

## **CONCEPT NOTE**

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

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

#### **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 Spoken Chinese Language. The course is expected to commence in 2022.

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

**Certificate Course in Intermediate Spoken Chinese Language** is designed to improve further communicative skills of students who has successfully completed Certificate Course in Spoken Chinese Language for beginners. It will concentrate on higher verbal communication ability to meet the general needs of Chinese speaking environment.

#### **3. Objectives**

The objectives of this Certificate Course are as follows:

- To fluently communicate on daily topics .
- To master the sense of Chinese expressions.
- To understand the cultural context which lays foundation for better speaking skills.
- To transform the sentence and dialogue inward and freely adapt to the different communicative situation.

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

This course is designed for those who has successfully completed Certificate Course in Spoken Chinese Language for beginners .

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## **5. Admission Requirements**

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

- a) Grade NINE school leaving certificate

AND

b) Pass Certificate Course in Spoken Chinese Language for Beginners 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. Express surprise, dissatisfaction, evaluate, consent, envy
- ii. Requests and require
- iii. Summarize, show and repeat exercises at any time
- iv. Key grammatical structures: “越来越.....”、“出去V.....”  
、“不A也不B, 正好.....”、“这个是....., 是.....”“她是.....”、  
“一直”、“一会儿.....一会儿.....”、“A跟B不一样”“.....很有特点”、“V+得+不+了”
- v. "麻烦" derives from “不麻烦”、“很麻烦”、“有点儿麻烦”
- vi. Negotiate, praise, explain, accept, invite, refuse, give examples, make suggestions
- vii. Explanation of "约" and "做"