

## Chinese Bridge Chinese Proficiency Competition Successfully Held by the T.A. Marryshow Community College Confucius Institute



On the afternoon of May 21, 2026, local time, the finals of the 12th “Chinese Bridge” Chinese Proficiency Competition in Grenada were successfully held at the Teachers’ Education Stage and Hall of T.A. Marryshow Community College. The event was jointly organized by the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China in Grenada and the Confucius Institute at T.A. Marryshow Community College, attracting nearly one hundred Chinese language learners and teachers from primary schools, secondary schools, and colleges across Grenada.

In his opening remarks, Chinese Ambassador to Grenada Mr. Yang Shu stated that the “*Chinese Bridge*” competition serves as an important platform for Chinese language learning. Guided by the Global Civilization Initiative proposed by Chinese President, China is willing to further deepen people-to-people and cultural exchanges between China and Grenada. He encouraged students to gain a deeper understanding of China, develop an appreciation for Chinese culture, and contribute to strengthening friendship and mutual understanding between the two peoples.



H.E. Ambassador Yang Shu



*Zaeda Ashton from St. Louis Girls Roman Catholic School*



*Annia St. Bernard from Beacon Junior School*

The competition featured three divisions: primary school, secondary school, and college. Thirteen contestants from four schools competed on the same stage. Through themed speeches and talent performances, participants demonstrated impressive Chinese language skills and a strong passion for Chinese culture. During the speech segment, contestants shared heartfelt stories about their journey of learning Chinese. The talent showcases featured songs, dances, martial arts, and Chinese calligraphy, earning enthusiastic applause from the audience throughout the event.



*Primary school contestant with coach Ms. Zhang Xiaoying*



*Ms. Rebecca Bennet with Gabrielle Sylvester, winner of the College division*

During the competition, Ms. Rebecca Bennett, champion of the 2025 college division, was invited to share her experiences from participating in exchange activities in China through the “Chinese Bridge” program, inspiring more young people in Grenada to pursue their Chinese-learning dreams.

After intense competition, Annia St. Bernard from Beacon Junior School, Athya Zara Felix from Anglican High School, and Gabrielle Sylvester from T.A. Marryshow Community College won the championships in the primary school, secondary school, and college divisions respectively. They will represent Grenada in the global finals to be held in Beijing.



In his closing remarks, Mr. David Ambrose, Grenadian Director of the Confucius Institute at T.A. Marryshow Community College, highly praised the successful organization of the competition and encouraged more young students to actively learn Chinese and become ambassadors of cultural exchange between Grenada and China.

Serving as a bridge of language and culture, the “*Chinese Bridge*” competition not only provided students in Grenada with a platform to showcase their talents and exchange ideas, but also further promoted the development of Chinese language education locally, injecting new vitality into cultural exchanges and friendship between China and Grenada. Moving forward, the Confucius Institute will continue to promote Chinese language education and cultural exchange, helping more young people in Grenada connect with the world through Chinese.

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