

# Luxemburger Wort

## China at your fingertips



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(JB) Adults will be able to broaden their career prospects by learning Chinese in Luxembourg thanks to the success of a cultural association.

Because of a growing demand for lessons, the Centre de Langue et de Culture Chinoises du Luxembourg asbl (CLCCL) will launch a new series of lessons aimed at adults and business professionals in Mersch from December.

The not-for-profit organisation already offers nine weekly classes to youngsters, many of which are second generation Chinese who have grown up in Luxembourg and acquired the Luxembourg nationality.

Association vice president Marcel Sauber explained: "It seems some young people can't understand their parents when they are speaking Chinese and some parents can't understand their children when they speak Luxembourgish. So, there's a personal interest for everyone. Also, we recognise that the Chinese language is growing in importance in today's economic world. Therefore, we like to provide for the needs of businesses and people and that's why we've adapted lessons for adults."

The new adult language courses will be available on a weekly basis or for a short, intensive duration.

The CLCCL continues the work of the Association Economique et Culturelle Luxembourg-Chine asbl, which was founded in 2004. Since then, it has offered Saturday morning language classes for young people, as well as cultural workshops, aimed at bringing the

Chinese culture, history and language to life.

The classes are supported by the Chinese Embassy to Luxembourg as well as the Luxembourg state.

Qian Zhang, a Chinese national, is one of 10 teachers employed on a voluntary basis by the asbl. She said: “We teach about 20 students in each class. The majority of the children who come do it voluntarily. I had one French student whose parents encouraged her to take the class to improve her career prospects. Some parents also believe that learning Chinese can help their child's brain development. Because the language uses pictograms, this helps them to build their memory.”

CLCCL is currently seeking sponsors for its classes and activities. Anyone interested in supporting its work or enrolling for classes should visit [www.aeclc.lu](http://www.aeclc.lu)