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## Chinese for Europeans: The Users' point of view

*Chinese for Europeans, an e-learning platform that encourages learning Mandarin Chinese, is already available not only in English, but also in 23 other European languages!*

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Apart from introductory Mandarin Chinese course, e-learning platform targets four learning groups: businesspeople, students, tourists, and children and offers different electronic modules with the targeted material. Provided content is specifically organized to meet the needs of respective target groups. The medium through which each group is addressed varies accordingly: for example, children are attracted by interactive and lively exercises; busy businesspeople receive small 'chunks' of material via email. Individually adapted electronic learning resources ensure effective as well as entertaining process of learning.

In order to test the e-learning platform and capture users' point of view Soros International House (LT) organised two workshops: one for language teachers and one for beginner Mandarin students. Both of them proved that *Chinese for Europeans* is a useful and attractive language learning tool. There is no better way to find out how it works than to hear it from workshop participants themselves!

## Teacher's comments



*'...Thank you for an opportunity to practice this program. It has been a discovery for me! The project presentation is absolutely user friendly and very well organized. Naturally, we enjoyed the Kid's program most of all. The best thing about it was the animation: colors, interactive activities combined with the cultural features. The learning program seems to have relevant topics with all the language aspects introduced – common lexis, pronunciation, some basic grammar points. I liked the pace. I suppose for the very beginners is the best. Thanks again! All the best with further projects! Can't wait to apply for my English classes! ...'* **Daiva Vysniauskiene, ESL teacher**

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*'...“Chinese for Europeans” is a useful learning platform to learn Mandarin Chinese. It is an informative, multi-functional, interactive and user-friendly tool. It was created for both adults and children. As one example: in the 0 module there are voiced dialogues, a voiced vocabulary, and tests, all of which is clear and concise. The user can find explanations and assignments that are related to the learning material. The learner can paint hieroglyphs – this is especially exciting. Information about China and its culture is also available. The technical aspects of the Chinese4EU platform are spectacular. It is easy to use; its content is displayed in a logical and comfortable way. The C4eu makes you want to learn Chinese!...'* **Ausra Nakas, English and French teacher**

*'...Can Europeans learn a language so entirely different from their Indo-European roots? Chinese presents one of the most important forces of the new global equilibrium yet poses a completely new challenge in terms of communication. To*

*give us a primary insight and a chance to develop basic skills in this seemingly alien tongue, the project “Chinese 4 European” has come up with an interesting learning platform.*

*Having been presented with the modules of the website and after going through some learning of Chinese myself, I can suggest this platform for others interested in Mandarin to. <...> The site is easy to navigate and clear in its set-up.*

*Concerning the Children's section, the important factor fun sets in. The animations are loving. Games give positive feedback and strengthen motivation. Special interest is developed in the calligraphy lessons. These sections of the platform can be used with adult learners as well. As I have noticed during my years as a teacher, children and adults alike enjoy colours, sounds, animations and fun whilst learning.*

*Both parts of the platform, the one for children and the one for adults, may be used in entirely different contexts too. While learning other languages, such as English, Chinese culture and influence are an important topic of our days – the gaining impact of Far Eastern politics, financial and cultural tides, products and migration pose issues, problems, open questions and many open ends for discussions. <...> The online modules of “Chinese 4 Europeans” are a real chance of openness and a fun and effective learning method...'* **Robin Mück, English Teacher and Academic Activity Coordinator, Soros International House**



# Students' comments



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'...I've heard about **Chinese4.eu** project long time ago and finally it is up and running! In general I'm a big fan of innovative language learning solutions, and have tried many platforms before. However – **Chinese4.eu** really makes a difference. First of all it is very intuitive and fun to use. You will never be bored there as challenges and practices add a spirit of competition. The resource can be used by the whole family and by people with different background and needs (kids, business people, students, tourists). The material selection is very practical and covers all the most important subjects. What else is very important for beginners is a good quality phonetics performed by native speakers. In general the platform is great! What I would add there would probably be one thing: an option to have a word by word translation of dialogues as this would help to feel the language and understand how Chinese people think and look at this world...' **Andriy Rukas**

'...The **Cinese4.eu** is a great learning platform with lots of interesting activities for all levels of students. Particularly I like that it has a friendly interface and easy to use. I am sure that even people with no computer skills would enjoy it, which is very important for students of senior age who strive to learning. The only thing to add could be some calligraphy tutorials for new words for all levels; or stroke order patterns, maybe animation of that kind. Another idea could be – some video lessons or downloadable audio podcasts. Really hope to see the success of this project, and I would definitely recommend it to my friends who are also interested in learning Chinese...' **Tatjana Galas**

To take advantage of all the modules of the course *Chinese for Europeans*, just set up an account at **[www.chinese4.eu](http://www.chinese4.eu)**!

*'...What I like most of Chinese4u project is a complementation of information and graphics. As I am person with a visual memory, animation is the best way to remember Chinese characters, rules of grammar in the same time having a good time following a story. Animation goes from the simple situations about food, shopping and etc. to more specific fields, staying plain and clear, interacting with you in various situations. Moreover website has mobile applications for travelling or business making it not only for learning, but also valuable tool for a finding your way in china and even helping for business communication. All in all website **Chinese4u** is a simple and powerful, created by newest teaching tips. Hope it will stay that way...'* **Osmandas Daugela**







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