

Chinese Calligraphy Forum

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On 1st November, the Confucius Institute organised a Chinese calligraphy lesson. The students were introduced to the history of writing in China and the different types of calligraphy. Then they were shown the basic strokes, stroke order and how to hold the brush correctly. After this, they were able to practice writing some simple characters.



The class was led by Prof Liying Zhang



Calligraphy lessons

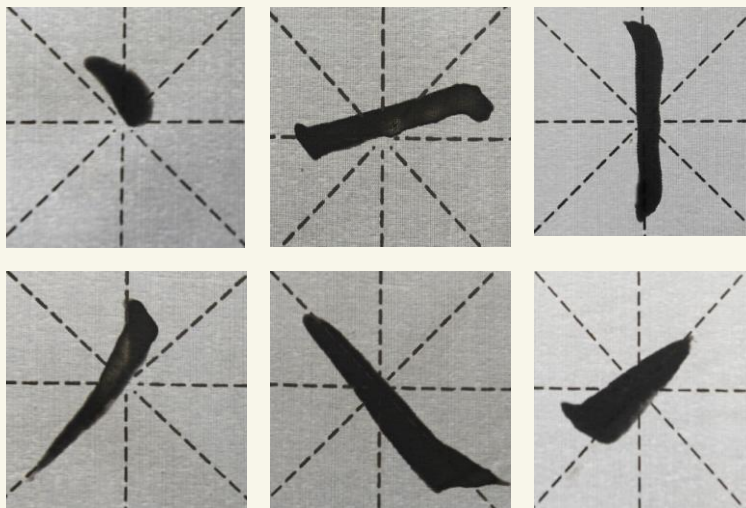


Basic strokes of Chinese characters

Chinese characters are written by combining various kinds of "strokes".

These strokes can be divided into "basic" strokes and "combined" strokes.

The Basic Strokes are:



Types of calligraphy

- Lishu,
- Regular script,
- Running Script,
- Cursive



How to hold a pen brush

A student practice writing characters





The class was helped by some Chinese volunteers



Chinese Students Volunteer



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