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# Monthly Newsletter

## CLTAK TEACHERS



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I am a dedicated Chinese tutor at Mahanaim College and Mahanaim International School, driven by a deep passion for language and education. My journey in learning Chinese began nine years ago, sparked by the widespread belief that it is one of the most complex languages in the world. From childhood, I was fascinated by Chinese characters on newspapers, magazines, utensils, and the martial arts movies that shaped my early curiosity.

Although I had a strong desire to learn Chinese, I initially knew little about its broader benefits—both academically and socioeconomically. My father, who works in the tourism sector, often emphasized the financial advantages of learning Chinese, particularly in Kenya's growing tourism industry. With the increasing presence of Chinese investors and tourists in Africa, the demand for Chinese language skills has surged, offering lucrative opportunities in multiple sectors.

Teaching Chinese is more than just a profession for me—it is a passion.

I strive to change the misconception that Chinese is impossibly difficult. Many students pursue careers solely for financial gain, but I believe that learning Mandarin requires genuine passion and commitment. My goal is to help students cultivate a love for the language, making the learning process more engaging and fulfilling.

Through my experience as both a learner and a teacher, I have witnessed the immense value of mastering Chinese. Seeing my students graduate, secure scholarships, travel to China for exchange programs, and even begin teaching others has been incredibly rewarding.

My role as a Chinese tutor has also granted me the privilege of being a member of the Chinese Teachers Association of Kenya (CLTAK) in collaboration with the Chinese Embassy in Kenya and the Confucius Institute at the University of Nairobi. These institutions provide invaluable support through teacher training, scholarships, and mentorship programs, ensuring that we, as educators, remain well-equipped for the dynamic global landscape.

#### **CLTAK ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY**

- CLTAK now has a Pin certificate dated January 27th 2025
- CLTAK is also now a member of the World Association of Chinese Language teaching



UPCOMING ACTIVITY

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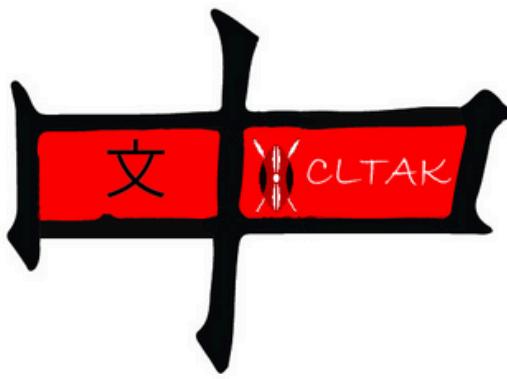
Learning Chinese has opened incredible doors of opportunity for me. It has allowed me to connect with amazing individuals who have enriched my life in profound ways. Through the Chinese Language Teachers' Association of Kenya (CLTAK), I have secured opportunities as a private Chinese tutor, teaching both in-person classes in Mombasa and online to students across the country.

Federico Fellini once said, "A different language is a different vision of life."

This quote perfectly captures my journey with the Chinese language. I was first introduced to Chinese during my university years, but what has always intrigued me most is Chinese culture and its core virtues—sincerity, righteousness, wisdom, filial piety, and propriety. These values have not only deepened my appreciation for the language but have also influenced my personal and professional growth.



One of the greatest lessons I've gained from learning Chinese is resilience. Mastering this language requires determination and perseverance—qualities that have helped me navigate challenges in both my professional and personal life. The increasing demand for Chinese language proficiency in various industries further fuels my passion for teaching. I strongly believe that by bringing more people into the world of Mandarin, we open doors to countless opportunities, from education and career advancement to cross-cultural connections.



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