Oct. 17rd, 2019

Dear teachers, students, and parents of the Chinese language community:

The FCTA is delighted to be hosting the Florida Chinese Teachers Association’s 15th Annual Florida Statewide Chinese Competition 第十五届佛罗里达州中文竞赛 January 31st-February 1st, 2020. On behalf of The Florida Teacher Association, it is our pleasure to extend an invitation to all of the high school and middle school Chinese language students of Florida to participate in this event.

On behalf of the Florida Chinese Teachers Association (FCTA), we would like to provide some information about this year’s event and hopefully provide answers to some questions you might have.

Date: January 31st (Friday) - February 1st (Saturday), 2020.

Location: Lake Yale Conference Center

Number of Students: 20 students are allowed to represent each school. However, if a school is entering students in both middle school division and the upper school division, they can send a total of 30 students to compete (e.g. 15 from middle school and 15 from upper school; or 10 from middle school and 20 from upper school).

Individual Event - Academic Tests: Each participating student must register and attend theacademic events and cultural activities. The academic events include: Speaking, Reading, and Listening. Both traditional and simplified font versions will be available on all tests. To recognize their performance, each student will receive a ranking certificate for every event he/she participates. Study materials/guidelines and evaluation rubrics will be provided on the FCTA Website at [www.fcta99.com](http://www.fcta99.com) as well as on the FSCC website at [www.go2fscc.weebly.com](http://www.go2fscc.weebly.com) 3 months prior to the event.

Team Competition – Jeopardy: This contest is administered in English. Registration is required. The teacher must indicate their intent to participate in the School Registration Form. Each school/division will select four students to represent their school/division to compete. No mixed-division teams are allowed. Also, ***Chinese Heritage Students are not allowed to be part of Jeopardy game***. While all four team members can score for their school, they cannot collaborate during the competition. In other words, the person who buzzes in has to answer the question independently, but if correct, it counts toward the team score. Questions will be on Chinese culture, language, traditions, history, geography, landmarks, people, literature, art, inventions, news, major events, etc. The question bank, rules and a couple of sample game files are available on the FCTA and FSCC websites.

**Cultural Performance Brainstorming**: This is the fun part! All the participating school must be part of this event. We get to see each school put on a Chinese language or culture related skits, singing, dancing or mini-performance. We look forward to seeing all the students be creative in their performances during the competition. They will be randomly provided a cultural topic to perform when your school registers on Friday. Each school is limited to ONE 3-minute (maximum) performance. This is a perfect opportunity for your teachers and students to collaborate. Your school is allowed to have two separate performances only when your divisions are on different campuses. ***There will be two best performances selected with awards.***

***Project exhibition: Each school can bring up to three projects to exhibit in the competition site. Two Best Project will be awarded.***
Forms: All competition forms and information are available online at [www.go2fscc.weebly.com](http://www.go2fscc.weebly.com) Please read them carefully and complete all the required information as instructed. We also encourage teachers to take advantage of the sample forms and letters we provided online for your organization.

Online Registration Form: Each individual, including students, parents, chaperones, volunteers, teachers, and anyone who wishes to come to the event site is responsible for going online to fill out the "Registration Form".

Parent Consent Form and Waiver: Each student must have a Parent Consent Form and the Waiver signed and submitted to the teacher prior to the deadline indicated by the teacher. (These forms need to be mailed in with your school’s registration packet.)

Team Registration Form: Each school/division has to submit one Team Registration Form providing information on all of the participants.

Teacher Participation: This is an event completely planned and executed by teachers. The teachers must attend the event if their students sign up for the event.

Deadlines: Your school’s teachers are required to submit team materials to complete the school registration. Please respect and follow guidelines and deadlines given by your teachers.

Fees: We prefer ONE CHECK from each school. Please work with your school office to get this done in time for the registration deadline. Teachers of Chinese Language and Culture do not need to pay the registration fee. The flat rate registration fee is $45 each (The registration fee also includes Friday night dinner). No discounts or prorated offers. ***The fee is nonrefundable.***

Meals:  They will be buffet style meals provided by Lake Yale.

Spending money: Students may bring along some pocket money to purchase snacks and drinks sold by the Gulliver Chinese Club.

Leading Teachers: This is an event planned and run by the teachers who bring students to the event. Hence, all teachers are assigned with proctoring and grading duties throughout the event, and are required to attend the FCTA /FSCC pre-competition meeting on Friday evening or other time arranged prior to the competition. Bringing chaperones from your school (who are not Chinese teachers) to help you supervise students are strongly encouraged.

Chaperones: We appreciate your efforts in helping us make this meaningful event come true for our students!

**Hotel:** There are other events and conferences happening at the same time. Lake Yale Hotel is located inside of the competition location. It is very convenient for all the participants. However, they are usually sold out early. This year FCTA is in charge of booking the hotel. It will be a first come first serve of the rooms that we already reserved. If you will not be able to stay in Lake Yale Hotel, it will be your own responsibility to book your own hotel. It is highly recommended that you register your competition team as soon as possible. Please see the list below for the hotel information.

Hotel: $75 per person (double occupancy) (Including Registration fee total is $120 pp)

Hotel: $115 per person (single occupancy) (Including Registration fee total is $160 pp)

(Including Friday Dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch)

If you not staying in Lake Yale hotel:

Registration Fee: $45

Facility Fee: $15

(Includes Friday dinner and Saturday lunch by reservation only)

Please don’t call Lake Yale to make a reservation. You will reserve the Hotel in Lake Yale conference center through the FCTA.

Lake Yale Conference Center

39034 County Road 452

Leesburg, FL34788

<https://www.lybcc.com/>

Please make your check payable to FCTA and send the payment with your registration package to:

Gulliver Schools

Atten: Zoe Chen

6575 North Kendall Drive,

Pinecrest, FL 33156

**Deadline of the competition registration materials are stamped by 11:59 PM, Tuesday, 12/17/2019.**

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact the FCTA President **Zoe Chen at go2fscc@gmail.com.**

Sincerely,

Tzuyu (Zoe) Chen

FCTA President