**2014 MICHIGAN CHINA QUIZ BOWL**

**PHRASES**

For Divisions II-IV, 30-40% of questions in each round (including the reading section) for the

2014 MCQB will be based on the “Learn a Chinese Phrase” series produced by the Confucius

Institute at Wayne State University. A new video is posted each week on the Wayne State University Confucius Institute’s website, facebook page, and youtube channel. Participants in the Michigan China Quiz Bowl are encouraged to subscribe to the facebook and/or youtube sites.

Videos are bundled into numbered playlists in the playlist section of the youtube channel.

Middle and High School Division II questions will be based on videos 1-30.

Middle and High School Division III and High School Division IV questions will be based on videos 1-50.

Videos are bundled by number on the playlists section on the youtube channel for the

Confucius Institute at Wayne State University.

Teachers may request DVDs for themselves or for their students who do not have regular access to the internet.

Example questions for 吹牛皮 （chuī niú pí ） (Blowing the Cowhide):

What is the *literal* meaning of吹牛皮（chuī niú pí） in English?

Possible answers: Blow cowhide / blowing cowhide

What does the Chinese idiom吹牛皮（chuī niú pí） imply in English?

Possible answers: that someone is bragging / boasting / talking trash / exaggerating

In the Chinese phrase吹牛皮（chuī niú pí） what is the meaning of 吹（chuī） in English?

Possible answers: blow/inflate/play a woodwind or brass instrument

In the Chinese phrase吹牛皮（chuī niú pí） what is the meaning of 牛（niú） in English?

Possible answers: cow/ox/bull

In the Chinese phrase吹牛皮（chuī niú pí） what is the meaning of 皮（pí） in English?

Possible answers: cow hide / cow leather / cow skin / leather

Based on the “Learn a Chinese Phrase” video series, please provide a Chinese idiom that would be appropriate for someone who boasts or exaggerates a lot?

Possible answers: 吹牛皮（chuī niú pí） /他在吹牛皮（tā zài chuī niú pí ） /他吹牛皮（tā chuī niú pí ）