Remember History and Cherish Peace
--Commemorating the 70th Anniversary of China’s Victory of Anti-Japanese War and the World’s Anti-Fascism War

On the morning of September 12, a symposium commemorating the 70th anniversary of China’s victory over Anti-Japanese Aggression into China and the World’s Anti-fascism War was held at The National World War II Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana. Xavier University of Louisiana Confucius Institute and the New Orleans Chinese Association co-sponsored the symposium. Over 130 members of the general public and local students in the Greater New Orleans Region, government officials, civic organizations, and the nine Mandarin teachers under the Xavier Confucius Institute, participated in the event.

Consuls Fang Zhenqun and Wang Yigong from the Houston Consulate General of China offered their opening remarks and blessed the occasion. Dr. Yu Jiang, director of the Xavier Confucius Institute, introduced the distinguished speaker Nell Calloway, granddaughter of General Claire Lee Chennault and Director of the Chennault Aviation & Military Museum. General Chennault was commander of the famed American Volunteer Group “Flying Tigers,” who fought alongside the Chinese people during China’s Anti-Japanese War.

Opening remarks by Consular Officers from the Houston Consulate General of China

During the introduction, Dr. Jiang outlined the mission and goals of the Xavier Confucius Institute, and pointed out that the Institute focuses on providing first-class Chinese language, culture, and economic development courses to both Xavier students and the general public. The Institute also listens to the voices of local Chinese community, and works closely with a variety of governmental agencies and civic organizations to promote an increased understanding between peoples of China and the U.S.
Reflective Remarks and Research Commemorating the end of World War II

Dr. Jiang introducing Ms. Nell Calloway and the Confucius Institute
Among others, Dr. Keith Huxen, head of the Research Institute of the National WWII Museum, Cynthia Lee-Sheng, councilwoman of Jefferson Parish, Dr. HN Cheng, a scientist from the US Department of Agriculture, and Dr. Brian DeMare, professor of history from Tulane University, each spoke of the World War II from their own perspectives, bringing the audience back to the years of bitterness and sorrow when Chinese people were resisting the Japanese invasion. In the meantime, looking back in history also inspired us to continue striving for justice and cherishing the peace. The symposium came to a successful conclusion with wonderful choirs by the overseas Chinese in New Orleans.
Ms. Nell Calloway Presenting a Drawing of General Chennault to the Confucius Institute

Confucius Institute Chinese Teachers with Ms. Nell Calloway and Dr. Jiang