

如今，学习汉语已成为一种世界流行趋势。“汉语热”在世界持续升温，是中国国际影响力上升的标志。



With the growing enthusiasm for learning Chinese around the world in recent years, there has been increased understanding of Chinese vocabulary and concepts among foreigners.

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According to a report on overseas understanding of Chinese words issued by the China Foreign Languages Publishing Administration on Saturday, the first of its kind, there has been a drastic rise in the popularity of Chinese words among foreigners in the past few years.

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The report indicates that most of the top 100 most frequently said Chinese words by foreigners belong to those related to Chinese traditions or culture, such as *chunjie*, or Spring Festival, and *chongyang*, or Double Ninth Festival (the ninth day of the lunar ninth month). *Shaolin*, referring to the Shaolin Temple, which is famous for promoting Chinese kung fu, was listed as the most recognized Chinese word.

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The acceptance of more and more Chinese words by foreigners is also a result of the ever-increasing popularity of Chinese learning in foreign countries. A Chinese-learning fever has been seen in a large number of countries across the world. As an institution to promote Chinese and disseminate Chinese culture, the Confucius Institute has set up 511 branches and 1,073 classrooms in 140 countries and regions, with 2.1 million registered students. Chinese companies now employ large numbers of local employees overseas, many of whom work hard to learn Chinese for their work needs.

