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DLIFLC students shine at 36th Mandarin Speech Contest

By 1st Lt. Scott R. Ghiringhelli

Public speaking can strike fear into even the most courageous among us, imposing greater dread than the prospect of disease or even death. To speak well in public is an enviable accomplishment, and to do it in a foreign language is an even loftier achievement.

Students of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center's (DLIFLC) Chinese department attended the 36th Mandarin Speech Contest organized by the Chinese Language Teachers Association of California (CLTAC). The event was held at Lowell High School in San Francisco on Saturday, April 30, 2011.

Following the opening ceremony, students broke out into different classrooms divided into elemen-



tary school, middle school, high school, and college. Each classroom had Mandarin speakers to judge the speeches being given, some of whom were among the 48 DLIFLC faculty and staff who volunteered their time as judges and organizers.

Each category was broken out into further divisions based on language proficiency.

Performances ranged from nervous and reluctant to confident and dynamic, but everyone who willingly stood up and gave a speech in Mandarin Chinese had good reason to be proud.

Family and friends of the contestants were treated to traditional and contemporary cultural entertainment while waiting for students to finish giving their speeches and for the results to be tallied. Acts included music, dancing, martial arts, and a spectacular performance of a traditional Chinese folk song performed

by Yun Zhang, an instructor at DLIFLC, and one of her Mandarin Chinese students, Petty Officer 2nd Class Alexander Stewart, who is in his first semester at DLIFLC. The song included language far beyond Stewart's current proficiency level, but he was able to master the song and give a stunning performance.

The poem describes a mother who sends her dutiful son off to the military, and then moves through each season reflecting on how they each remind her of him. Zhang and Stewart sang the parts of mother and son respectfully.

Stewart, who has had little experience performing, was somewhat overwhelmed singing in front of the approximately 1,500 people who populated the auditorium, but came through it brilliantly alongside Zhang's equally impressive talent.

"It went better than I expected. I didn't totally lose it and just stand there on stage," said Stewart. Ironically, the last time Stewart performed in front of people was the last time he was at DLIFLC studying Spanish, when he sang "La Camisa Negra."

Eighty-two DLIFLC students volunteered their off-duty time to prepare and participate in the competition, placing in nearly all levels of the college categories -- five first place trophies, six second place, six third place, and 25 honorable mentions. Among the many winners were Seaman Stephanie Concepcion, who earned an honorable



mention in her division, and Airman 1st Class Matthew Sindelar, who placed first in his division.

“Learning the language is hard, but it’s fun. It’s really challenging,” said Concepcion, who came to DLIFLC with an interest in Asian history and wanting to study an Asian language. She was surprised to find that there were many contestants who did not have Chinese heritage. “I saw a lot of different ethnicities. It shows that people want to understand Chinese culture. It [the competition] brought a lot of people together, whether they were Chinese or not.”

Sindelar was equally impressed by the competition and its positive impact on the community. “People don’t know a lot about Chinese culture or Chinese language,” said Sindelar, who went on to express the importance of these kinds of events in order to encourage cultural diversity.

This was not Sindelar’s first taste of success, however. He also took first place at the 7th Chinese Language Bridge Cup Competition, held on February 26 in San Francisco, and has been invited by the Chinese government to travel to China and participate in the next level of competition.

Sindelar originally wanted to study Russian, but now couldn’t be happier studying Chinese Mandarin. “I love it; I couldn’t imagine studying any other language.”

Though some may not have fared as well as they would have liked in the competition, each and every student contributed to the language event, reinforcing the heritage of some, introducing Mandarin culture to others, and promoting cultural diversity for all.

Stage Entertainment

Masters of Ceremony: Mr. Niniv Ibrahim and SFC Ryan McCraw

Event	Time
Color Guard / National Anthem	10:00 - 10:06 a.m.
Uzbek Fashion Show & Dance	10:06 - 10:12 a.m.
Indonesian Kecak Dance	10:12 - 10:20 a.m.
Hindi Fashion Show	10:20 - 10:26 a.m.
Urdu Fashion Show	10:26 - 10:34 a.m.
Hebrew Song & Dance	10:34 - 10:42 a.m.
Chinese Tai Chi	10:42 - 10:50 a.m.
Iraqi Dance	10:50 - 11:00 a.m.
Welcome Remarks	11:00 - 11:06 a.m.
Chinese Dragon Dance	11:06 - 11:21 a.m.
Korean Fan Dance	11:21 - 11:28 a.m.
Philippine Native Dance	11:28 - 11:32 a.m.
Philippine Cultural Dance	11:32 - 11:37 a.m.
Arabic Zumba	11:37 - 11:49 a.m.
Persian Farsi Dance	11:49 - 12:00 p.m.
Moscow Quadrille: Russian Folk Dance Competition	12:00 - 12:05 p.m.
Iraqi Folkloric Dance	12:05 - 12:10 p.m.
German Dance	12:10 - 12:16 p.m.
Japanese Folk Dance	12:16 - 12:26 p.m.
Spanish Dance - Merengue/Salsa	12:26 - 12:34 p.m.
Serbian/Croatian Musical	12:34 - 12:39 p.m.
Iraqi Fashion Show	12:39 - 12:50 p.m.
Afghan Wedding	12:50 - 12:56 p.m.
Pashto Traditional Dance	12:56 - 1:01 p.m.
Assyrian - Iraqi Dance	1:01 - 1:11 p.m.
Spanish -Tango, Salsa	1:11 - 1:16 p.m.
Urdu Dance	1:16 - 1:23 p.m.
Traditional Korean Percussion	1:23 - 1:29 p.m.
Thai Dance	1:29 - 1:35 p.m.
Chinese Dance	1:35 - 1:40 p.m.
Leadership Remarks	1:40 - 1:44 p.m.
Japanese Martial Arts	1:44 - 1:54 p.m.
Chinese Duet	1:54 - 1:58 p.m.
Arabic Dancing	1:58 - 2:08 p.m.
Spanish Guitar	2:08 - 2:12 p.m.
Chinese Singing	2:12 - 2:20 p.m.
Iraqi Singing	2:20 - 2:26 p.m.
Arabic Poetry Recital	2:26 - 2:36 p.m.
Russian Choir: Russian Folk, Cossack & Urban Songs	2:36 - 2:42 p.m.
Urdu Song	2:42 - 2:52 p.m.
Chinese Modern Dance	2:52 - 3:00 p.m.
Arabic Song	3:00 - 3:06 p.m.
Closing Remarks	3:06 - 3:10 p.m.
Retirement of Colors	3:10 - 3:12 p.m.

Classroom

Bldg 617, Aiso Library Program for Educators

10:15 – 11:00: Interactive Speaking Activities

11:15 – 12:00: Mobile Assisted Language Learning

12:15 – 13:00: Tasks on the fly: Adapting What You Have to What You Need

13:15 – 14:00: Enhancing Language Learning through Intercultural Awareness Activities

Bldg 618, Munzer Hall, Auditorium

Program for Educators

10:15 – 11:00: From Visual to Verbal, Using Art to Enhance Language Learning

11:15 – 12:00: Text-to-Speech Technology as a Writing Tool

12:15 – 13:00: Teaching Grammar: From Theory to Practice

13:15 – 14:00: Skill Integration through Meaningful Tasks in the Foreign Language Classroom

Bldg 619, Nakamura Hall

Cultural Demo/Displays

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Japanese Display	205, 207
Tagalog Demo	111
Tagalog Display	112
Thai Demo	212
Thai Display	213

Korean Demo	202
Korean Display	204
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Bldg 619 – Nakamura Auditorium

Program for Students and Educators

10:30 – 12:00: Language Learner Support Services at DLIFLC

12:30 – 13:15: “Be a Military Linguist”

Bldg 620, Nisei Hall

Classroom Demo/Displays

1st Floor

Language:	Rooms:
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Iraqi Demos	Freedom Hall
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Bldg 624, Pomerene Hall
Mock Oral Proficiency
Interview (OPI)

How well do you speak a foreign language?
 Take the OPI and find out!

11:00am – 1:00pm

Language:	Room:
Arabic	105
Chinese	111
French	127, 129
German	131
Korean	133
Pashto & Dari	109
Persian Farsi	107
Russian	113
Spanish	121, 123, 125

Bldg 624, Pomerene Hall,
Auditorium
Broadband Language
Training System (BLTS)

Distance Learning Language
 Demonstration Sessions:

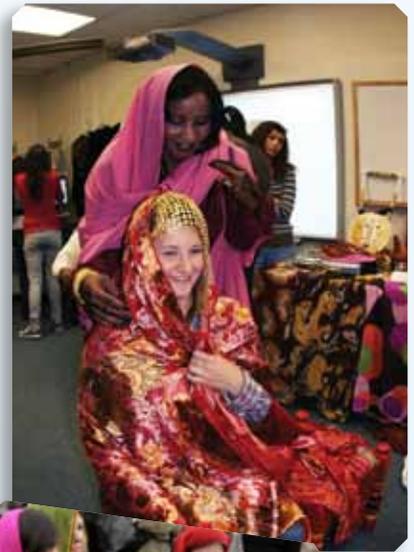
- View live virtual classes in session
- Interact with an instructor in various languages
- Continuous running of BLTS Demo on the SmartBoard™ for Q&A

1st Session: **9:00am – 11:00am**
 2nd Session: **11:00am – 1:00pm**
 3rd Session: **1:00pm – 3:00pm**

Language Science & Technology
Computerized Language Learning

10:00 – 15:00: Interactive Demonstrations throughout the day.

Bldg 624, Pomerene Hall,
 Language Lab



DON'T MISS ALL THE GREAT ACTIVITIES WE HAVE IN STORE FOR YOU! Have your name written in a foreign language, learn customs and traditions of foreign cultures, or try on traditional attire.
TODAY IS NOT A DAY TO BE SHY





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CAPTAIN MAGSIG AVE

