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## CHINA IN ARKANSAS



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Jingjing Li, left, the Chinese deputy director of UCAs Confucius Institute, Alex Chen, associate vice president for International Engagement at UCA, Jie Min and Phillip Bailey, with UCAs Languages, Literatures and Cultures department, examine a Chinese board game and textiles in Min's classroom on Saturday. Min has been the Mandarin Chinese instructor for the Hot Springs School District for two years. She and Paula Redding, the high school's International Baccalaureate coordinator, helped organize a tour for Arkansas' Chinese language teachers and UCA staff. Currently, there are 1,000 middle and high school students in eight Arkansas school districts learning Mandarin.