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On the occasion of the Chinese New Year, on 15-16 February a festival of Chinese culture was organised in Kraków. The organisers included the Faculty of International and Political Studies of the Jagiellonian University, the Choy Lee Fut Kung Fu Polska, Dong Feng Polish-Chinese Foundation, the JU Chinese Language and Culture Centre 'The Confucius Institute', the Kijów Cinema and the Association 'Closer to Asia' (a non-profit organisation founded by a group of people connected by a passion for Asian countries – their culture, society, history, politics). The Festival was supported by the Chinese Ambassador in Warsaw, the JU Rector, the Governor of Małopolska, the President of Kraków and the Polish Union ‘Wushu.’

The first day of the festival was held in the Kijów Cinema and embraced the presentation of three films: *Les Filles du Botaniste* (France-China 2006), *Balzac et la petite Tailleuse* (France-China, 2002) and *Se Jie* (China, Hongkong, USA, 2007), of Chinese traditional and pop music, of Chinese food, tourism in China, kung-fu/wushu, tai chi and qigong workshops, a ceramic workshop and Penzi artwork.

The second day was held in the Auditorium Maximum and consisted of six ‘hours’: Culture and writing: history of Chinese writing, the Confucius scholars, and poetry; Calligraphy; the Philosophies in China: Confucionism, Taoism and Buddhism; the Cuisine in China: regional dishes and new ways of nourishment (rice or hamburger?); the Chinese Family: the traditional and modern family models and finally a lesson of Chinese.

It is worth noticing that the various events were prepared both for adults and for children. The big gala, showing kung fu/wushu, the dance of five lions and a dragon as well as a horoscope for the 4705th Chinese Year, which is a Chinese Brown Earth (Soil) Rat Year, ended the two-day festival. The Chinese believe that the first king of China was the Yellow King (he was not the first emperor of China). The Yellow King became king in 2697 B.C., therefore China entered the 4705th year on February 4th, 2008. Also, the Chinese Year uses the cycle of 60 Stem-Branch counting systems and the Brown Rat is the 25th Stem-Branch in the cycle.

Kung Hei Fat Choi – Congratulations and be prosperous.

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