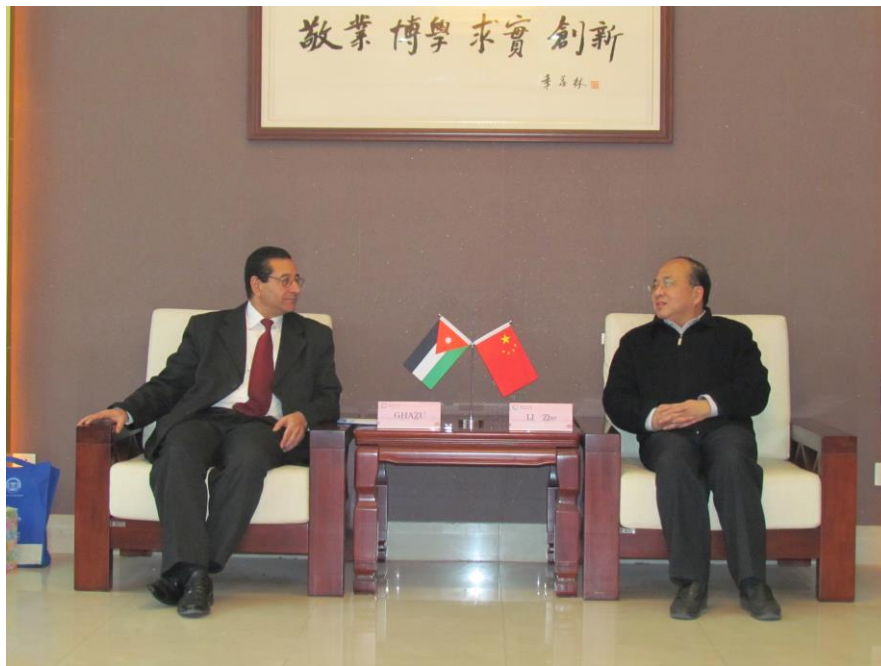


Jordanian Director of Confucius Institute at Philadelphia University, Jordan, Dr. Ghazu's Visit to Liaocheng University, China

From 16th to 18th December the 7th Global Conference of Confucius Institutes was held in Beijing, China. Delegates of 400 Confucius Institutes from 108 countries, about 2100 people attended, including 50 ambassadors and consulates, more than 100 university presidents and educational officials from different countries.



The annual conference of the Confucius institutes around the globe aims to foster close cooperation and exchange by drawing on the past experience, and advance the development of the Confucius institutes in a rapid and sound manner.

Up to now, there have been 400 Confucius institutes and over 500 Confucius classrooms set up in 108 countries. The number of students taking all kinds of Chinese tests has amounted to 500,000.

The Confucius Institute of Philadelphia University of Jordan and Chinese Liaocheng University participated the conference, represented by the Jordanian director Dr. Mohamed Ghazu and the Chinese director Dr. Li Zhiling, who exchanged relevant information about the development of Confucius Institutes. After the conference, being invited, Dr. Ghazu visited the co-sponsor of Chinese Liaocheng University. The chairman of university council of Liaocheng University Dr. Li Zhe, vice president Wang Qiang, in charge foreign affairs, and Professor Liu Sheng, director of school of international education, held an interview with Dr. Ghazu. The two sides made a wide range discussion about the development of Confucius Institute at Philadelphia University and potentials of further bilateral cooperation between the two universities. Afterwards, Dr. Ghazu paid a visit to the home of Confucius (551-479BCE), the most

important philosopher, politician, educator, and also the thinker who laid down the ethical and spiritual frame for the Chinese people and people of the eastern and south eastern Asian area.

The theme of this year's Confucius Institute Conference is to facilitate the integration of Confucius institute into the host universities and local communities. And the Confucius Institute at Philadelphia University is about to offer a Chinese course for the students of Philadelphia University, plus various short term language teaching courses for learners from different walks of life at the Confucius Institute located on the 7th floor of Abu Al Haj Commercial Complex.