

US-CHINA JOINT CONFERENCE AT TONGZHOU,
BEIJING

In collaboration with Beijing Municipal Education Commission, the National Office of Teaching Chinese as Second Language (Hanban), and the Education Commission at Tongzhou, CLASS has successfully conducted the first US-China Joint Conference on teaching Chinese as a second language from July 18 through July 22, 2005 at Tongzhou, Beijing. This conference was designed for Chinese language teachers in the United States to meet and articulate common concerns with those teachers who teach Chinese to foreign students in China. Fifty-one enthusiastic Chinese language teachers from the United States actively interacted with fifty Hanyu teachers in China. It was an eye-opening experience for both American teachers and teachers in China to see what other Chinese teachers were doing in their classroom. The ideas they exchanged and obtained from the presentations were valuable and useful to their teaching. The visit to Lu He High School was one of the highlights in Tongzhou. Principal Zhang gave the conference participants a warm reception and the school staff escorted a tour of their beautiful campus. Participating teachers were impressed with the school's long history and its modern, complete facilities.

2005 CLASS SUMMER STUDY PROGRAM IN SHANGHAI

The CLASS Summer Study Program, attended by twenty teachers at East China Normal University, offered a great opportunity for new and veteran Chinese teachers to refresh and expand their knowledge in the field of Chinese language and culture.

The First Hanyu Qiao US High School Speech Contest

To support for the 2005: The Year of Language national campaign, CLASS organized its first speech contest on Sunday, May 7, 2005 at the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the United States of America. The purpose of this event was to encourage more non-native speakers to learn Chinese language at the pre-college level, as well as highlight their outstanding academic achievement in learning Chinese. Honorary Chairpersons of this event were Ambassador Wenzhong Zhou and Minister Counselor Chuansheng Liu. Organizing Committee members were Yu-Lan Lin of CLASS, Mr. Yougen Yu of the Chinese Embassy, and Beifeng Sun of the YuWenBao North American Monthly. This event was made possible by the generous funding from the Chinese Embassy and the National Of-

fice for Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language (Hanban).

Fifteen high school students from public and private schools in California, Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Washington D. C. participated in the Hanyu Qiao Speech Contest. *(Submitted by Lucy Lee)*

**The Chinese Language Teachers
Association of Greater New York
& Nanjing Normal University
jointly offer
A Masters Program in Teaching
Chinese as a Foreign Language**

To meet the growing demand for qualified Chinese language teachers in the U.S., the Chinese Language Teachers Association of Greater New York (CLTA-GNY) is launching a masters program in teaching Chinese as a foreign language in collaboration with Nanjing Normal University (Nanshida), which is designated by the Ministry of Education of China as one of the base universities for teaching Chinese as a foreign language in China.

This program is designed for people who wish to teach Chinese in the U.S. and elsewhere. The program consists of 34 credits in theoretical linguistics, applied linguistics, modern Chinese theories, classic and modern Chinese literature, testing in Chinese and instructional technology. 8 out of these 34 credits in Chinese culture and English can be waived for qualified candidates.

Two thirds of coursework of this program will be conducted at Nanshida in two consecutive summers and the remaining classes will be held in New York City between the summers. Upon the successful completion of the coursework, students will receive a certificate from Nanshida. Upon successful defense of the thesis, students will receive a Masters degree in teaching Chinese as a foreign language from Nanshida.

To be eligible for this program, applicants must have a BA degree, be U.S. citizens or green card holders.

Fees:

Application fee: \$30 (nonrefundable)