CIUON Holding Chinese Cultural Experiencing Activities in Kabianga University

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On December 25th 2015, with the invitation of Kabianga University, all the volunteers and teach ers of CIUON went to Kabianga University and held Chinese cultural experience activities for th e students studying Chinese. This is the first time CIUON holds these activities outside the camp us, and this is also a good experience of serving the local people.

The activities started from the presentation of the students. They introduced themselves, their fa milies, and also made dialogue in Chinese language. Then a volunteer teacher, Hu Xianglin, taug ht all the students to sing in Chinese and give their best wishes to one of the students whose birth day was on that day. The students' hard work was praised by the Director of the Language Institute in the University of Kabianga and all the teachers of the CIUON.

The second period is the experience of Chinese Culture. Students were divided into 3 groups to experience Chinese culture: Peking Opera, calligraphy and paper cutting.

Hu Xianglin and Wang Zhongyu were in charge of the Peking Opera group. They explained espe cially the facial mask art of Peking Opera to students, and helped them to understand the relation between the different color and the personality of people. Then students we taught how to paint f acial masks and they enjoyed.

Calligraphy group was led by Xu Shancheng and Wang Yunpeng. Students learnt to write stroke s with brush under the guidance of the teacher. For the first time, the students felt the charm of C hinese calligraphy.

Paper cutting group was guided by Zhang Mengfei, Zhang Rui and Zhang Miao. The students lea rnt to cut double happiness character, the lion and some window decoration.

At last, teachers and students sang Jambo in Kiswahili and Chinese to show the idea that "Chines e and Kenyan are familyö.

After the activities, the council members and the leaders of Kabianga University had a brief disc ussion about Chinese teaching in Kabianga University. The Vice-president of the University of Kabianga extend great thanks to CIUON for giving the chance for the students to learn Chinese and they hope a longer and deeper corporation in the future.