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## Cerritos College celebrates Chinese culture and learning with Lantern Festival

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**NORWALK, Calif. – March 8, 2024** – Cerritos College hosted a Chinese Lantern Festival on March 5. The event featured an engaging lesson on the history of lanterns, storytelling, sampling of traditional Lantern Festival foods, and workshops on calligraphy, painting, and lantern-making.

During the festival, 21 students received a certificate for completing the college's seven-week online Mandarin class for beginners, which was provided in partnership with the University of Taipei. The class is offered by the college's community education department and serves as an introduction to Mandarin conversations. The next session will begin on March 19.



Lantern Festival participants

Additionally, attendees learned about the college's Taiwan study abroad program, which will be offered this summer. The program includes a three-week cultural immersion experience at Providence University, located in Taichung City, Taiwan, featuring Mandarin language instruction and cultural excursions.

View the [January announcement](#) for more information about the Study Abroad program and the Mandarin class.

The event was made possible by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO), the Taipei City Education Department, the University of Taipei, Cerritos Chinese School, Cerritos College Chinese Club, Cerritos College Enlightened Learning Club, and Cerritos College Trustee Dr. Shin Liu.

**About Cerritos College:** Cerritos College serves as a comprehensive community college for southeastern Los Angeles County. Communities within the college's district include Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Norwalk, and portions of Bell Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Santa Fe Springs, and South Gate. Cerritos College offers degrees and certificates in more than 180 areas of study in nine divisions. Annually, more than 1,200 students successfully complete their course of studies. Enrollment currently averages 21,000 students. Visit Cerritos College online at <http://www.cerritos.edu/>.

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