



香港中文大學 雅禮中國語文研習所  
Yale-China Chinese Language Centre  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong



# Foundation Certificate Programme in Chinese (Putonghua) for Non-Chinese Speakers

非華語人士普通話基礎證書課程

New **Evening** Classes in **January, April, July & October**

New **Saturday** Classes in **January, May & September**

<Foundation Certificate in Chinese (Putonghua) for Non-Chinese Speakers> is recognized under the Qualifications Framework.  
The programme title is changed with effect from January 2020.

**Listening**

**Speaking**

**Reading**

**Writing**

*Putonghua*, also known as Mandarin, the standard speech and the official language of mainland China spoken by more than 1 billion native speakers, is increasingly regarded as the language with equal importance to English. Along with the booming economy and the numerous business opportunities related to China, learning Putonghua seems becoming inevitable for many, and the education systems in some foreign countries have made learning of Putonghua compulsory to students.

# The Centre

Founded in 1963 under the joint auspices of New Asia College and the Yale-China Association, the Centre became part of the CUHK in 1974 and has been responsible for the teaching of Chinese language (Putonghua and Cantonese) of University students as well as other Putonghua and Cantonese learners. Courses are offered in two different series: for non-native Chinese speakers and for native Chinese speakers. All the series have different levels to meet the needs and aptitude of students.

## The Programme

The programme aims to give all-rounded training in Chinese (Putonghua) with emphasis on oral skill and listening comprehension. All the four language functions namely listening, speaking, reading and writing will be taught. The programme consists of proficiency-oriented activities based on useful vocabulary items, daily expressions and a wide variety of patterns. Simplified Chinese characters will be taught in ALL Putonghua courses. For reference only, students are usually expected to spend no less than 4 hours a week on revision to make progress.

The *Elementary Courses* familiarize students with the fundamental pronunciation in Putonghua through different activities. By the end of the courses, students are expected to use Putonghua to solve daily problems in a limited way.

### Elementary to Intermediate courses

Module 1 (PP2101) Elementary Putonghua I	The sounds and tones of <i>Putonghua</i> (“Hanyu Pinyin” or <i>Putonghua</i> Phonetics), classroom expressions. Topics: what is your name; who is he; is that the office; is the teacher here; where are you going; where is the station; what do you want to do.	40 sessions	3 credits
Module 2 (PP2102) Elementary Putonghua II	Revision on <i>Putonghua</i> sounds, tones and expression. Topics: what do you like to eat; how much is it; when will we go; when will you be free; please ask someone to give me a call; what is the best way to go somewhere.	40 sessions	3 credits
Module 3 (PP2103) Upper Elementary Putonghua I	Topics: introducing someone; inviting someone for sport; my favorite food; is the shopping mall far from here.	40 sessions	3 credits
Module 4 (PP2104) Upper Elementary Putonghua II	Topics: holiday plan; talking about previous trips; transportation and accommodation; sick leave.	40 sessions	3 credits
Module 5 (PP2105) Intermediate Putonghua I	Topics: visiting a friend; chatting with roommate; taking a taxi; entertainment; making traveling plan.	40 sessions	3 credits
Module 6 (PP2106) Intermediate Putonghua II	Topics: applying visa; buying tickets; making reservation; seeing a doctor; farewell.	40 sessions	3 credits
Module 7 (PP2107) Upper Intermediate Putonghua I	Topics: reunion; self-introduction at intermediate level; a letter from a long-time friend; making recommendations; renting a house; expressing gratitude for a favor; inviting friends for dinner.	40 sessions	3 credits
Module 8 (PP2108) Upper Intermediate Putonghua II	Topics: hobbies; convincing friends to quit bad habits; sports; health issues; appreciating a film; recommending films to friends; musical talent and concert; requesting for a make-up test; seasons and fashion; differences between two countries.	40 sessions	3 credits

Upon *Intermediate and Advanced level*, the courses focus on the use of more vocabulary and grammar structures, fluency in speaking practice in real life settings, and the appropriateness in application. By the end of the courses, students are expected to use Putonghua at sentence or paragraph levels; to be able to participate in simple conversations on predictable topics, obtain information by asking and answering questions, combine learned materials to communicate personal meanings, can satisfy basic personal needs and social demands.

### Intermediate to Advanced courses\*

Module 9 (PP2109) Putonghua Advanced Starter I	<i>CLCP3313 Application of Vocabulary &amp; Grammar III</i> Topics: discussing travel plans, safety first, hospitalization, whom do the children resemble, to mail a greeting card.	40 sessions	3 credits
Module 10 (PP2110) Putonghua Advanced Starter II	<i>CLCP3323 Oral Skill Practice III</i> Topics: the missing wallet, looking for a job, buying a computer, the news media, a get together.	40 sessions	3 credits
Module 11 (PP2111) Putonghua Advanced Starter III	<i>CLCP3333 Communication in Context III</i> Topics: a travel in China, look for a better job, seize the chance, a new page in life, a happy living.	40 sessions	3 credits
Module 12 (PP2112) Putonghua Advanced Starter IV	<i>CLCP3343 Listening and Reading Comprehensions Skills III</i> Topics: describing appearance, clothing, cooking and recipe, household decorations, work and profession	40 sessions	3 credits
Module 13 (PP2113) Putonghua Advanced Starter V	<i>CLCP3353 Basic Presentation Skills &amp; Daily Situations III</i> Topics: vacation, medical attendance, news and magazines, family and marriage, lifestyle	40 sessions	3 credits
Module 14 (PP2114) Advanced Putonghua IA	<i>CLCP4413 News Media I (A)</i> Topics: contest and voting, survey and statistics, natural hazards, environmental protection.	40 sessions	3 credits
Module 15 (PP2115) Advanced Putonghua IB	<i>CLCP4413 News Media I (B)</i> Topics: official announcement, health and medical, consumer complaints, ordinance and regulations.	40 sessions	3 credits
Module 16 (PP2116) Advanced Putonghua II	<i>CLCP4443 Communication Skills on Business Topics I</i> Topics: the economic development of HK, competitiveness, from primary industry to tertiary industry.	40 sessions	3 credits
Module 17 (PP2117) Advanced Putonghua III	<i>CLCP4543A Communication Skills on Business Topics IIA</i> An advanced course designed to familiarize students with a wide range of business and economy-related topics such as recruitment, selling and placing orders, together with functional expressions such as to hint, to warn, to suggest and to express satisfaction or dissatisfaction.	40 sessions	3 credits
Module 18 (PP2118) Advanced Putonghua IV	<i>CLCP4543B Communication Skills on Business Topics IIB</i> A continuation of CLCP4443 and 4543A, designed to familiarize students with a wide range of business and economy-related topics such as pricing and shipping, together with functional expressions such as to compare, to predict, to illustrate and expressing doubt.	40 sessions	3 credits
Module 19 (PP2119) Advanced Putonghua V	<i>CLCP4543C Communication Skills on Business Topics IIC</i> A continuation of CLCP4443, 4543A and 4543B, designed to familiarize students with a wide range of business and economy-related topics such as packaging and insurance, together with functional expressions such as to select, to refuse and to emphasize.	40 sessions	3 credits
<b>HSK Preparation Course I, II and III (Level 4, 5 and 6)</b>	The respective HSK level listening training , reading comprehension training and writing composition training.	40 sessions each	3 credits each

\* Module 9 and above are not part of the Foundation Certificate award. The Centre reserves the right to start or cancel a course due to operational concern. Applicants will be informed in due time. Please refer to the latest lesson schedule.

### Internal Credit Transfer

Credits earned from Module 4 or up can be transferred to the Certificate/ Diploma/ Advanced Diploma Programme in Chinese as a Foreign/ Second Language (Putonghua) subject to conditions.

# The Award

## Foundation Certificate in Chinese (Putonghua) for Non-Chinese Speakers 非華語人士普通話基礎證書

Qualification Register registration no: 19/001312/L2. QF level = 2.

First registration: 5 May 2008

Current registration effective date: from 1 January 2020 and on-going

Award Requirements:

- Completion of any two modules from PP2101 to PP2108.
- Minimum attendance rate of 70% in each module.
- Satisfactory assessment in each module.

*Note: (1) The award title is changed with effect from January 2020. The former title is "Foundation Certificate in Chinese as a Foreign/ Second Language (Putonghua)". (2) This programme is NOT a Continuing Education Fund reimbursable course.*



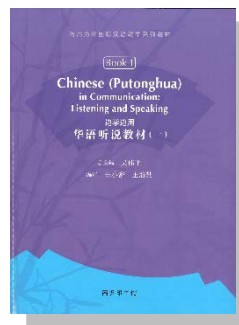
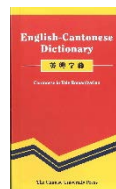
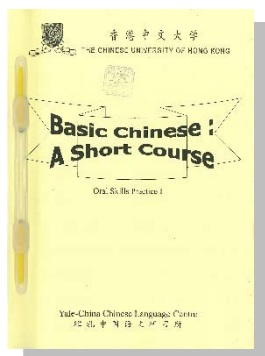
# Assessment

Quiz (written), final exam (oral), Speech presentation, instructor's assessment and attendance.

\* Note: students can take the course without assessment as long as they sign a declaration form. However, the students will not be, if available, entitled to CUHK award-bearing certificate.

# The Teaching Materials

The Academic Activity Division of CLC published teaching materials and learning aids based on abundant teaching experience guided by teaching research findings. *Chinese (Putonghua) in Communication, Basic Chinese: A Short Course I-II, Kung-Fu I-II* or other materials written by CLC instructors and supplementary materials prepared by CLC will be used in Putonghua for Non-native Speakers Series. Students are also recommended to acquire a copy of *English Putonghua Pocket Dictionary* and *Chinese English Pocket Dictionary* to facilitate their learning.



# The Teachers

Well-qualified instructors of CUHK who are experienced in Teaching Chinese as a Foreign/ Second Language.

Putonghua Programme Division Head (CES-PPD): Dr. WONG Ho Put, Jonathan (Doctor of Education).

# Online Application

Application is done online at [www.cuhk.edu.hk/clc/part-time-4Fapply](http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clc/part-time-4Fapply). To complete the application procedure smoothly, please take the following steps:

1. Study the [notes to application](#).
2. For those who apply for non-beginning course, please study the **placement** guidelines and take necessary actions: [www.cuhk.edu.hk/clc/placement](http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clc/placement)
3. Provide a softcopy of your HKID and/ or passport copy with HK visa to prove that your immigration status allows you to study in HK.
4. Those who would like to receive an award certificate issued by CUHK (upon fulfillment of study hours and assessment requirement), should submit a copy of education document certifying that you are at least have completed Hong Kong secondary five education or equivalent on or prior to 2011 or, have completed Hong Kong secondary six education (university admission level) or equivalent on or after 2012.
5. Payment can be made in form of credit card, bank transfer, cheque and cash. For credit card payment, please [download credit card payment authorization form](#) and submit together with your application. For bank transfer, please provide payment receipt along with your online application.
6. CLC staff will contact you after receiving your application.

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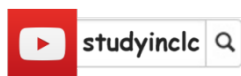
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