

国际中文日: 以语言为桥, 以文化为魂

International Chinese Language Day: Building Bridges with Language, Connecting Souls with Culture

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国际中文日活动合影

Group photo of the International Chinese Language Day activities.

4月20日, 恰逢中国传统二十四节气中的“谷雨”, 我们迎来了温馨而富有意义的国际中文日。当天, 中国国际文化基金会体验中国文化基金联合中央民族大学国际教育学院, 共同举办2026年国际中文日主题交流会。这场以语言为桥梁、以文化为灵魂的交流互动, 既饱含对中

April 20 marks Guyu (Grain Rain), one of China's traditional 24 solar terms, and brings us the warm and meaningful International Chinese Language Day. On the same day, the Experience China Culture Fund of China International Culture Foundation, together with the School of International Education at Minzu University of China, co-hosted the 2026 International Chinese Language Day Thematic Exchange Event. This exchange activity, with language as the bridge and culture as the soul, embodies profound respect for



活动现场诗词鉴赏环节

The poetry appreciation session at the event site.

华文字的敬意，也为中外文明互鉴搭建了坚实平台。

国际中文日源自联合国中文日，于2010年由联合国新闻部（现全球传播部）正式设立。其初衷是庆祝世界语言与文化的多样性，推动中文及联合国其他五种官方语言平等使用。同年，经国内专家论证，中国常驻联合国代表团向联合国提议，将中文日固定在每年4月20日“谷雨”节气，以此纪念“中华文字始祖”仓颉造字的伟大贡献。

相传仓颉是上古黄帝时期的史官，他遍历山川、观察天地万物与鸟兽行迹，从自然规律中参悟道理，最终创造出承载华夏文明的汉字，被后世尊为“造字

Chinese characters and establishes a solid platform for mutual learning between Chinese and foreign civilizations.

International Chinese Language Day originated from UN Chinese Language Day, officially established in 2010 by the United Nations Department of Public Information (now the Department of Global Communications). Its original purpose is to celebrate the diversity of world languages and cultures, and to promote the equal use of Chinese and the other five official languages of the United Nations. In the same year, following professional deliberation by domestic experts, the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations proposed to the United Nations that Chinese Language Day be fixed on April 20 (Guyu) every year, in memory of the great contribution of Cang Jie—the "ancestor of Chinese characters"—to the invention of writing.

According to legend, Cang Jie was a historian under the Yellow Emperor in ancient times. He traveled across famous mountains and great rivers, observed all things in nature and the tracks of birds and beasts, and comprehended truth from the patterns of nature. He eventually created Chinese



活动现场鸟型字讲解

Explanation of the bird-shaped characters at the event site.

圣人”。《淮南子·本经训》中记载：“昔者仓颉作书，而天雨粟，鬼夜哭。”这一传说既凸显了汉字诞生的划时代意义，也体现了古人对文字的敬畏与尊崇。如今，这份敬意正随着国际中文日的推广，传递到世界各地。

活动现场氛围热烈、暖意融融。主办方领导现场致辞，多位深耕传统文化的嘉宾围绕书法、诗词、刻瓷、鸟虫篆、剪纸等经典非遗项目，分享创作心得与文化热爱。嘉宾们与留学生面对面交流、答疑解惑，分享真挚动人，互动温暖有力。

国际中文日的意义，远不止于推广中文这门语言。作为世界上最古老且仍

characters that carry Chinese civilization, and was honored by later generations as the "Sage of Character Creation". As recorded in Huainanzi · Ben Jing Xun: "When Cang Jie invented writing, millet rained down from heaven and ghosts wept at night." This legend highlights the epoch-making significance of the birth of Chinese characters and reflects the ancient people's reverence and esteem for writing. Today, this respect is spreading to all corners of the world along with the promotion of International Chinese Language Day.

The event was held in a warm and lively atmosphere. Leaders of the organizers delivered speeches. Distinguished guests deeply engaged in traditional Chinese culture shared their creative insights and cultural passion around classic intangible cultural heritage projects such as Chinese calligraphy, poetry, porcelain engraving, bird-insect seal script, and paper-cutting. The guests communicated face-to-face with international students, answered questions, and offered sincere and heartfelt sharing with warm and meaningful interactions.

The significance of International Chinese Language Day



活动现场国际学生舞龙

International students performing the dragon dance at the event site.

在广泛使用的语言之一，中文字形优美、内涵深厚，承载着数千年的东方智慧。这个节日旨在让世界各地的人们透过文字，读懂背后的历史、哲学与生活文化。

每年国际中文日期间，全球多地都会举办汉字讲解、书法体验、诗词赏析、传统非遗展示、中外文化交流等活动，让更多人走近中文、感受中华文化的独特魅力。

简言之，国际中文日是一座沟通的桥梁：让世界更好地读懂中文，让中文更好地连接世界。

goes far beyond promoting the Chinese language. As one of the oldest and still widely used languages in the world, Chinese features elegant forms and profound connotations, carrying thousands of years of Eastern wisdom. This festival aims to help people around the world understand the history, philosophy and lifestyle behind the language through Chinese characters.

During International Chinese Language Day every year, various events are held around the world, including lectures on Chinese characters, calligraphy experiences, poetry appreciation, traditional intangible cultural heritage exhibitions, and cultural exchanges between China and foreign countries, enabling more people to get close to Chinese and experience the unique charm of Chinese culture.

In short, International Chinese Language Day is a bridge of communication: helping the world better understand Chinese, and enabling Chinese to better connect the world.