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## Mandarin courses at TU Delft

Yanmin Tao is hoping to get more TU students interested in Chinese culture and society through Mandarin courses.

积水成渊蛟龙生焉  
 Jí shuǐ chéng yuān Jiāo lóng shēng yan

Tao arrived in the Netherlands in 1997 and started the DelChi Institute; an organization seeks to facilitate the integration of the Chinese into Dutch society. The institute provides a platform for interaction and cooperation.



Yanmin Tao

Tao started the course after participating in several cultural and educational exchanges between the Netherlands and China. China has, in recent years, become one of the world's leading economies, thus attracting a lot of business and educational investment. Chinese language skills are crucial in China, since the majority of the population still communicates in the local tongue. When non-Chinese travel to China for work or study, they struggle to integrate.



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According to Tao, Mandarin is very easy to learn. It is different from European languages and one needs to get used to the fundamentals. The most difficult part of mastering the language is getting the tones correct. Mandarin has four pitched tones and a "toneless" tone. She even claims that the characters aren't too difficult to learn.



She started the courses in 2006 and since then 300 students have participated. The course is designed to prepare students to study or work in China and allows them to learn Mandarin quickly. The course covers both written and spoken Mandarin.



The courses are organised into two levels – 'Chinese for Beginners I' and 'Chinese for Beginners II.' Each level consists of 14 weekly lessons which last for 2 hours and 15 minutes. At the end of the second course, Tao expects students to have developed proficiency in Mandarin. The next course starts in February and students can sign-up for the course in Blackboard.

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Yeah, I looked for the blackboard course, but there isn't any for the 2012-2013 year. A good article could have given the specification codes of the course. Though reading carefully it says you can register, it doesn't say we can register at this current time. Maybe it will be available in a couple of weeks.

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Is the course taught in dutch or in english?

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How can I register via Blackboard; can you give me the course code or provide me with a link please?

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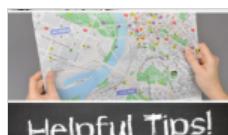
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**Avocations: Gijs van Kuik**

Just two years after becoming a professor, Dr. Gijs van Kuik realised he was working too hard. In an effort to maintain balance in his life, he enrolled in a sculpture class. "After the first blow of the hammer I knew it was for ...

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## Record number of international students

The number of international students studying in the Netherlands is at a record high, with the students arriving from more different countries than ever before. The extreme growth in numbers of international students is particularly ...

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Are you under pressure working at TU Delft? Are you annoyed by the workplace interaction or the office conditions? Delta is interested in your opinion for a series of stories on potential improvements.

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## Surviving the game clubs



Are you a chess enthusiast with a competitive streak? Maybe you have a penchant for miniatures and board games? If any of these options interest you, here's a look at the game clubs in Delft that you join. An added bonus, it's great ...

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## Meet the Society: LATITUD



With a goal of representing Latin American students in Delft, LATITUD is a student society that offers much more than that. They aim to create a network.

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