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Chinese Proficiency Progression Assessment
Group Typing Relay Contest

時間 Time : 2008.10.18. (Sat. 星期六下午) 2:00 ~ 5:00 p.m.

地點 Place : Metro Square, 3636 Steeles Ave., East, Markham

費用 Fee : \$5 per person per level 每人每級 5 元
Free for relay contest 團體接力賽免費

**Registration
Deadline**
報名截止
2008.10.13

- ◇ 4-Person Chinese Typing Relay Contest 四人識打接力賽
Based on 500 Chinese Characters Recognition 中文常用五百字
- ◇ Individual Chinese Proficiency Progression Assessment
Earn a certificate recognizing your professional language skill for schools and jobs
個人華語文循級識打檢定：獲取語文專業能力證書有助升學、謀職
- ◇ To practise, download a free copy of IQChinese Quiz 上網下載題庫練習：
<http://www.huayuworld.org/joomla1012/page/web/2.htm>
- ◇ Win contest awards, lucky draw prizes and souvenirs
提供團體獎牌、幸運抽獎及參賽紀念品

For more information and online registration 歡迎上網瞭解詳情及報名
www.ecompuchinese.org ☎ 905-489-3636 / 905-305-1778



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〈 2008 Chinese Proficiency Progression Assessment and Group Typing Relay Contest 〉

To strengthen overseas Chinese learners' learning motivation, to provide good reference for further academic and career development via effective skill assessment, Toronto Digital Huayu Learning Centre, co-hosted with eCompuChinese Education Association, will hold "2008 Chinese Proficiency Progression Assessment and Group Typing Relay Contest" on Saturday, October 18, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM, at ground floor hallway and computer classrooms of Toronto Digital Huayu Learning Centre on 2nd floor inside Metro Square mall. This event is sponsored by Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission and supported by OCAC Taipei Culture Centre in Toronto. Individual assessment test fee is CAD\$ 5.00 (including assessment certificate in English and Chinese), and group relay contest is free. Please go to E-Learning Huayu of Taiwan website to download a free 60-day trial copy of the official assessment tool software – IQChinese Quiz. The trial program contains a good amount of sample tests for you to practise.

<http://www.huayuworld.org/joomla1012/page/web/2.htm>

In recent a few years, the number of Mandarin Chinese users has exceeded quarter of global population, and Mandarin Chinese has quickly become a must-take course for overseas students and a must-have skill for many professionals. Mastering Chinese, English and computer skills clearly gives you the biggest advantage. Besides proper oral communication, the goal for today's Chinese learning also emphasizes on reading and writing/typing capabilities which are required for online search, text messaging and email communication. Since Chinese input has become an integral part of information acquisition and application for everyday life, the "listen, speak, read, type" skills of Mandarin Chinese are unquestionably turning into one of the must-have professional skill sets for entering into career fields and global Chinese market.

Following the successful model from the 2 previous "Chinese Proficiency Progression Assessment" events, this event will also feature "first come, first test" and the assessment is still graded into 8 levels based on the daily life topics and high frequency words. Testing computers are Windows PC equipped with standard QWERTY English keyboards, tests are only in Traditional Chinese, and the testers can choose either Bopomo or Pinyin input method.

To encourage greater participation and involvement of Chinese Typing movement from the general public, we have expanded the fun "Chinese Typing Relay Contest". Chinese schools, community organizations and business bodies can freely assemble their teams to compete, 4 members per team, all fees are waived. The contest is levelled into 4 groups: Grade 1~6, Grade 7~12, Adult and Senior (60-year and older). Relay contest testing contents are based on 500 high frequency words, each team member is allowed for only 3 minutes of typing, and the 4-member team's per person average score determines advancing into the next round or winning the entire relay contest. All Chinese schools, community organizations and business bodies are welcome to send your own team in for the contest to showcase your teamwork and typing excellence.

No matter taking individual "Chinese Proficiency Progression Assessment" or being part of the team for "Group Typing Relay Contest", all participants not only need to know the words and the pronunciations, but also need to know how to properly use Pinyin or Bopomo to input words with correct tones. More importantly, due to many Chinese words being of the same pronunciation or similar shape, the participant also needs to be quick on telling words apart and selecting the right word in order to improve typing accuracy and speed. "Chinese Proficiency Progression Assessment" and "Group Typing Relay Contest" solely aim to improve learners confidence and interest via participation, therefore the test scope only includes high frequency words, phrases and sentence patterns used in daily conversation and we have also published on the ECCEA website the vocabulary list for each of the 8 levels, about 100 words per level, totalling about 2000 words with derivatives. If an participant can reach level 8, it means he/she can read and understand 80% of Chinese newspaper publications in the market.

“Group Typing Relay Contest” sets the test scope strictly to the 500 high frequency words used daily and allows any 4 participants to form team freely to complete the relay for championship. The main purpose of this event is, by using this annually scheduled assessment as a lead, to let students review and practice repeatedly, hence to achieve the goal of “test every year, progress every year”.

All participants of “Chinese Proficiency Progression Assessment” will receive a copy of certificate in English and Chinese as a proof of their skills being assessed. In order to encourage community organizations and Chinese schools for greater participation, besides waiving off all registration fees, we will give souvenirs and lucky draw ballots to all participants from both individual assessment and group relay teams. Please register online or call 905-489-3636 / 905-305-1778.

〈 Chinese Proficiency Progression Assessment Guidelines 〉

1. Objectives:

- Provide an excellent mean for Chinese learners to measure their vocabulary and their ability to master and apply daily conversation vocabulary
- Set levels based on hundreds of high frequency words and their derivatives, provide teachers and students with accurate assessment to serve as guideline for study plan
- Through the tone setting, word differentiating and selection in the assessment test, to help Chinese learners’ pronounce properly and reduce spelling errors.
- Assessment result includes data on typing accuracy rate and typing speed, which are proper read/understand/type measurements for progression study and/or job application

2. Registration:

Online registration: participant completes the online form with required fields on English and Chinese names, date of birth, assessment level and input method

3. Pre-assessment Simulation:

Please download the free 60-day trial of IQChinese Quiz, including mock-up tests
<http://www.huayuworld.org/joomla1012/page/web/2.htm>

4. Assessment Date and Time:

2pm ~ 5pm, Saturday, October 18, 2008, first come first test

5. Target Group:

Any interested adult and students

6. Assessment Fee:

CAD \$5.00 for each level, please make cash payment no later than 5:00 PM, Monday, October 13, No refund on absence.

Where to Pay: Toronto Digital Huayu Learning Centre (Metro eLearning)

Address: Suite 206, 3636 Steeles Ave., East, Markham, Ontario L3R 1K9, Tel: 905-489-3636

7. Assessment Location:

Toronto Digital Huayu Learning Centre (Metro eLearning) 2nd floor, Metro Square Mall

8. Notes:

- Assessment takers need to show ID and obtain name specific blank certificates before assessment
- Assessment is run on Windows PC, Pinyin or Bopomo can be selected to input Traditional Chinese
- Assessment is conducted via IQChinese Quiz application using random testing material, real time accuracy rate and speed can be obtained

- Based on high frequency words and phrases used in daily life, 100 words a level, total of 8 levels
- Each level includes the vocabulary from its immediate lower level, vocabulary for level 1 to 8 is published at:
www.ecompuchinese.org/wordlist.pdf
- Assessment of each level is limited to 10 minutes, typing speed is calculated on accurate words. Assessment takers can take no more than 2 levels, 5-minute pre-assessment practice is available
- At the end of assessment, staff will enter vocabulary volume and accuracy rate on the certificate, sealed with eCompuChinese Education Association's official seal for authenticity.

〈 Group Typing Relay Contest Guidelines 〉

1. Objectives:

- Through this typing relay contest, improve Chinese learners' and users' communication skill on using everyday Chinese vocabulary
- Through this typing relay contest, establish teamwork spirit and provide opportunity for practising Chinese
- Through positive competition, provide Chinese learners cross-reviewing, cross-learning opportunities, hence further motivating learners

2. Registration:

Complete the Registration Form at :

http://www.ecompuchinese.org/images/stories/events/ass2008/ocac/grp_reg.doc,

email to metrolearning@gmail.com, please specify input method: Bopomo or Pinyin

3. Contest Date and Time:

3pm ~ 4:30pm, Saturday, October 18, 2008

4. Team Grouping:

Each team is assigned to one of the 4 groups:

Grade 1~6, Grade 7~12, Adult, Senior (60-year and older)

5. Registration Fees: No charge

6. Contest Location:

Ground floor lobby area, Metro Square Mall, Markham

7. Notes:

- Upon registration, each team should have a proper team name, registration starts at 2pm
- ID required for team member to obtain team name tag and souvenirs
- Team member can choose either Bopomo or Pinyin to input Traditional Chinese, 10 minutes warm-up practice allowed
- Contest scope is based on 500 high frequency words related to daily life.
Please see word list at:

www.ecompuchinese.org/wordlist.pdf

- For preliminary rounds: 12 minutes per team, 3 minutes per team member, typing speed and accuracy are announced at the end immediately
- Based on preliminary rounds' results, top 3 teams from each of the 4 group advance to final round, typing speed and accuracy determine champion and runner-up