

## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **The Confucius Institute at TAMCC Hosts Spring Festival Gala to Deepen China–Grenada People-to-People Exchange**

On the afternoon of February 12, the Confucius Institute at T.A. Marryshow Community College held its 2026 Spring Festival Gala under the theme “*Carrying Forward the Torch, Advancing Toward the Future.*” H.E. Yang Shu, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People’s Republic of China to Grenada, representatives of



of the College leadership, faculty and students of the Confucius Institute, as well as members of the local Chinese community gathered to celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year. Following the successful celebration of the Institute’s 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025, the event marked both a reflection on a decade of achievements and a new starting point for future development.

In their remarks, representatives of TAMCC spoke highly of the Confucius Institute’s positive role in promoting Chinese language education and enhancing China–Grenada cultural exchange. The Chinese Director of the Institute, Mr. Huang Chaozhang noted that, building on its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Institute will continue to innovate teaching approaches, deepen cooperation, and further advance China–Grenada friendship.



In his address, Ambassador Yang Shu emphasized that the Spring Festival, symbolizing reunion and hope, is the most important traditional festival of the Chinese nation. He commended the Confucius Institute for its decade-long dedication to serving the local community through systematic Chinese language instruction and diverse cultural programs, which have enhanced Grenadian understanding of Chinese culture and contributed meaningfully to bilateral friendship. He expressed hope that the Institute would achieve even greater success in the new decade.

During the event, teachers introduced Spring Festival customs and demonstrated the writing of Spring Festival couplets, creating a festive atmosphere. The cultural performances featured Chinese songs, a martial arts demonstration, a Hanfu fashion show, and Grenada's traditional Bèlè dance, showcasing the vibrant interaction between Chinese and Grenadian cultures.



Ms. Aasia Scott, a primary school winner of the 2025 Grenada “Chinese Bridge” competition shared her journey of learning Chinese, highlighting the growing enthusiasm for Chinese language study among Grenadian youth.

The gala concluded in a warm and joyful atmosphere. Faculty members of the Confucius Institute expressed their best wishes for the future through a choral performance, while the Grenadian Director, Mr. David Ambrose thanked all supporters and reaffirmed the Institute’s commitment to strengthening educational and cultural cooperation and promoting enduring China–Grenada friendship.

From a decade of dedication to a renewed journey forward, the Spring Festival Gala vividly embodied the spirit of “*Carrying Forward the Torch, Advancing Toward the Future.*” As Chinese and Grenadian cultures met and flourished together on stage, the Confucius Institute at T.A. Marryshow Community College reaffirmed its role as a bridge of language and culture, committed to writing a new chapter of friendship and cooperation in the Caribbean.



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