

## **“Annual ‘Chinese Bridge’ Mandarin Speech Contest for BC University Students” (since 2003)**

The Canadian TCSL Association has been the major organizer of this signature event since 2003 with contestants hailing from all the major universities and colleges in the Province of British Columbia. Some of the prize winners also moved on to compete in the international Chinese speech contests in China, the largest in the world and won scholarships to further their Chinese studies there. Some have become well known TV hosts or worked in business, media or education sectors across the Greater China area as well as in North America. The contests and contestants have been regularly featured in both local and international media.

Here is the chronological rundown of the contests ever since its inception. The venue has been at British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT Downtown Campus) unless noted otherwise.

March 16, 2003 (UBC)	March 7 and 14 2004 (UBC)	April 10, 2005 (UBC)
April 9 2006	April 15 2007	March 30 2008
March 8 2009	March 28 2010	March 19 2011
March 17 2012	March 13 2013	March 23 2014
March 21 2015	March 19 2016	March 11 2017
March 17 2018	March 16 2019	

## **Annual ‘Chinese Bridge’ Mandarin Speech Contest for BC Elementary and High School Students” (since 2012)**

Recognizing the need to promote Chinese learning beyond the post-secondary level and at a younger age, the Canadian TCSL Association has been actively involved in adjudicating this most recently added annual K-12 Mandarin Speech Contest since 2012. It has been held at Confucius Institute in Coquitlam, Coquitlam School Board, Coquitlam, BC. Participants come from both public and private schools in Metro Vancouver area ranging from K to Grade 12. This event provides a valuable opportunity for post-secondary Chinese professionals to connect with the school teachers in the province for a better understanding of and articulation for Chinese teaching at the elementary and secondary levels. The contests and contestants have been featured in both local and international media.

April 15 2012;	May 5 2013;	May 4 2014;
May 3 2015;	May 1 2016;	May 5, 2017;
May 6, 2018;	May 5, 2019;	