

## **Join CSSA and become a board member!**

Dear friends:

There will be a Midway Session this afternoon 4-6pm in Johnson Athletics Center. CSSA (Chinese Students and Scholars Association), together with all the student groups on campus, will recruit new board members during that time. We are at table 27.

As always, helping hands are in great need for an active group like CSSA. You are welcome to join in us and work together with us as a board member! If you can not attend the Midway session and are willing to be an organizer for the great upcoming activities, please send an email to [cssa-bd@mit.edu](mailto:cssa-bd@mit.edu) to introduce yourself. We are looking forward to hearing from you~~

Besides organizing activities, being a board member of CSSA will give you the best opportunity to get familiar with MIT campus life, to practice your leadership skill and to know many new friends for teamwork! People here come from different departments and have different backgrounds. But we have one thing in common: we are very nice and hardworking, always ready to help others, to enhance the life quality of all the Chinese at MIT and greater Boston area. We will be the best and most reliable friends you can find, and we will be your lifelong treasure. Why still wait? We are just an email away! ^\_^

Since this year's executive board came into position in May, we have already organized the following major activities:

### **2008-05-13 to 2008-07-23 On-Campus and On-line Donation Drive for the Sichuan Earthquake**

After the catastrophic earthquake hit Central China on May 12, we organized a series of donation drive at the soonest time possible, raising \$45,500.18 from over 950 donors. All the money has been transferred back to the Red Cross in China. For details check: <http://cssa.mit.edu/activities/earthquakerelief2008/>

### **2008-05-25 Earthquake Benefit Concert**

We organized another Benefit concert in Kresge, inviting over 80 groups from greater Boston Chinese community. Over \$150,000 were collected during the benefit concert. See reports in "Fox 25" and "World Journal":

<http://www.myfoxboston.com/myfox/pages/Home/Detail.jsessionid=0B3383CB1619478DF0E6021C022ECC52?contentId=6623225&version=1&locale=EN-US&layoutCode=VSTY&pageId=1.1.1&sflg=1>

[http://www.worldjournal.com:82/gate/gb/www.worldjournal.com/pr/sichuanquake/cnquakenews.php?nt\\_seq\\_id=1722394](http://www.worldjournal.com:82/gate/gb/www.worldjournal.com/pr/sichuanquake/cnquakenews.php?nt_seq_id=1722394)

### **2008-06-08 Dragon Boat Festival**

During the annual Hong Kong dragon boat festival in Charles River, among 32 racing teams from greater Boston, NY and as far as Canada, our CSSA dragon boat team won a gold

medal. See report in "Tech": <http://www-tech.mit.edu/V128/N31/dragonboat.html>

#### **2008-06-14 Chinese Tradition Music Concert**

We presented a free Chinese traditional music concert to the whole MIT community in Kresge. About 800 people attended to appreciate the Chinese culture.

#### **2008-06-14 SAPA Conference**

We organized a big conference in Wong Auditorium, attracted many working professionals from pharmaceutical research and industry, and provided many job and intern opportunists for our students.

#### **2008-06-15 Culture Festival**

We participated in the Cultural Festival in S&P and presented great Chinese traditional dance, costume show and martial arts, as well as delicious Chinese food.

#### **2008-07-01 to 2008-07-30 Olympic T-shirt Design Contest**

We organized an Olympic T-shirt design contest in the whole MIT community. Amongst the many designs submitted by MIT students, the top voted design of T-shirt was printed and over 200 T-shirts were distributed over the campus. The design can be found at <http://cssa.mit.edu/attachments/tshirt-big-2008.jpg>. The second prize design was also highlighted on August 8 MIT homepage: <http://web.mit.edu/site/past/index.html>

#### **2008-07-12 Olympic Cup Table tennis Tournament**

We organized a table tennis tournament on campus, and the selected 5 best players were sent to New York City to participate in the Olympic Cup Table tennis tournament, competing with other 37 universities from East Coast.

#### **2008-07-24 Immigration Seminar**

We invited an immigration lawyer to give a seminar about immigration procedure and requirement, to instruct the application for EB1, EB2, etc.

#### **2008-07-27 Beach Outing**

We organized a beach outing to Newbury Port and Plum Island for all MIT students to enjoy the historical sites and sunshine on the beach.

#### **2008-07-31 Shakespeare Outing**

We organized another outing to watch Shakespeare's play in Boston Common, to appreciate the English culture.

#### **2008-08-01 Mid-autumn Banquet**

We participated and presented 3 performances in Chinatown Mid-autumn Banquet, with about 500 people audience from Greater Boston area. Our performance was highlighted in "World Journal": [http://worldjournal.com/wj-bo-news.php?nt\\_seq\\_id=1754620](http://worldjournal.com/wj-bo-news.php?nt_seq_id=1754620)

**2008-08-02 Chinese Valentine's Day Party**

We held a Chinese Valentine's Day party in Ashdown to celebrate the traditional festival, Qi Xi, presenting a variety of performances, a lot of interesting games, prizes and food.

**2008-08-03 S&P Brunch**

We participated in S&P brunch and presented slides and poster introducing Olympic history and Beijing Olympics. Slides are available at: <http://cssa.mit.edu/>

**2008-08-08 Olympic Openning**

We organized over 200 people to watch the Olympic opening ceremony in the Student Center. See report in "World Journal":

[http://www.worldjournal.com/wj-bo-news.php?nt\\_seq\\_id=1757202](http://www.worldjournal.com/wj-bo-news.php?nt_seq_id=1757202)

**2008-08-08 Olympic Knowledge Contest**

We organized an Olympic Knowledge Contest to the whole MIT community at the Student Center and Stata Center. Questions and answers are available at: <http://cssa.mit.edu/>.

**2008-08-10 Olympic Week**

We organized one week of various activities on campus to celebrate Olympics, including Sailing, beanbag, rope jumping, frisbe, Taekwondo and Taichi, and BBQ. Many people got these wonderful opportunities to enjoy interesting games, great gifts, new friends and free food. It was also reported in "World Journal" and "Sinovision" articles. [http://www.sinovision.net/newspaper.php?act=details&col\\_id=331&news\\_id=53987](http://www.sinovision.net/newspaper.php?act=details&col_id=331&news_id=53987).

Also, we are invited to prepare another article published in the Tech about Beijing Olympics: <http://www-tech.mit.edu/V128/N32/hao.html>

**2008-08-26 T-party**

We participated in SAO T-party in student center, presented Chinese food, traditional music and decorations.

**2008-08-01 to 08-08-28 New Student Pick-up**

With the help of many of our volunteers, we organized volunteers to pickup for all the new coming students who registered with us, provided dinner boxes for late flights, and ordered lamps and phone cards for new students, followed by several other events helping our new students.

We are going to organize more activities in September to welcome new students and to celebrate the Mid-Autumn festival. A detailed orientation can be found at <http://cssa.mit.edu/>. Meanwhile, we will need many volunteers to help organizing the following coming events:

08-08-29 Activities Midway

08-08-30 Olympic Day

08-09-05 International Festival

08-09-06 Mid-autumn Concert

08-09-07 New Student Welcomes BBQ

08-09-14 Mid-autumn Harbor Cruise

08-09-18 MIT Career Fair- Bridge to Asia

Why still wait? Come and join in us! Be an organizer of all the above activities! Be a part of MIT history! Be a friend of all the kindest people here at CSSA!

BTW, a “student group” called “Falun Dafa Club” will appear in today’s Midway as well, table 163. Though they never organize any student activity rather than broadcasting lies as a sole political propaganda tool, MIT is tolerant enough to let them come and perform. Well, after registering yourself at our table, you may wish to give them what they deserve...