

# Adults CSL - Learning Conversational Mandarin

## Introduction of This Ongoing Program at the CCCCA!



- ▶ A distinctive milestone to promote and popularize Mandarin Chinese in Greater Cleveland
- ▶ A special and affordable opportunity exclusively offered by the Cleveland Contemporary Chinese Culture Association to teach conversational Mandarin, which helps promote perspectives and understanding between cultures.
- ▶ CCCCA is seeking to expand and develop this program in both depth and scope, to reveal great opportunities found in learning Chinese.

## Importance and Benefits of Learning Mandarin in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

- ▶ Growing influences of the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest economy in terms of Chinese culture, language, and custom
- ▶ Growing popularity in learning Mandarin Chinese compared with other foreign languages
- ▶ Increasing needs and interests in learning Chinese culture, etiquette, and short conversations in global business world



## Course Meeting Time and Place

- ▶ 2pm to 3:30pm on Sunday from September 2013 to June 2014
- ▶ Solon High School – Classroom 175B

## Lecture Design, Teaching Environment, and Class Activities

- ▶ Continued learning using the textbook from Beijing Foreign Language Institution:
  - Basic Mandarin Chinese listening comprehension
  - Dialogue training and exercise with the instructor and team members
  - Simple Mandarin phonetic rules to help the pronunciations
  - The fundamental structure of characters of simplified Chinese
- ▶ A variety of class discussions to cover cultures, daily life, travels, etiquette, and more
- ▶ Casual, flexible, conversational, open discussions, and customized lectures based on individual needs or special occasions



## A Brief Background of the Instructor

- ▶ Educational Management major from a well-known university in Beijing China
- ▶ More than 5 years of training / teaching experiences in Beijing with articulate Mandarin pronunciations
- ▶ U.S. MBA degree and have been working at a multinational corporation with great exposures to a variety of cultures
- ▶ Being responsible, enthusiastic, considerate, outspoken, and approachable



## From the Existing Students

Student A – “I have tried many types of learning tools to attempt to learn Mandarin Chinese. By far this class was the most useful tool ever. The class has it challenging points by earning a tonal language like Mandarin, yet you are an excellent teacher to still keep it challenging, fun, relaxing, and supplied an environment for learning. I also liked being in a small enough class that gave me the chance to be with peers that were also trying to learn together.”

Student B – “I liked that the class included many cultural dates, holidays, and history into the lecture. China is so rich with history, and this was very educational.”