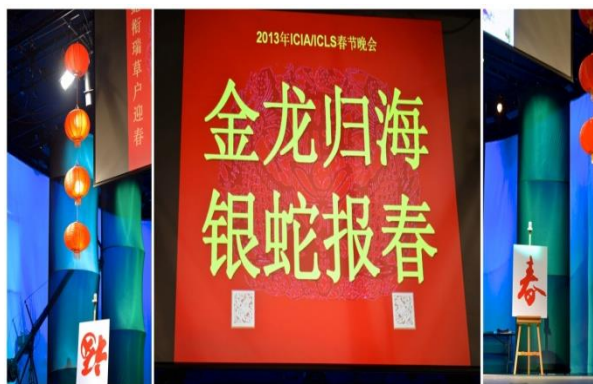


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Thanks to all who made the 2013 Chinese New Year Celebration a huge success!

The celebration event was co-hosted by Iowa Chinese Language School (ICLS) and Iowa Chinese in Agriculture (ICIA). Several hundred people attended the celebration at Iowa Public Television auditorium on Chinese New Year's eve. The celebration featured performance by ICLS students. Kid's performance was splendid. It was a fusion of Western and Eastern culture, having from traditional Chinese music to torero dance, from kung fu musical to Gangnam style gymnastics.





Nearly half of 130 ICLS students performed on stage, and more than 50 parents and volunteers were involved in organizing the event. “This is the most participated Chinese New Year celebration in 14 years of school history. Thanks to Pioneer Foundation. The sponsorship allows us to support more students than ever to show their talent on this most important holiday night in Chinese culture.” said Zuo-yu Zhao, Honorable Principal of ICLS and Pioneer Research Fellow.

Jerry Flint, Vice President of Biotechnology Affairs, and Dennis Judd, Director of Marketing Services attended the celebration.



“This successful event is another way to encourage our students to learn Chinese and hope we can bring some multi culture enrichment to our communities.” said Jun Wei, ICLS Principal, “and we will continue to do it.”

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