



Chinese Language Extension Course for Buddhist Monks Confucius Institute, Faculty of Arts University of Colombo

Introduction

The Confucius Institute of the University of Colombo has introduced following three Course Units for Buddhist monk students in three steps:

- i. Chinese Language for Beginners
- ii. Intermediate Chinese Language
- iii. Buddhist Chinese Language

The first step will start with the Chinese Language for Beginners course unit and it will provide the basic knowledge in Chinese language. At present, it is being conducted by the Confucius Institute for external students.

It is planned to introduce two more course modules: Intermediate Chinese Language and Buddhist Chinese Language as the second and the third steps.

Intermediate Chinese Language course module will be designed as a further continuation of Chinese language knowledge which gain after reading the first course module.

Buddhist Chinese Language course module will be designed with the purpose of providing Buddhist Chinese language skill for Buddhist monk students as they can read and understand the Chinese Buddhist texts.

This Chinese language skill is useful for Buddhist monks to engage in comparative researches between Mahayana Buddhism in China and Theravada Buddhism in Sri Lanka. This will also help them to participate in cultural exchange programs of two countries.

Course Fee

The course fee for a candidate is as follows:

For the first step: twenty thousand rupees (20000), the second step: twenty five thousand rupees (25000), for the third steps: thirty thousand rupees (30000).

Eligibility

No prior Chinese language knowledge is essential. As a minimum entry qualification, candidates should pass at least G.C.E. Ordinary levels. But the priority will be given to those who have passed Bachelor of Arts in Buddhist Studies degree. Expected number of candidates is thirty (30). Since the course fees are provided only for the thirty Buddhist monks, an interview will be held to select the required number.

Time and Place

Each course module has sixty (60) teaching hours. The classes will be conducted on Saturdays afternoon 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm, except holidays. The Classes will be conducted at the Confucius Institute of the Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo.

Teaching Staff

Qualified Chinese language teachers of the Confucius Institute of the University of Colombo will conduct the classes