CONFUCIUS CENTRE BUILDS CULTURAL INSIGHTS

Almost 300 people flocked to The Confucius Institute’s 10th birthday celebrations at Charles Darwin University.

Chinese director of the Confucius Institute (CI) at CDU, Donghe Liu, said the day was celebrated by all the Confucius Institute’s around the world.

“We use this day to hold cultural activities to build a bridge for further understanding between Chinese people,” he said.

There are 13 institutes in Australia which provide Chinese language classes and Chinese teacher training.

The CI at CDU is unique as it partners with two universities in China, Anhui Normal University and Hainan University.

The event featured traditional songs, poems, a dragon and lion dance and tai chi.

Mr Liu said tai chi was a Chinese professional martial art.

“It’s slow, stable and very good for your health,” he said.

Lucy Hong Lu and Donghe Liu conducted tai chi demonstrations as part of the Confucius Institute festivities.