

## Asia Literacy Papers Delivered at Australian Studies Centre Conference, Shanghai



Association member, Ms Maureen Noakes, presenting a paper on Asia literacy at the Australian Studies Centres conference in Shanghai

Asia literacy in Australian schools gained a boost at a recent international conference in China. Attendees at the 12<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Australian Studies Centres in Shanghai received two papers on the topic. One from Dr Rita Tognini outlining the current state of Asia literacy in Australia, and a project focused paper from Ms Maureen Noakes.

Ms Noakes' paper was based on her post graduate studies. It detailed a cross-curricula methodology for implementing Asia literacy in the classroom and building meaningful engagement between Australian and Asian students. The methodology aimed to use a range of practical activities to encourage students to critically reflect on cultural differences, and to appreciate different world views. The paper concluded that the methodology added significant value to in-country learning experiences via a ten week pre-departure program and a follow-up program to focus and contextualise the in-country experience.

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## Look North - The North Queensland Centre for Asian Studies

The Willows State School and Kirwan State High School of Townsville were 2 of 191 recipients of the "Becoming Asia Literate School Grants" announced last week. This project will establish a Centre for Asian Studies for schools in Townsville. The proposal was supported via the Asia Literacy Teachers Association independent review service. This service is free to our corporate (school) members and aims to enhance the quality of submissions and their chance for successful outcomes.

These grants are highly competitive with only 191 schools receiving grants Australia wide. The grants are funded by NALSSP and administered by the Asia Education Foundation. The Asia Literacy Teachers Association of Australia extends our offer to [join the association](#) and utilise our skills to help you write a high quality proposal for 2011. An independent review is often the difference between a good proposal and an excellent proposal.

For primary schools, we currently offer significant membership discounts, so this is the time to take action and start preparing for 2011.

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### Studies of Society & Environment in Asia

#### Coming Soon from the Asia Literacy Teachers Association

If you are interested environmental studies from an Asian perspective, we have an In-country Teacher Professional Development Program that you must join.

**Developed & delivered by an Asian environmental education specialist**

**Visit important sites, learn about the issues, the root causes & the solutions**

**Structured with a teacher resource package**

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## Giving Young Australians a Foundation for Asian LOTE

All children have potential to be multilingual, with an early start, frequent lessons and continuity, which YOU CAN provide - even without a constant supply of language specialists!

Imagine you really wanted your junior primary students to be able to climb Mt Fuji one day. It could make sense to start training them on a local hill: to enjoy the achievement, build their muscles, see the view, think of themselves as mountaineers... so that they could climb Fuji, or the Matterhorn, or Everest when they are old enough.

Language learning in schools can benefit from a similar kind of preparatory training!

Esperanto, as the world's easiest living language, is an ideal linguistic "hill". It is learner-friendly enough to master completely in primary school, and provides the best preparation for learning other languages because it has the least non-transferable idiosyncrasies.



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The new resource *Talking to the Whole Wide World* is uniquely designed for easy use by primary teachers who have not previously learned or taught a second language. It teaches the teacher Esperanto, and how-to-teach-primary-languages, on a "just in time" basis which is both effective and efficient.

Esperanto also provides intercultural access to peers in dozens of Asian and other countries- a great start for life in the global community!

To promote both cultural knowledge of Asia and lay the foundation for future LOTE studies, the Asia Literacy Teachers Association has negotiated an opportunity for primary schools to access the **Talking to the Whole Wide World Kit at a very significant 20% discount**. This discount applies to the staff induction, parent presentation and whole school "Talking to the Whole Wide World" resources starter package.

This offer is only available to Corporate (School) Members of the association. To help with this the association will provide a LIFETIME discount on school membership as follows:

- 40% discount for primary schools in remote and small rural communities or
- 20% discount for all other primary schools.

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### Asia Literacy for All Primary Schools

#### Lifetime discount for Corporate (School) Members who join before 30 June 2011.

40% LIFETIME discount for primary schools in remote and small rural communities

20% LIFETIME discount for all other primary schools

#### Plus

20% discount for Talking to the Whole Wide World Kit

This kit includes:  
Staff Induction  
Parent Presentation  
Whole School "Talking to the Whole Wide World" resources starter package

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**This offer closes 30 June 2011**

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## Australian Studies Centres Conference: Highly Relevant for Education Professionals



Association CEO Mr James Davis and Australia's Consul General in Shanghai Mr Tom Connor at the World Expo Australian Exhibit in Shanghai

The association's recent Shanghai visit included an evening at the Australia Exhibition of World Expo. This visit was arranged as part of the Australia Studies Centres Conference. This year the conference had a 38% growth in participants with around 170 people from across Australia and China. Papers covered areas such as:

- International relations
- Literature
- Culture and Society
- Education
- History and politics
- Film, media and the Arts

Many of the Chinese universities were represented by teachers from their respective Education Faculties, which made the program very relevant for teachers across primary and secondary levels. The next conference will be held in July 2012 in Chengdu, and we aim to have an even larger contingent of association members attending and presenting papers.

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## Plan Now for 2011 School Visits

Asia Literacy Teachers Association provides planning support and management for all types of in-country learning experiences for school groups. If your school is considering a student program in Asia we have the networks to make it simple to organise and relevant to your teaching objectives. Examples of Asia programs we offer for student groups include:

- Environmental education,
- Language immersion,
- Arts projects,
- History & Geography,
- Business Studies in Asia,
- Sports & Physical Education
- Comparative Religious programs,
- NGO and philanthropic programs,
- Cultural awareness projects,
- Tailoring programs to meet your needs.

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Competition:**  
**A simple way to bring  
Asia into your school.**

## Asia Literacy Week

Are you looking for some interesting and relevant end of year activities for your students?

Why not hold your own Asia Literacy Week this December?

Your school can take the next step towards becoming an Asia literate school by developing your own [Asia Literacy Week](#). Help build skills, understandings and knowledge of Asia across all learning areas, by encouraging students and teachers across all curriculum areas to get involved.

Visit our website to learn more about Asia Literacy Week and contribute to the ideas bank.

[http://www.asialiteracyweek.org.au/Asia\\_Literacy\\_Week.php](http://www.asialiteracyweek.org.au/Asia_Literacy_Week.php)

## Early Bird Teacher PD Registrations 2011

**14 - 25 April: Beijing, Xian, Shanghai.** Program for Visual Art, Performing Arts, SOSE, History, Business, Geography, English, Science.

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**14 - 25 April: China Visual Arts Program.** Program specialising in Visual Art, covering the art scene of Beijing and Shanghai in detail.

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**June - July. Programs include:**

Beijing-Xian-Lhasa-Shanghai  
Exploration of the Silk Road: Xian to Kashgar  
Indonesia  
Studies of Society & Environment in Asia

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## Membership Update

Our membership for both ordinary and corporate categories continues to expand and this has made it possible to expand some of our member services. These new services include the opening of new regional Chapters and the commencement of regular Asia Literacy PD opportunities. See the Future Events listing below or contact one of the Chapter organisers more information.

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## New Members

To join the association you can access an application form at this link:  
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or contact Anthony at  
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## Our Member Benefits Just Keep Growing

- Member discounts on in-country teacher professional development.
- Member discounts on teaching placements for Australian teachers in China.
- Programs tailored to support student visits to Asia.
- Language immersion programs for students and teachers.
- FREE sister school partnering services.
- Opportunities to partner on grant applications and funded projects.
- FREE grant application advisory services to schools seeking Asia literacy grant funding.
- FREE Member Updates on specific Asia literacy opportunities, in addition to standard newsletters.
- Opportunities to participate in roles such as Program Leader.

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