

# Saudi Arabia to teach Chinese in secondary schools

## 沙特阿拉伯中学的汉语课

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<sup>1</sup> The education authorities in Saudi Arabia have reportedly instructed all public and private secondary schools to teach two Chinese language classes each week. Experts said that it will have “significant implications” in providing students with opportunities to learn Chinese and experience diverse culture. It also shows the two countries’ increasing communication and cooperation in the field of education.



<sup>2</sup> This is “positive” news for Chinese language education developing in Saudi Arabia, as the schools have welcomed more than 7 million students in the new semester, Chen Ming, a professor who teaches Chinese at King Saud University said.

<sup>3</sup> *The teaching plan has “significant implications” and is also another “major initiative” since 2019, when Saudi Arabia agreed to include the Chinese language in the curriculum (全部课程) for Saudi schools and universities, a move to enhance the students’ cultural diversity.*

<sup>4</sup> With the popularization of Chinese language courses in primary and secondary schools, it can “provide more employment opportunities” for students majoring in Chinese, and also encourage more people to learn Chinese.

<sup>5</sup> Although Chinese language education in Saudi Arabia has stepped into a period of accelerated development, it’s still uneven in various regions of the country. For instance, in the 13 regions of Saudi Arabia, with the population mainly concentrated in Riyadh and Jeddah, the Chinese language classes are also mainly set up in the two cities.

<sup>6</sup> *Chinese language learning is currently experiencing a surge in popularity among the people in Saudi Arabia, as many of them believe that they can gain more chances in the future if they can speak Chinese.*

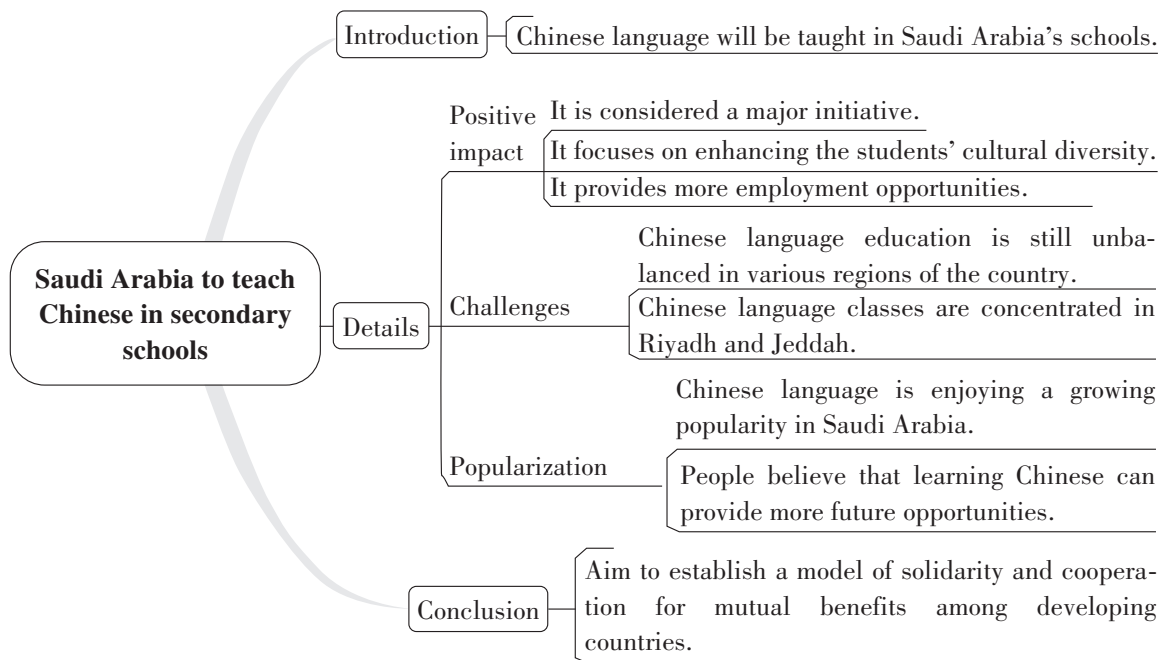
<sup>7</sup> China and Saudi Arabia agreed to continue to make the China-Saudi relationship a priority in their respective foreign relations, and to build a model of solidarity and cooperation for mutual benefits among developing countries.



1. What is paragraph 1 mainly about?
  - A. Saudi Arabia's education policy.
  - B. Language teaching in Saudi Arabia.
  - C. The significance of the instruction.
  - D. Chances of experiencing diverse culture.
2. What is Chen Ming's attitude toward the instruction?
  - A. Supportive.
  - B. Unconcerned.
  - C. Suspicious.
  - D. Opposed.
3. What can we learn from paragraph 5?
  - A. Chinese language teaching is unbalanced in various regions of the country.
  - B. Chinese language classes are mainly set up in big cities in the country.
  - C. Almost the same number of people learn Chinese in the 13 regions of the country.
  - D. Chinese language education has experienced accelerated development worldwide.
4. What do many Saudi Arabians believe if they can speak Chinese?
  - A. They can more easily get employed.
  - B. They can better understand Chinese culture.
  - C. They can easily be accepted into universities.
  - D. They can have more opportunities in the future.

## ► 语篇解码

本文是一篇新闻报道。沙特阿拉伯将在所有公立和私立中学设立汉语课,这将在为学生提供体验多元文化的机会方面产生“重大影响”,也表明了两国在教育领域日益加强的沟通与合作。



## ► 语言学习

### I. 语料荟萃

语篇单词	instruct <i>v.</i> 指示;教导    opportunity <i>n.</i> 机会    communication <i>n.</i> 交流    cooperation <i>n.</i> 合作    enhance <i>v.</i> 增强    encourage <i>v.</i> 鼓励    accelerate <i>v.</i> 加速    concentrate <i>v.</i> 集中
重要短语	relationship <i>n.</i> 关系    priority <i>n.</i> 优先    respective <i>adj.</i> 各自的 experience diverse culture 体验多元文化    in the field of education 在教育领域 with the popularization of 随着……的普及    cultural diversity 文化多样性    employment opportunities 就业机会    major in 主修    step into 进入    developing countries 发展中国家

### II. 语句分析

1. The teaching plan has “significant implications” and is also another “major initiative” since 2019, when Saudi Arabia agreed to include the Chinese language in the curriculum for Saudi schools and universities, a move to enhance the students' cultural diversity. 该教学计划具有“重大意义”,也是自2019年沙特阿拉伯同意将汉语纳入沙特阿拉伯的中小学和大学课程以来的又一“重大举措”,此举旨在增强学生的文化多样性。

【点石成金】本句是一个主从复合句。The teaching plan has...and is also another... since 2019 是主句, when 引导的是定语从句。

2. Chinese language learning is currently experiencing a surge in popularity among the people in Saudi Arabia, as many of them believe that they can gain more chances in the future if they can speak Chinese. 目前, 汉语学习在沙特阿拉伯人民中的受欢迎程度正在飙升, 因为他们中的许多人相信, 如果他们会说汉语, 他们将来会获得更多的机会。

【点石成金】本句是一个主从复合句。Chinese language learning is...Saudi Arabia 是主句, as 引导的是原因状语从句, that 引导的是宾语从句, if 引导的是条件状语从句。

## ► 语言运用

### I. 例句仿写

1. 在一个信息技术高度发达的时代, 有效地利用和应对大数据已经变得至关重要。

In an age \_\_\_\_\_, effectively using and managing big data has become crucial.

2. 她是新来的, 可能需要一些帮助。

She may need some help \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. 写作实践

假定你是李华, 你的沙特阿拉伯朋友 Abdullah 大学主修汉语, 他最近在汉语学习上遇到了一些困难, 特来信向你求助。请你给他写一封回信, 内容包括:

1. 多积累词汇;
2. 阅读中文书刊;
3. 收听中文原声广播; 等等。

注意:

1. 词数 80 左右;
2. 可以适当增加细节, 以使行文连贯。

Dear Abdullah,

Yours,

Li Hua

be useful to you. Please feel free to reach out to me if you need any further assistance.

*Yours,*  
*Li Hua*

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#### Reading Check

1~4 CAAD

语言运用

#### I. 例句仿写

1. when information technology is highly advanced

2. as she's new

#### II. 写作实践

*Dear Abdullah,*

I'm glad to know that you are majoring in Chinese at university. You said in your email you have some trouble in learning Chinese. Here is my advice.

First, it's very important to remember as many words as possible, which will benefit you a lot. Second, you could read some Chinese books to enhance your reading ability and experience diverse cultures. Try every possible chance to communicate with those who can speak Chinese every day. At last, listen to Chinese radio programs to experience the feeling of the

language.

I believe you will make much progress soon by following these tips.

*Yours,*  
*Li Hua*

### 汉服惊艳巴黎时装展

#### Reading Check

1~4 ABDC

语言运用

#### I. 例句仿写

1. which is bad for our health

2. designed with a blend of modern and traditional cultural elements

#### II. 写作实践

#### Notice

With the aim of promoting the beauty of traditional Chinese culture, *Hanfu* Exhibition is scheduled to take place in the art hall of our school next Saturday. Starting from 9:00 am, the show serves as an opportunity for students to appreciate traditional Chinese culture and get knowledge of traditional clothing styles.

All passionate enthusiasts of *hanfu* are welcome to the exhibition. For more information, please visit the school website and register before this Friday.

Looking forward to your enthusiastic