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## Conference Schedule

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 8:30**      **Registration, refreshments, and display set-up**
- 9:00**      **Welcome and Introductions**  
Chinese and American National Songs  
**Jing Zhang**, Director, Chinese Language and Culture Center of Maine (CLCCM)  
**Joe Baldacci**, Mayor, the City of Bangor
- 9:15**      **Cultural Performances: Monkey King, Singing, Taiji, Speaking Chinese**
- 9:35**      **Keynote Addresses:**  
**Promoting culture and educational exchange and cooperation**  
**Qiyue Zhang**, Consul General, the Consulate General of China in New York City  
**Building cultural understanding through international education**  
**Paul Hambleton**, Chief Academic Officer, the Maine Department of Education  
**'Friends from Distant Places': China-Maine connections through higher education**  
**Kathryn Foster**, President, the University of Maine at Farmington  
**Jim Settele**, Chief of Staff, Office of the President, the University of Maine at Orono  
**With the world changing, it is important for K- 12 students to learn Chinese language**  
**Paul Butler**, Principal, Bangor High School  
**Jie Zheng**, Chinese Teacher, West Hartford Public School, Connecticut  
**Maine's interest in reaching out to China for educational and investment opportunity**  
**John Endicott**, Director, Office of Business Development and Innovation, Maine Department of Economic and Community Development  
**Zeynep Turk**, Senior Trade Specialist, Maine International Trade Center
- Session I (same room):**
- 11:15**      **Workshop: Strategies and skills in teaching K-12 Chinese classes in the US**  
**Zhengjie Guo**, Chinese Teaching Specialist, West Hartford Public School, Connecticut
- Session II (another room):**
- 11:15**      **Consul General Qiyue Zhang, Chief Academic Officer Paul Hambleton, Mayor Joe Baldacci and Headmaster Mel MacKay of John Bapst meet with scholars who have been to China, currently study in China, students who are learning Chinese, and invited principals and parents** (a separate agenda will be available)
- 12:15**      Lunch with recognitions and announcements
- 1:00**      **Connecting the Chinese Classroom to the Outside World**  
**Grace Pei**, Chinese Teaching Expert, St. Andrew's Episcopal School, Jackson, Mississippi

- 1:40** ***China Past and Present: A One-Semester Introduction to China's Culture and History***  
**Mel MacKay**, Head of School, John Bapst High School, Bangor, Maine; **Louisa Deng**,  
 International Program Director, John Bapst High School, Bangor, Maine
- 2:10** *Break*
- 2:25** ***Digital tools to promote inquiry teaching with Next Generation Science Standards***  
**Zhengjie Guo**, Chinese Teaching Specialist, West Hartford Public Schools, Connecticut
- 3:15** ***Best Practices in Maine-China Trade Relations***  
**Jonathan Bench**, Attorney at Law, Rudman Winchell, Bangor, Maine
- 4:00** ***Time for Sharing: Domestic and international resources for teaching and learning Chinese***  
**Jing Zhang**, Director, CLCCM
- 4:30** ***Wrap-up of the Day***  
**Elizabeth Chabe**, Chair, CLCCM; **James Kenny**, Chair, Confucius Classroom at CLCCM;  
**Gerry Palmer**, Past Mayor, City of Bangor; **Ray Pelletier**, Board Director, CLCCM

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28**

- 8:30** *Refreshments*
- 9:00** ***Chinese calligraphy and painting***  
**Zhiwei Liu**, Chair, Chinese Students Association, University of Maine
- 9:30** ***Learning Culture and Language Through Cooking***  
**Chefs Ms. Lusheng Li** and **Mr. Zhongbiao Feng** will be leading Chinese cooking,  
 with **Chinese dishes** such as **dumplings** and **hot pot**
- 12:00** *Lunch time*
- 1:00** ***Program Wrap-up and Follow-up***  
*James Kenny, Jing Zhang, Elizabeth Chabe, Ray Pelletier*

## **Performers:**

Famous artist **Ms. Cuiping Wei** from Xinjiang, China will present her talent to the conference by playing the role of the Monkey King in an amazing show, **The Journey to the East**. **Mr. Zhiwei Liu**, the chair of Chinese Students Association of the University of Maine will demonstrate Chinese calligraphy and painting. **Mr. Frank Daley-Young and Avi Sighen**, along with students from St. Anselm's Abbey School, Washington, DC and Bangor, Maine, will sing Chinese songs to demonstrate his Chinese level and present a talk about their the experience of study in China. **Mr. Lei Zhang and his freshman students** from Washington Academy will demonstrate how much Chinese skill they can get from a month's learning...

