

## **Globalization and Imagination: The 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Australian Studies in China**

**6-8 July 2012**

**Xihua University, Chengdu  
The People's Republic of China**

Scholars are invited to participate in the 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Australian Studies in China, which will be held by Xihua University between 6 and 8 July 2012. The Conference is to be sponsored by the Australia China Council under Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and supported by the National Association of Australian Studies in China.

The theme of the conference is *Globalization and Imagination*. 2012 will mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the restoration of diplomatic relations between China and Australia. The past four decades have witnessed a burgeoning globalization trend in the world, which has tremendously changed almost every nation's imagination of themselves and others. The theme of this conference is deliberately broad in scope and aims to generate an open space for participants to share their thoughts on Australia's national imagination and the new developments, challenges and opportunities in China and Australia's perception on each other. We believe such a space for dialogues will strengthen mutual understanding and trust between the peoples of China and Australia, and promote further development of Australian Studies in China.



The Conference welcomes papers discussing topics in the following areas:

- ❖ Australian history;
- ❖ Australian literature;
- ❖ Australian culture and media;
- ❖ Sino-Australian relationship and Australian foreign relations;
- ❖ Australian politics;
- ❖ Australian economy;
- ❖ Indigenous studies;
- ❖ Ethnic relations in Australia;
- ❖ Australian language and culture
- ❖ Political, economic, cultural and education exchanges and cooperation between China and Australia;
- ❖ Studies on Chinese Australians ; and
- ❖ any other related topics.

The working language of the Conference is English.

To submit an abstract or to attend the conference with our association group, please contact Mr Song Huang for further information. [Song@AsiaLiteracy.org.au](mailto:Song@AsiaLiteracy.org.au)

### **Embedding Asia Literacy in Early Years Education**

For teachers in primary schools and early childhood, there are a wide range of resources available to help embed Asian perspectives into everyday pedagogy. One example is the Asian Dreaming CD used at Walaroo Child Care Centre in NSW. Lisa Booth of Walaroo says that:

*"We not only play it at relaxation time but also when children arrive, as we find it has a beautiful, calming effect. We are working on social skills in the 3 to 5 room and the children have their own 'solution box', which gives them strategies on how to show empathy for others and how to display emotions."*

In addition, Walaroo Child Care Centre have found a great range of books for teaching inter-cultural understandings:

*"We found books such as Understand and Care, Accept and Value Each Person and KeitePeheaKoe? How Do You Feel? have been invaluable resources. We also often take the children on magical mind journeys at relaxation time and a favourite story we tell involves a magic carpet"*

For schools looking to develop a collection of interesting resources to teach Asia Literacy or intercultural understandings a great place to start is [www.GlobalKidsOz.com.au](http://www.GlobalKidsOz.com.au). This site offers a broad range of resources relevant to the context of Australian schools, and is a recognised supplier to many education resource centres.



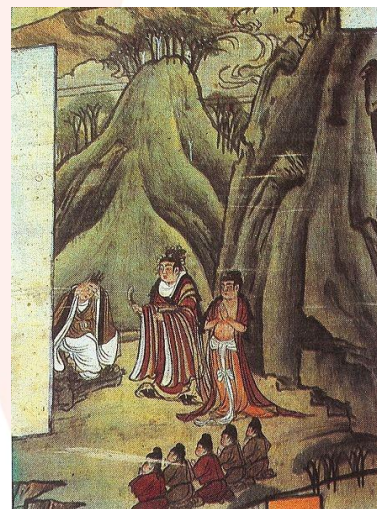
***Donors to the  
Asia Literacy Scholarship Fund***

## Chinese Visual Arts

Our Chinese Visual Arts program for teachers covers major galleries and exhibitions in Beijing & Shanghai, and is timed to coincide with school holiday blocks. Teachers who attended this program in 2011 found it to be an economical way of learning about Chinese art, whilst also visiting many historical sites.

This program presents an excellent opportunity to gain a unique Asia Literacy perspective on visual arts, aligned with the emerging Australian curriculum. Program brochures and registration forms can be downloaded in a single document from our webpage at:

[http://www.asialiteracy.org.au/Asia\\_Literacy\\_PD.php](http://www.asialiteracy.org.au/Asia_Literacy_PD.php)



## New Asia Literacy Chapter In South Australia

The Association has recently developed a new chapter in South Australia with Mrs Brooke Garrett as our local point of contact. Brooke works with Banksia Park International High School and can be contacted at [brooke.garrett@live.com.au](mailto:brooke.garrett@live.com.au).

### **Volunteer Teaching in China or Vietnam FREE Registration to Members**

- 4 to 8 Week Blocks.
- Private accommodation provided.
- Start April, May, June and Sept, Oct, Nov.
- Guaranteed placement.
- Asia Literacy CPD Certificate.
- Experience Asia with local people.

Learn More Here

[http://www.asialiteracy.org.au/Teach\\_Asia.php](http://www.asialiteracy.org.au/Teach_Asia.php)

### **Upcoming In-country Teacher PD Register Now**

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*All programs have participants registered  
Guaranteed to depart  
Limited places available*

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<b><u>China Arts Program</u></b>	June & Sept 2012
Beijing & Shanghai (Xi'an Optional)	

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### **Asia Literacy Week Primary Schools Prize**

The Asia Literacy Scholarship Fund has established its first primary schools prize to promote the teaching of Asian perspectives. The prize will be awarded in the second half of 2012 to support schools in the develop of [Asia Literacy Week](#). Selection criteria and applications processes will be available by the end of the year. Prize details can be found at

[http://www.asialiteracy.org.au/Scholarships\\_Prizes.php](http://www.asialiteracy.org.au/Scholarships_Prizes.php)

In 2011, Asia Literacy Week is planned for 28 Nov to 2 Dec. Ideas from last years Asia Literacy Week included Japanese face painting, explorations of Asian art, student explorations of business links with Asia, environment related projects or introduction to an Asian language. If teachers wish to contribute to our Ideas Bank, please feel free to email us at [Info@AsiaLiteracy.org.au](mailto:Info@AsiaLiteracy.org.au) or submit a form at [http://www.asialiteracy.org.au/Asia\\_Literacy\\_Week.php](http://www.asialiteracy.org.au/Asia_Literacy_Week.php).

To support Asia Literacy Week activities, there are some great resources available via our sponsors at [www.GlobalKidsOz.com.au](http://www.GlobalKidsOz.com.au)



**Make Asia Literacy Happen  
Become a Member Today**



## **Sustainable Asia Project For Students Malaysia • Thailand Start Planning Now**

### [Walking with Elephants](#)

#### [Turning Turtle](#)

#### [Wild Orangutan Adventure](#)

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#### [Biology Research Projects](#)

#### **Best Dates for 2012**

31 Mar – 9 Apr 2012

6 Apr – 22 Apr 2012

25 Jun – 8 Jul 2012

30 Jun – 15 Jul 2012

22 Sep – 27 Oct 2012



**Orangutan's in Sabah, Malaysia**

Current programs include:

- Walking with Elephants; Thailand.
- Turning Turtle; Terengganu, Malaysia
- Wild Orangutan Adventure; Sabah, Malaysia
- Wild Rainforest Works; Sabah, Malaysia
- Biology Research Projects; Sabah, Malaysia

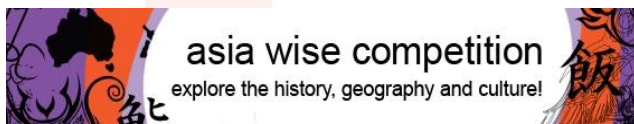
Minimum group sizes range from 8-12 students and program prices start from \$595 per student.

Visit this link to find out more:

[http://www.asialiteracy.org.au/Sustainable\\_Asia.php](http://www.asialiteracy.org.au/Sustainable_Asia.php)

### [Download Brochures Here](#)

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### [Sponsors of Asia Literacy Week 2011](#)

Teachers of Science, Biology, SOSE and Geography, we can now offer you some innovative and exciting, low cost international programs to support classroom teaching. These programs are designed and managed by teachers with a passion for environmental conservation, and operate across South-East Asia.

The programs are well structured and teach conservation and ecology from a social perspective, showing students how communities in Asia are modifying economic practices for the benefit of the environment. Students will engage with diverse cultures, endangered species, world heritage rainforests and parts of Asia where Australians have had many decades of interaction.

## **Teachers Leading the way on Asia Literacy**

People to People Links to Asia  
Teacher Professional Learning  
Sister Schools  
Chinese Language Immersion  
Teach-in-Asia  
Sustainable Asia  
Asia Gap Year for School Leavers  
Scholarships & Prizes  
Great Wall Charity Trek  
Asia Literacy Week  
[www.AsiaLiteracy.org.au](http://www.AsiaLiteracy.org.au)