes Auger, representative of Confucius Institute at La Rochelle, France; Luminita Balan, Director of the Confucius Institute at the University of Bucharest; Confucius Institute Chinese Director Yang Zhaoyu and other officials have addressed the Confucius Institute at this special forum. After the meeting, the deans said that such discussions not only increased their experience but also promoted the exchange between Confucius Institutes. The international conference benefited everyone.

The 10th Anniversary Celebration Ceremony ended on the morning of November 5 by Wang

Nuo, Ewa Bonedale, Associate Professor of Confucius Institute at Confucius Institute in Sibiu, and Iulia Gita, a native teacher of the Confucius Institute, representing the various forums and sub-forums, each of them gave a concluding statement. The Sibiu Provincial Assembly, the Confucius Institute Dean Oprean and directors of various Confucius Institutes attended the closing ceremony. The conference came to an end in a positive speech and warm applause from Chinese and foreign guests. Public-faculty, volunteer teachers from the Confucius Institute in Sibiu and various staff and university student volunteers at the Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu provided all-round support for the conference.

The theme of the conference is very clear, which summarizes and sorts out the challenges and opportunities in the process of the construction and development of Confucius Institutes. The conference not only summed up the teaching experience, strengthened the exchanges between the Confucius Institutes throughout the world, but also laid a good foundation for promoting exchanges and cooperation among all parties, promoting the healthy and sustainable development of the Confucius Institute and promoting the exchange of experiences among various civilizations in the world. This will further promote the research and development of Confucius Institutes.