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FROM THE DIRECTORS 院长致辞

Welcome to the Confucius Institute first year-end Newsletter at Savannah State University. Our mission is to **promote the study of Chinese language, culture, and history; and to enhance educational exchange between the US and China.** CISSU was founded through a partnership between Savannah State University, the Office of Chinese Language Council International (Hanban), and Jiujiang University. Currently there are 500 Confucius Institutes operating on 6 continents around the world, 109 are in the United States in addition to the one thousand Confucius classrooms.

Through collaboration with China based educational partners, campus, and Savannah's community, the Confucius Institute has provided in the last year the opportunity for over 158 learners to study Chinese language, culture and history. If you are interested in promoting cultural understanding please contact us. We are particularly interested in volunteers who are willing to work with us. Since the establishment of the Confucius Institute on October 29th, 2014, CISSU has used the wealth of history, expertise, and resources available in Georgia, the United States and in China to advance CI's mission. In 2015 over sixteen (16) cultural programs and activities were presented to the campus and the community. If you are interested in promoting cultural understanding please contact us. We are particularly interested in finding volunteers to work with us on programs.

Have an enjoyable and prosperous New Year

Peggy A. Blood

Peggy Blood PhD, Director
Confucius Institute at Savannah State University



FROM THE DIRECTORS 院长致辞

Dear faculty, staff, students and community students,

A year ago, my colleagues and I came here to devote ourselves to satisfying the demands of people who wanted to learn the Chinese language. We wanted to enhance the understanding of the Chinese language and culture for these people, to strengthen an educational and cultural exchange and cooperation between China and the United States, to deepen friendly relationships with the United States, to promote the development of multi-culturalism, and to help to develop a harmonious world.

In the past year, with the help of Dr. Dozier, our faculty, staff and our students, we have made some wonderful achievements. We have approximate 200 registered students; we have had more than 3000 people attending our activities. CI at SSU has had an overwhelming influence in Savannah. Thank you so much for your help and support.

In the future we will continue to do our very best to serve you, but we still need your help and support – we welcome all opinions and suggestions, and your comments will be greatly appreciated.

Happy New Year to you all!

祝大家新年快乐！

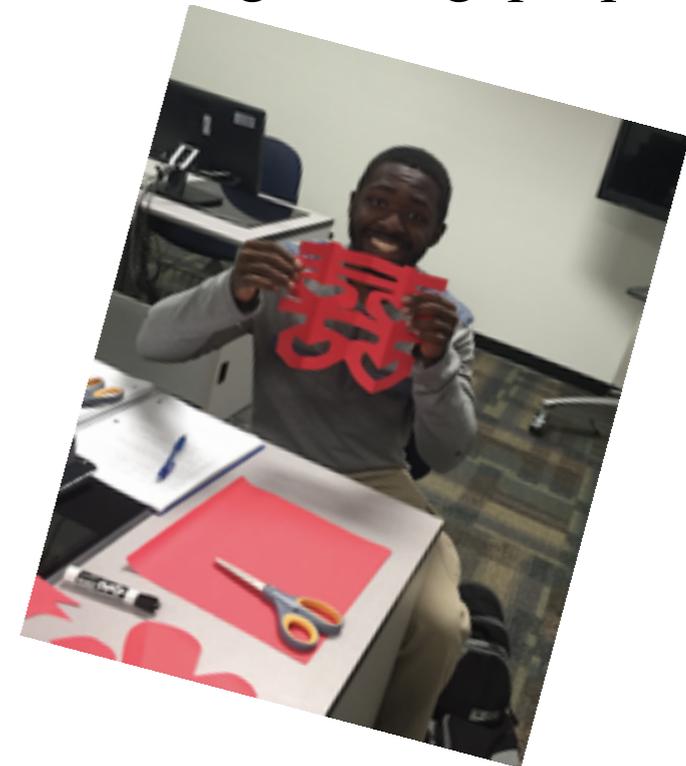
Co-director: Qijuan Luo

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Confucius Institute at SSU



SSU nonprofit Confucius Institute, the CI's aim is to serve as a platform that promotes **intercultural understanding** as well as the study of Chinese language and culture (including art, music and literature), and to enhance educational exchange between the US and China. It is our hope that through this platform, that greater understanding among people will be heightened to the benefit of future generations.



CI Goals:

- To provide greater cohesion and understanding within the community, (residents from all cultures and ethnicities share and be part of CI cultural programs)
- To offer Chinese language to Savannah State University and communities
- To offer program experiences in Chinese culture for greater understanding.
- To facilitate intercultural exchanges between USA and China.
- To facilitate opportunities for cooperative understanding between businesses in US and China.
- To provide greater Chinese language opportunities to SSU and the community.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Directors:

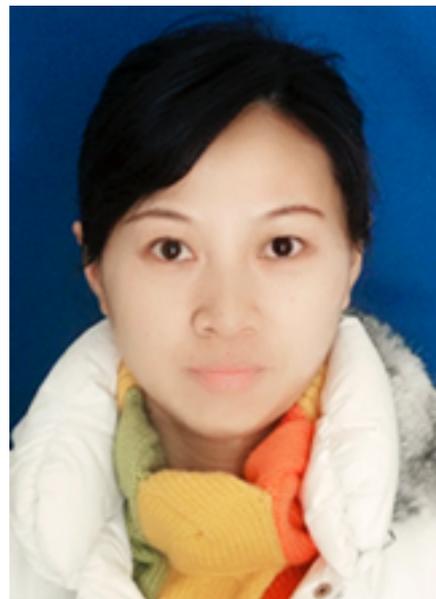


Dr Peggy Blood



Ms. Qijuan Luo

Instructor:



Chunzi Zhang



Yao Liu



Chunxue Ding



What CI participants are saying:



Four members in Amanda Wathen's passed HSK level1 and level2 together in 2015 said:

"I feel bad I can't continue learning Chinese here, my family is moving to China and may stay there forever. I like learning Chinese here and I appreciate the help you gave to my family on our China trip."



<http://www.dosavannah.com/article/tue-10132015-2246/vox-populi-i-would-thank-ssu-s-confucius-institute>



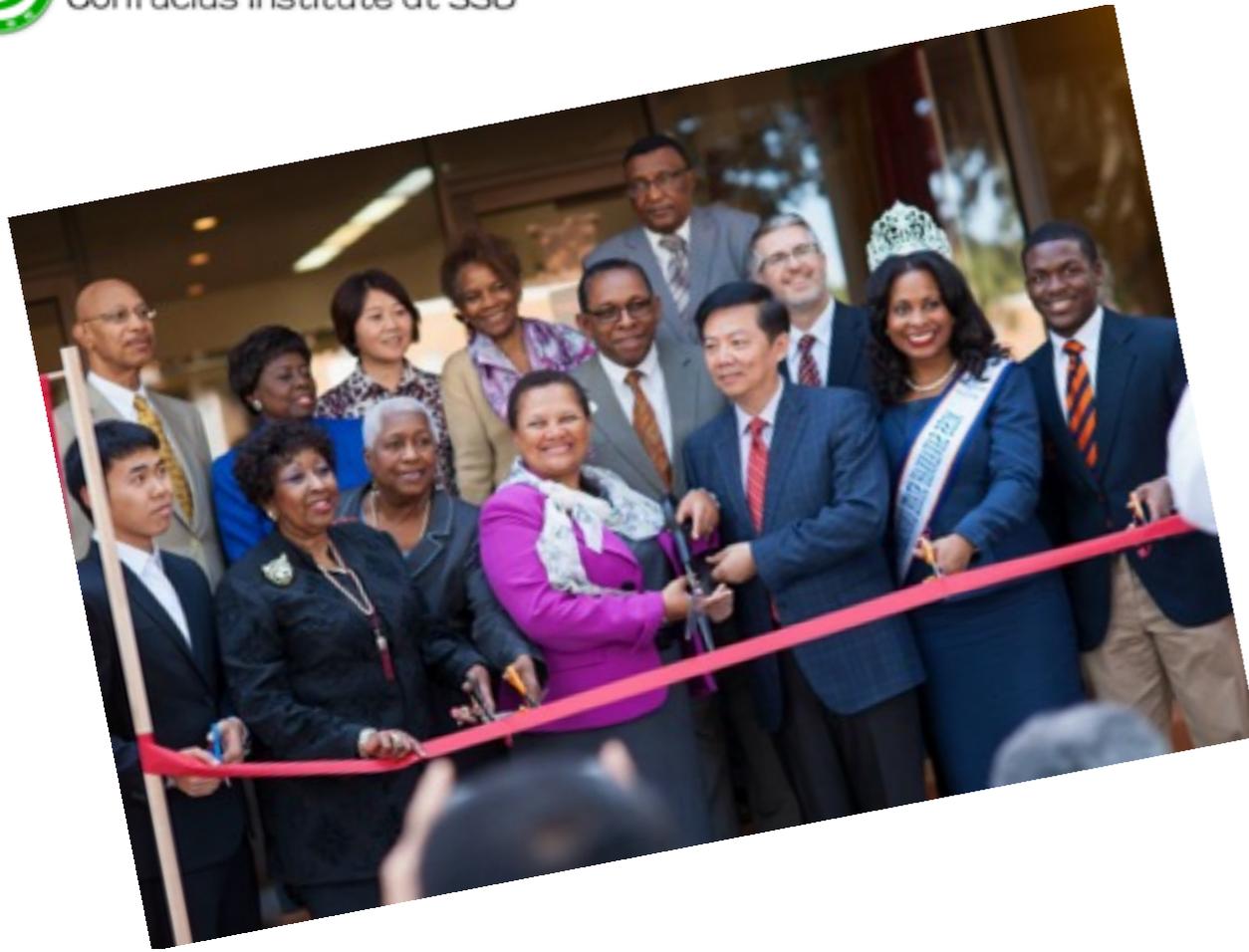
In the past year, different levels of Chinese Language and cultural courses were offered through instruction, face to face and on-line, to SSU faculty, students, staff, and Savannah community. Seventeen (17) classes were taught totaling with approximately one hundred fifty eight (158) enrolled students.



Additionally, CISSU organized sixteen (16) cultural activities. Over 3200 local residents have supported CISSU activities.

In order to provide a better service to the community and universities, a CISSU Advisory Committee with more than 30 members was established by representatives from various professional and non-professional sectors, of which made a significant community impact to on the work of CISSU.





Inauguration October 29th 2014

Confucius Institute at Savannah State University (CISSU) was established by Jiujiang University and Savannah State University to promote Chinese languages and culture. The agreement was signed and approved by Ms. Xu Lin, Chief Executive of Confucius Institute Headquarters, on November 27th, 2013 and was officially opened to the public on October 29th, 2014 with a staff of three: Director, Co-director, and an instructor. CISSU is the third public historical black College and University (HBCU) to establish an institute in the United States.





Zhangyiqun, Education counselor of Consulate General of PRC in Houston
张益群, 中国驻休斯敦领事馆教育组参赞

Zhang Yiqun, Education Counselor of Consulate General of PRC in Houston, visited CI at SSU on 14th October 2014.

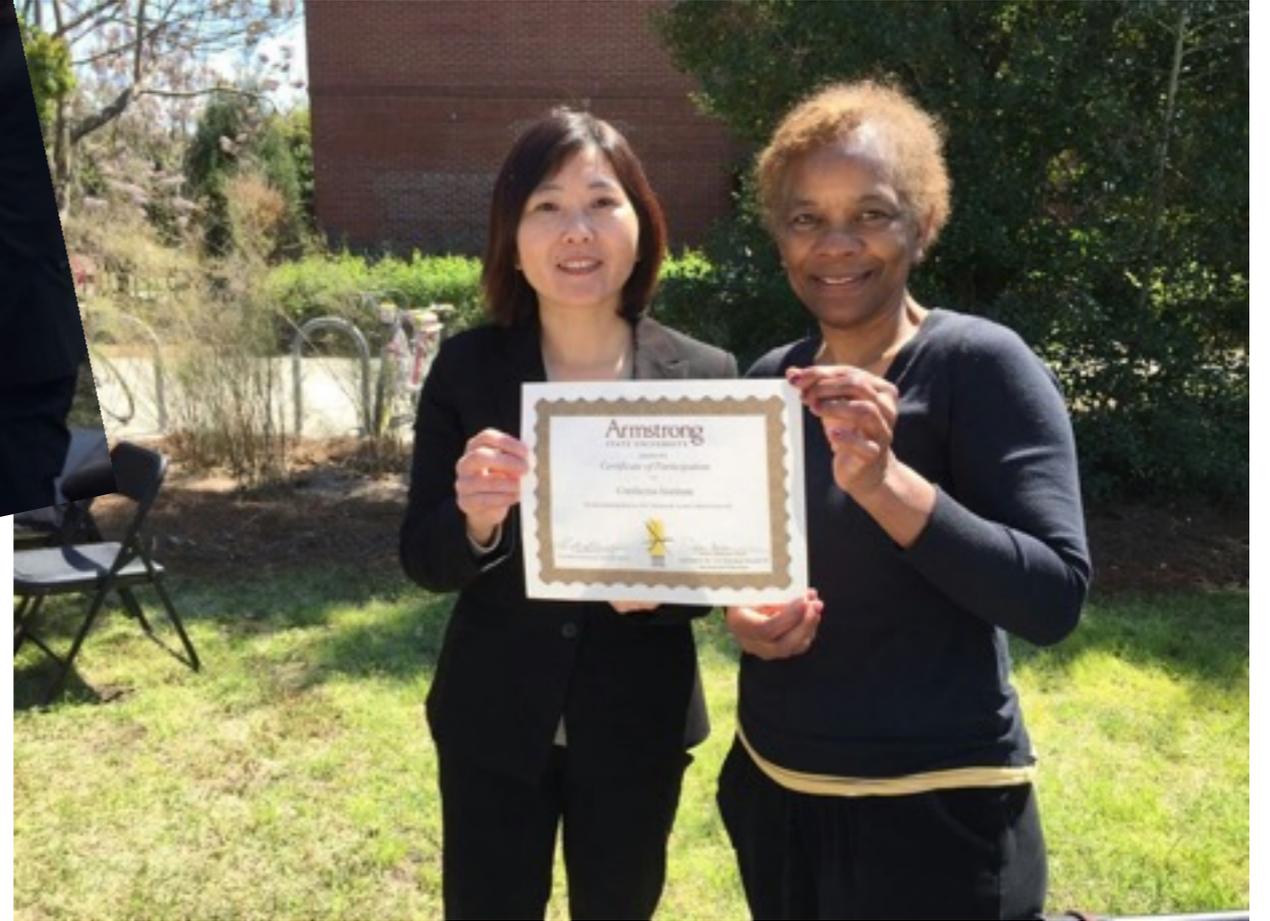
The CI at SSU presents: From Shanghai to Hollywood, “The Chinese and Chinese Cinema in America, 1896-1937, and After.
Professor Li-Lin Tseng introducing the film history of China .



Lecture on Chinese movie
中国电影讲座, 2015



Savannah Asian Festival, 2015



CI staff attended “Savannah Asia Festival” on
28th March 2015.

Director Luo and Zhang Laoshi holding a
Chinese book show

About 400 people passed our booth and
watched CI stage performances.



Gan Xiaoqing,
President of
Jiujiang University,
visited SSU on
April 12th, 2015

At least once a year, the two presidents, Dr. Gan Xiaoqing, and Dr. Cheryl Dozier, President of SSU meet to officiate over the CI Board meeting. While visiting SSU, Dr. Gan donated his latest books on *The Analects of Confucius: An Axiomatic Interpretation* and lectured on it.



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Dr. Wang Hongjie, history professor from Armstrong State University lectured on “Sichuan Food”. Sichuan is a region in Southwest China known for its spicy food.



变脸 Mask face Changing originated when ancient people painted their faces to drive away wild animals. Performers wear vividly colored masks, change from one face to another almost instantaneously with the swipe of a fan, a movement of the head, or wave of the hand.

Amazing China Opera show in
Lucas Theater
2015魅力中国京剧表演



Exhibition of Jewish refugee in Shanghai (1933-1941)

video of Jewish Refugee in Shanghai(1933-1941)

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The exhibition brings together for the first time photos, personal stories and artifacts from Shanghai's Jewish Refugee Museum

SSU Confucius Institute host
Jiangsu Normal University art
troupe at Armstrong State
University on 17th September
2015.



Funded by CI headquarter, Jiangsu NU
art troupe had toured in the US and show
traditional Chinese music(instrument) and
Martial Arts. Their first stop was
Savannah.





Teachers and students of Confucius Institute celebrate global Confucius Institute Day.

CI Day is program initiated by the CI Headquarter to celebrate the 10th anniversary of founding



Mid-Autumn Day party at Confucius Institute, staff and students of CI & exchange students from JJU are celebrating the festival together.

The Mid-Autumn festival is a harvest festival celebrated by ethnic Chinese, held on the 15th day of the eighth month in Chinese Han Calendar. Mooncakes are the food for the day.





CI students took HSK (Chinese Proficiency Test level 1 and level 2),

96% of them passed the exam and obtained the certificate of HSK level 1 and 2.

Candidates who passed HSK level 3 can apply scholarship to study to China.





CI teachers attended
“International Week ” in
Armstrong State University



SSU Open Campus Day



Great partnerships and friends for life!

Exchange Student Meeting,
Students from JJU shared their experiences on SSU campus and touring the US. SSU did the same about their visit to China and on the campus of JJU.

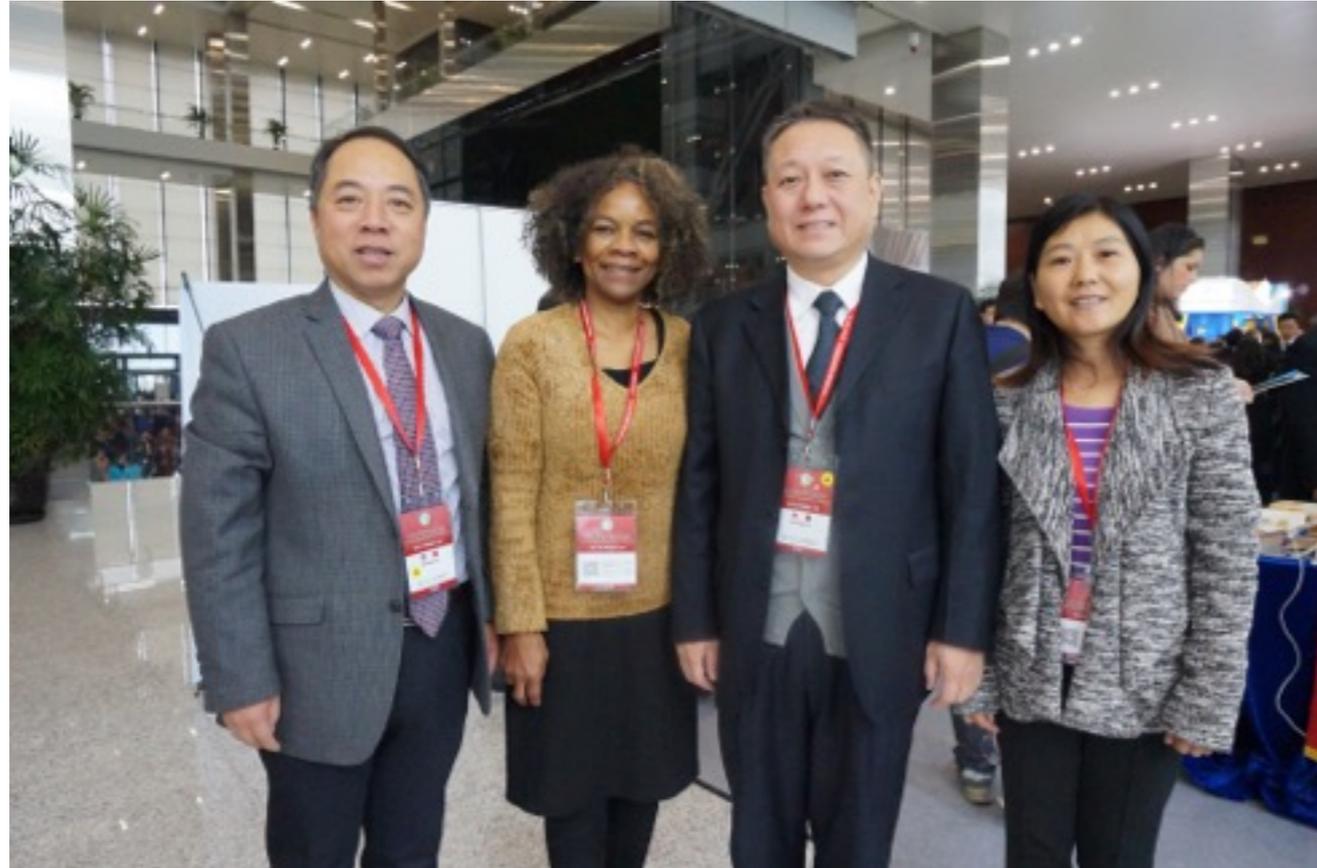




CI students and staff celebrate 2015 Spring Festival

Chinese New Year is an important Chinese festival celebrated at the turn of the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar. It is also known as the **Spring Festival**, the literal translation of the modern Chinese name. Celebrations traditionally run from the evening preceding the first day, to the Lantern Festival on the 15th day of the first calendar month.





CI Directors and Gan Xiaoqing, President of JJU, taking photo with Lv yuqi, Associate Counsel of Department of Education, Jiangxi Province.

CI Directors attending the 10th global Confucius Institute Conference held in Shanghai Expo Center.

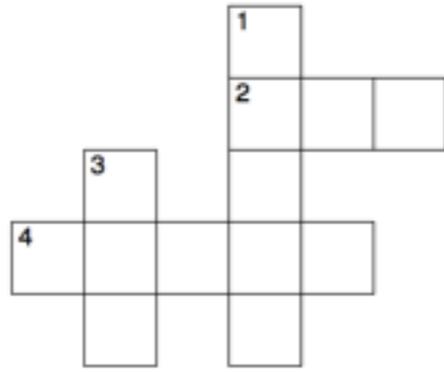


Dr Peggy Blood, with professor
Tang Tan addressing class



word puzzle answers:
1 我爱学中文
2 爱世界
3 我想你
4 我想去中国

Dr Peggy Blood, with Art and
Language professors



Answer the crossword in Chinese:

Across:

2 love the world

4 I want to go to China

Down:

1 I love learning Chinese

3 I miss you

Answers are in this newsletter



Main Chinese Holidays

New year	Jan. 1st
Chinese New Year	Jan. 8th
Tomb Sweeping Day	April 4th
Labour Day	May 1st
Dragon Boat Festival	June 9th
Mid-Autumn Festival	September
National Day	October

Up Coming Events:

1. February, Confucius Institute celebrates Chinese New Year February 8th
 2. March, music workshop with renowned Opera singer
 3. April, Acupuncture lecture and demonstration
 4. June, CI student delegation to China
 5. Monthly CI film series
- Please contact CI office for details



2016 Spring courses of Confucius Institute at SSU:

CHINESE LANGUAGES COURSES:

CI011-01 ELEMENTARY CHINESE(LEVEL 1) Mondays&Wednesdays

10:00—11:00am

CI011-02 ELEMENTARY CHINESE(LEVEL 1) Mondays&Wednesdays

5:15—6:15pm

CI011-03 ELEMENTARY CHINESE(LEVEL 1) Tuesdays&Thursdays

11:00am—12:00pm

CI011-05 ELEMENTARY CHINESE(LEVEL 1) Saturdays

10:15—11:15am

CI011-06 EXPERIENCING CHINESE (TRAVELING IN CHINA)Tuesdays&Thursdays

5:15—6:15pm

CI012-01 ELEMENTARY CHINESE(LEVEL 2) Mondays&Wednesdays

3:00—4:00pm

CI012-02 ELEMENTARY CHINESE(LEVEL 2) Saturdays

11:20am—12:20pm

CI021-01 INTERMEDIA CHINESE(LEVEL 1) Mondays&Wednesdays

6:20—7:20pm

CI021-02 INTERMEDIA CHINESE(LEVEL 1) Mondays&Tuesdays

4:00—5:00pm

CI023-01 INTERMEDIA CHINESE(LEVEL 3) Mondays&Wednesdays

12:00—1:00pm

CI031-01 ADVANCED CHINESE(LEVEL 1) Fridays 5:15-6:15, Saturdays 2-3pm



CULTURE EXPERIENCING COURSES:

CI010-01 PAPER CUTTING

Mondays&Wednesdays 12:00—1:00pm

CI010-02 TAIJI

Thursdays 6:30—7:30pm



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