



# Mandarin



Durban

## **Mandarin**

## **Programme overview & objectives:**

This course will serve to boost and benefit the China-South Africa collaborations in education, culture, trade, economic and maritime relations. There are approximately 1.2 billion Mandarin speakers in the world and therefore working knowledge of Mandarin will assist delegates that are required to do business with China.

## How you will benefit. You will learn to:

- Understand the development of the Chinese language, the main linguistic features of Mandarin, and to have a general impression of what the language is like
- Apply basic Mandarin *pinyin*, pronunciation, vocabulary and grammatical structures by focusing on Mandarin listening, speaking, reading and simple Chinese character writing
- Acquire some basic knowledge and preliminary understanding of conversational Mandarin, and to develop the ability to speak Mandarin in different contexts
- Begin developing language proficiency towards sitting for Chinese Language Tests like HSK, HSKK, etc. (to facilitate the delegates to study, work in China or to do business with the Chinese counterparts)
- Understand the Chinese language within a specific framework and speak basic Mandarin in simple dialogue by engaging in topic-related conversations
- · Learn basic elements of Chinese language and culture
- · Write at least 100 Chinese characters

## **Key focus areas:**

- To greet people; to talk about oneself, family, time, weather, food, country, hometown, social life, likes and dislikes etc.
- Chinese rich cultural elements like Chinese tea and tea ceremony, Chinese folk dances, Chinese martial arts, Chinese paper-cutting art, etc.
- · Chinese character writing/Chinese calligraphy

#### Who should attend:

Anyone interested in Chinese language and culture; those who aim to do business with Chinese companies; those who want to find a job in Chinese companies or joint venture companies in South Africa; or those who have an overseas work/study plan in China.

## **Entrance requirements:**

No prior knowledge of Chinese language is required

#### **Programme fee:**

The programme fee of R4 000 (incl. VAT) covers tuition and instruction material

## Facilitators include:



#### Dr Eddie Chaobo Fu

Eddie is an academic from Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University in Fuzhou, China. He is designated as the co-dean of DUT Confucius Institute by Chinese HANBAN/Confucius Institute Headquarters in Beijing since February 2014. He is a language and culture teacher, researcher and scholar, and his doctoral background is on Chinese agricultural economy and management. Eddie has served in various language

teaching and research academic associations in China; and from 2006-2009, he served as a consul in the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Johannesburg.



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#### **Duration:**

12 sessions - 3 hours, one session per week over 12 successive weeks (3 months)

#### Dates:

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