

## NEWS OF THE FIELD

### Professor Ma Jing-heng Receives CLTA Walton Award for Lifetime Achievement

The CLTA Walton Award for lifetime achievement in the field of Chinese language pedagogy, founded in 1998 by friends and colleagues of Ronald Walton and funded in 2005 by a perpetual endowment from the Cheng & Tsui Company, was presented to Professor Jing-heng Ma of Wellesley College at the CLTA Annual Meeting. Professor Ma is no stranger to CLTA, having served two terms on the Board of Directors. She has also been a prolific contributor in all aspects of the field, teaching all aspects of the Chinese language, developing teaching materials (both texts and computer-assisted materials), researching in both pedagogy and linguistics and training teachers.



Jill Cheng of the Cheng and Tsui Company was on hand to present the Cheng and Tsui Professional Development Award. This year's recipient, Jianling Liao who recently graduated from the University of Iowa, was unable to attend due to her work commitments in China. She will be able to use her award to partially cover the expenses of attending the ACTFL conference in San Antonio next year.

At the conference, the committee selected Yifang Zhang of the University of Oregon as the winner of the Walton Presentation Prize. The Walton Presentation Prize (formerly known as the Ron Walton Young Scholar Award), founded by Ron's friends and colleagues in 1998, was funded in 2005 by a perpetual endowment from the Cheng & Tsui Company in honor of Ronald Walton's lifetime dedication to Chinese language education and cross-cultural understanding. Yifang Zhang's presentation was entitled "Analysis of Chinese L2 Learner Interlanguage Development in Written Discourse." She will receive an award of \$250.00 and an invitation to submit the paper to be considered for publication in the *Journal of the Chinese Language Teachers Association*.

Congratulations to all the winners!

### Professor Kubler Named JCLTA Editor

The CLTA Board of Directors has named Professor Cornelius C. (Neil) Kubler to be Editor of the Journal of the Chinese Language Teachers Association (JCLTA). Professor Kubler, Stanfield Professor of Asian Studies and Chair of the Department of Asian Studies at Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts, will serve a four-year term as Editor beginning December 1, 2006. Professor Kubler replaces Dr. Vivian Ling, who served as JCLTA Editor from November 2002 to November 2006. Professor Kubler, who received his B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Linguistics from Cornell University, specializes in Chinese language pedagogy, Chinese linguistics (in particular dialectology), and language contact.

### Donations to Support CLTA

The CLTA Fundraising Committee, following the initiative started last year, has contacted various authors, publishers and study abroad programs, which resulted in the following four donations, with the last one pledged last year.