The night of non-generic languages (including French, Italian, Spanish, Bengali language) was held in the B402 room of 48 teaching building on September 27th as expected. The activity started from 6:30 to 8:30 with the elaborate design of the Non-generic Language Association. The whole night not only gave a real and fantastic picture of the foreign countries but introduced lesser-known languages to more people.

The night began with the English short film Borders Everywhere to express that the gap between different cultures can be broken by effective communication. The first team, students from French major, lightened the night with a French song in the movie Les Choristes, which filled the whole room with romance. In addition, Liu Shuang (11 French Major) interacted with all the audience, teaching them the interesting French pronunciation--uvular consonant. The next show was performed by the Italian major. Du Ming (11 Italian Major), who translated the popular Chinese comic Subway into Italian independently, showed his talent to enliven the party. Rhythmed and passionate, his recitation aroused all the audience’s interests in Italian. After the enjoyable comic, the students of Spanish major brought a hot show--Flamenco Fires from Sevilla. Wang Zhongyi (11 Spanish Major), who introduced lesser-known languages to more people.

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As a part of the cultural exchange activities with Colombia, the opening ceremony of the first Colombian Movie Festival, which would last for four days, took place in the 400-people hall in CUC on Tuesday night, October 16th, 2012.

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After the performance, Luis J.Roa C. the Primer Secretary of the Embassy of the Republic of Colombia in China made a brief speech. He pointed out that the movie festival was a great access for those who wanted to know more about Colombia, and it was also an opening platform for students majoring in Spanish to communicate with native speakers. He also voiced that it would be a great chance for Colombians to show their talents in film and photography, and to give world a brand new Colombia.

“We’ve been preparing this movie festival for about two months, and I am so glad to see the students have such a great interest in it and all the people here are in a high spirit. Since it is the first one we held, we truly hope that we can have more chances cooperating with CUC,” said Luis. The first Colombian Movie Festival was jointly hosted by Communication University of China, the Embassy of the Republic of Colombia in the People’s Republic of China and the Chinese People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC).
The United States Presidential Election 2012

Willard Mitt Romney (born March 12, 1947) is an American businessman, politician, and the Republican Party's nominee for President of the United States in the 2012 election. From 2003 to 2007, he served as the 70th Governor of Massachusetts.

Born in Honolulu, Hawaii, Obama is a graduate of Columbia University and Harvard Law School. He was a community organizer in Chicago before earning his law degree. He worked as a civil rights attorney in Chicago and taught constitution law at University of Chicago Law School from 1992 to 2004. He served three terms representing the 13th District in the Illinois Senate from 1997 to 2004, running unsuccessfully for the United States House of Representatives in 2000.

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President Obama supports extending the current tax cuts for the middle class but allowing them to expire for families earning upwards of $250,000 a year. Obama has also proposed extending payroll tax cuts.

Romney wants to extend the breaks for all Americans, and one of his key arguments centers on the detrimental effects raising the top tax rates could have on small business hiring.

Medical

President Obama has repeatedly reassured business owners that they come out ahead under the law, which will eventually create small business health care exchanges that the administration says will provide more affordable options to small employers.

Romney wants to repeal and replace Obamacare. He believes health care decisions should be left to the states and, if elected, he plans to provide waivers to each state before working with Congress to toss out the law altogether.

Energy

President Obama has been a champion of expanding renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar power, which he says holds great promise.

Mitt Romney is a proponent of raising production levels of America's own fossil fuels, including coal, which the U.S. has in abundance.

The Center for Climate and Energy solutions published a voter guide to the candidates' energy policy positions.

"I think Governor Romney has focused more on supply, particularly of conventional fuels such as oil and coal," notes Manik Roy, vice president for the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions. "President Obama, while I think he's also interested in supply - we saw the back and forth in the second debate on drilling - President Obama in addition has focused on clean energy technologies and reducing demand for oil."

Federal regulation

Mr Obama said the first role of the federal government was to "keep the American people safe" and to help open up opportunities to allow Americans to succeed.

"The genius of America is the free enterprise system, and freedom, and the fact that people can go out there and start a business, work on an idea, make their own decisions," Mr Obama said.

Mr Romney said the role of government was to maintain "for individuals the right to pursue their dreams". He accused the Obama administration of "thinking it can do a better job than free people".

Chinese author Mo Yan wins Nobel Prize for Literature

A prolific author, Mo has published dozens of short stories, with his first work published in 1981.

The Swedish Academy praised his work which "with hallucinatory realism merges folk tales, history and the contemporary".

The 57-year-old is the first Chinese resident to win the prize. Chinese-born Gao Xingjian was honoured in 2000, but is a French citizen.

Mo is the 109th recipient of the prestigious prize, won last year by Swedish poet Tomas Transtroemer.

Presented by the Nobel Foundation, the award - only given to living writers - is worth 8 million kronor ($741,000).

"He has such a unique way of writing. If you read half a page of Mo Yan you immediately recognise it as him," said Peter Englund, head of the Academy.

He said Mo had been told of the award, adding: "He was at home with his dad. He said he was overjoyed and terrified."

He began writing while a soldier in the People's Liberation Army (PLA) and received international fame in 1987 for Red Sorghum: A Novel of China. Mo's other acclaimed works include Republic of Wine, Life And Death Are Wearing Me Out, The Frog and Big Breasts and Wide Hips.

Wide Hips.

Here are some introductions about his works. The first one- Red Sorghum. It is his first work makes himself known to the public. The setting is during the Japan's wartime invasion. The plot is about a group of people in Dongbei Gaomi who were faced the disaster with braveness. The second--The Frog. The latest novel is "Frog", which is about China's "one child" population control policy. The main plot is about a country doctor's life experience to show the Birth history in China in the certain period, revealing the disorder situation in the birth problem at that time. What's more it also expressing the sense of humble, embarrassment, tangle, contradiction from the inside world of the intelligentsia. The last one is Big Breasts and Wide Hips. The story is told from the Japan's wartime invasion to the China reforming and open up period. The mother in the book has supported nine children in such a tough period time. The author expresses his compliment and sympathy to the female. It also shows the miserable destiny which is lead by people's Weakness and abnormal personality.

New words:

detrimental: adj. 有害的; 不利的
detriment: n. 计划; 多产的
prolific: adj. (艺术家、作家等) 多产的; 堆积如山的
hallucinatory: adj. 幻觉的,引起幻觉的
prestigious: adj. 受尊敬的,有声望的
invasion: n. 入侵, 侵略; 侵害, 侵犯; 侵害
humble: adj. 谦逊的,简陋的; (级别或地位) 低下的; 不大的
tangle: n. 细胞, 纠杂; 困扰; 混乱; 慌乱; 复杂; 争论

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Obama or Romney, Who is Your Choice

After months of continuous campaigning in states and the three intense presidential debates, the answer that who will come into office will come out on November the 6th. The whole America is waiting anxiously to the turnout with future hope and that is also what we Chinese students looking forward to. So, what is your answer, your choice of heart?

In Obama We Trust

Wang Chenxi, 12 French major

My supposition is that Obama will win the presidential election. During the presidential debates, he showed great gentleness to his competitor— Mitt Romney. Several evidences Romney raised to against Obama were confirmed to be fake. What can tell from the second debate was that, in some sense, Candy Crowley had helped Obama out about the terrorism action in Lybia. When Romney said that it cost Obama 14 days to state to the Americans that the attack was actually a terrorism action, Obama defended for himself immediately that it was a terrorism action and he had announced it to the United Sates the next morning after the attack. When the two candidates were having a heating debate, the presenter, Candy, stood out to say that Obama did deliver that fact to the country. This turning point won a lot of hearts of citizens. According to the survey, the supporting rate of Obama was still high in America, although the unemployment rate is still high in America, the American people will probably give him another chance to bring America a boom I believe.

Donkey vs. Elephant

Duan Heshan, 12 English major

Well what the result I think is going to be? In my opinion, Democrats always be a landslide for the Republicans, so my forecast is Obama will win in the upcoming U.S. presidential election. The most important thing is future of a nation in a way. It is evident that the policy should be beneficial for the further development of the US, and as a result, being helpful to balance all the social fortune. Despite of this, an apparent problem with this opinion is that the auto-industry has come roaring back in the past four years, which indicates that his policy is effective. And also he promised that he would try to reduce the unemployment rate and cut down the government finance spending. What’s more, currently, the most crucial one is that President Obama has won more supporters after the third 2012 presidential debates.

Again America will believe Obama

Li Shiyu, 12 International Journalism

I support Obama. First He is a good speaker who can inspire the citizens and win the votes. Second, he ordered to withdraw the army from Iraq and announced the killing of Osama bin Laden. These two did great contributions to the world antiterrorism, which will also bring him more supporters.

Reasons for Obama

Bian Yachen, 12 German major

Recently, the issue of presidential election of the United States has caused quite a stir. The worldwide public including Chinese citizens talk about it often. Personally, I tend to support President Barack Obama, the Democratic nominee. First of all, what impressed me is the policy of assuring the education quality. Because from my own perspective, education determines the future of a nation in a way. It is evident that the policy should be beneficial for the further development of the US, and as a result, being helpful to balance all the social fortune. Despite of this, an apparent problem with this opinion is that the auto-industry has come roaring back in the past four years, which indicates that his policy is effective. And also he promised that he would try to reduce the unemployment rate and cut down the government finance spending. What’s more, currently, the most crucial one is that President Obama has won more supporters after the third 2012 presidential debates.

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budget deficit: [财政] 预算赤字

New words:

landslide: n. 山崩,大胜利
distracted: adj. 心烦意乱的

invigorate: vt. 鼓舞；使精力充沛
equal: n. 对手；匹敌；同辈；相等的事物

Spur: vt. 激励，鞭策；给…装踢马
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poll: n. 投票；民意测验；
The Shawshank Redemption

Duan Heshan

The Shawshank Redemption is a 1994 American prison drama film, written and directed by Frank Darabont, based on the Stephen King novella, Rita Hayworth and Shawshank Redemption. The film stars Tim Robbins as Andrew "Andy" and Morgan Freeman as Ellis Boyd "Red" Redding.

The Shawshank Redemption is an inspirational story, which is about hope, freedom, loyalty, and exertion. This story seems simple, but the connotation behind the words is remarkable. It's the trembling beat of heart, the singing voice of mind, the flying of the soul and the hope to be free.

"Hope is a good thing, maybe the best of things, and no good thing ends. "Hope is a good thing, maybe the best of things, and no good thing dies."

It’s the hope that makes “hero-Andy” build the library, made his inmates have a will to live on and try their best to help people get proper education, and eventually helps himself escape from jail successfully instead of dying in a living hell. Hope is not the same as wish. Hope is one kind of insistence, one belief. It enables human's innermost soul to embrace free sky, inspires the human to survive in the institutionalization. Money, fame may be backbones of other people's lives. To Andy, only hope supports him in the jail life. Just as saying goes: “Fear can hold you prisoner, hope can set you free”.

“Some birds aren't meant to be caged, that's all. Their feathers are just too bright.” People all want freedom. Freedom can be found everywhere, perhaps deep in our hearts. In Shawshank, your body may not be free, but there is a possibility for every spirit to get redemption! In the Shawshank, music is a kind of expression of freedom, is a calling. Red said: "I have no idea to this day what them two Italian ladies were singing about. Truth is, I like to think they were singing about something s, but makes your heart ache because of freedom."

What impresses viewer is not only a strong desire for freedom, but also the precious friendship between Andy and Red, which is fostered in prison. A few common words come to be eternal promises. Let us enjoy the friendship, supporting each other, helping each other and encouraging each other in harsh prison life.

In the end of the film, when two friends meet again, sincere smile really make viewers extremely touched, because the smile is like the heaven. “Get busy living, or get busy dying” The life is a process of gathering hope, finally rushing towards the freedom. Never say die, even if the journey is rough, even when the body’s in dark. Life is complicated enough, yet we can treat it in a simple way. The Shawshank Redemption is a rarely excellent and inspirational type film. I say it worth watching because of it possesses profound contents, which make us understand we all have the right to possess the most precious thing in life.

New words:
Inspirational: adj. 勉励的
nsistence: n. 坚持；主张
Innermost: adj. 内心的
Perish: vi. 死亡；毁灭
Institutionalization: n. 体制主义
Illuminating: adj. 照亮的
Eternal: adj. 永恒的；不朽的
Backbone: n. 支柱；主干
Redemption: n. 救赎
Intangible: adj. 无形的；难以理解的

Soul Singer

Wang Chenxi

The singer I would like to recommend is James Morrison. This 21-year-old worker from Rugby, England sings out his soul. From his smooth voice we can learn all the rough things he has suffered. Despite of his youth, he is quite mature in his music. And his fantastic voice can be compared to Otis Redding.

James Morrison’s first hit was really a success in UK. The most important music magazine-Q gave him a four-star evaluation.

Gardian and Heat also highly praised him. What’s more, his fans are totally drenched in his emotional music.

His first single You Give Me Something reached No.5 in the official UK singles chart and the NO.1 in iTunes. His another hit is Wonderful World. Thanks to Louis Armstrong, Morrison got his idea about the song and gave his fans another surprise.

Among all his fabulous masterpieces, I would represent a healing song Details in the Fabric. This song starts with a one-minute guitar prelude which can calm your heart down immediately and then appears his low and sad voice. It seems to be played by angles and sang from the deepest of his soul. That voice can heal all your sorrows, like a mother’s sweetest hug.

Morrison wrote this song from the story of The Three Fates. It reminds us that one should always bear his name in mind and step out to his dream.

You can ner be desperate when you hear his voice, his soul.

All the sorrows you are experiencing can just tell you that you have not reached your happy ending.