

## **CONCEPT NOTE**

**Confucius Institute at University of Colombo  
Faculty of Arts  
University of Colombo**

### **Certificate Course in Intermediate Chinese Language II**

#### **1. Introduction**

**Confucius Institute at University of Colombo** seeks the permission of the Senate of the University of Colombo to offer a Certificate Course in Intermediate Chinese Language II. The course is expected to commence in 2022.

#### **2. The Need**

**Certificate Course in Intermediate Chinese Language II** is intended to further develop the listening, speaking, reading comprehension and writing skills of students who has successfully completed Certificate Course in Intermediate Chinese Language I. It will provide sufficient contribution to upgrade the learning and research level of Chinese and Chinese culture.

#### **3. Objectives**

The objectives of this Certificate Course are as follows:

- To understand constructing methods of Chinese characters.
- To identify new characters with the knowledge regarding characters.
- To pronounce the unfamiliar words and sentences based on the pronunciation rules.
- To enhance the communicative skills on higher levels of topics.

#### **4. Target Groups**

This course is designed for those who has successfully completed Certificate Course in Intermediate Chinese Language I

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## **5. Admission Requirements**

To be admitted as a student of this course, a candidate should possess the following qualifications:

- a) Grade NINE school leaving certificate

AND

b) Pass Certificate Course in Intermediate Chinese Language I or corresponding Chinese language certificates accepted by the Confucius Institute at University of Colombo

OR

- a) Completion of primary education and certified work experience equivalent to a minimum of two years

AND

- b) be at least 16 years of age

AND/OR, WHERE NECESSARY

- c) Passing the admission/selection test and/or interview

**6. Medium of Instruction:** English/Chinese/Sinhala

**7. Course Fee:** Rs. 20,000

**8. Course Duration:** 6 months duration / 60 contact hours

## **9. Teaching Methodology**

- Lectures – online/offline
- Group discussion
- home assignments
- Lecturer guided self-studies

## **10. Evaluation**

The evaluation system of the course is made up of four parts: classroom assignments, class attendance, end semester examination and task-oriented activities.

The grading scales of the Faculty of Arts shall apply to this course:

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Range of Marks	Grade
80% +	A+
75% - 79%	A
70% - 74%	A-
65% - 69%	B+
60% - 64%	B
55% - 59%	B-
50% - 54%	C+
45% - 49%	C*
40% - 44%	C- (fail)
35% - 39%	D+ (fail)
30% - 34%	D (fail)
0% - 29%	E (fail)

*Notes: \* - minimum performance for a pass.*

**The achievement structure will be as follows:**

45% -69% of total marks - Pass

70% -79% of total marks - Merit Pass

80% - of total marks or above - Distinction Pass

Candidate should be completed the course within three years and three attempts.

## 11. Course Content

i. Word formation methods

ii. Distinguish polysemic and polyphonic characters

iii. Topics related to expressing an opinion, surprise, concern and modesty, giving examples, retorting, worrying, gift-giving and appreciation, making a summary, indicating a change, guessing, explaining, giving additional comment, making emphasis and decision, telling a story, refusing, reproaching and questioning, talking about climate, eating in a restaurant, consoling, encouraging, and congratulating, etc.

iv. Sentences with 把 rhetoric, serial verb phrases, indications of existence and emergence, pivotal, non-subject, a subject-predicate phrase as a predicate, etc.

v. Grammar constructions: 又yòu.....又yòu(again...gain), 一边yibiān.....一边yibiān(while), 只要hīyào.....就jiù(as long as), make comparisons by using 更gèng, 最zuì, 有yǒu,

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没有méiyǒu(more, extremely, have more, don't have enough),既jì.....又yòu(and...and), 连lián...也ě/都dōu.....(even...also),一yī.....都dōu/也ě+bù/没méi(not even have...),就是jiùshì.....也ě.....(even...), 一yì.....就jiù(as soon as), 除了chúle.....以外yìwài(except...), 还hái/都dōu/也ě,越yuè.....越yuè(more...more), etc.

vi. Complement: modal complement, 上shàng, 下xià, 着zhe, 住hù as resultative complement, complement of possibility, etc.

vii. Grammatical words (particle 了le, 的de, 得de, 地de)(indicators of being finished, adjectival phrase, predicative phrase, and verb phrase), reduplication of adjective, nouns, measure words, numeral-measure word phrases, adverbs of 就jiù, 还hái, 再zài, 又yòu(just, still, again), interrogative pronouns, the extended usage of 下去xiàqù (go down), etc.

viii. Numbers: over 10,000 and approximate numbers, percentages, fractions and multiples

ix. Chinese culture related to consumption of Chinese people, natural scenic spots, gift-giving customs, marriage customs, verbal communication, martial arts, and calligraphy, etc.