

the newsletter among colleagues or friends who might be interested in the initiative. The Asia Society also welcomes readers' feedback and contribution to its future issues. Please visit <http://askasia.org/chinese> to read the newsletter and other valuable information and resources.

This issue focuses on publicizing the summer programs offered by the STARTALK Project. The STARTALK 2007, a National Security Language Initiative administered by the National Foreign Language Center at the University of Maryland, will provide summer programs in Arabic and Chinese for high school students, and professional development programs for prospective and current teachers in K-12 public and private schools, heritage language schools, and community college and university faculty members. Thirty-four institutions from twenty-two states and the District of Columbia will host these programs. These programs vary in content, format, venue, admissions requirements, and cost. Many of them will enable participants to earn academic credit. Don't miss out on this opportunity!

## The 5th New York International Conference on Teaching Chinese Held on May 5 at the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York

The Chinese Language Teachers Association of Greater New York (CLTA-GNY) is holding the 5th New York International Conference on Teaching Chinese on Saturday, May 5 at the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York, familiarly known as West Point Military Academy. There will be 16 panels and over 50 presenters on various aspects of teaching Chinese. Please visit

<http://www.cltagny.org/07conf/07conf.html> for details (click on Conference Program).

Ambassador Liu Biwei, Consul General of the Chinese Consulate in New York, will be addressing the opening session and so will dignitaries from the United States Military Academy. We welcome all our colleagues in the field to attend the conference. CLTA-GNY will charter two buses to transport people from New York City to West Point on the day of the conference. For details, please visit

<http://www.clta-gny.org/07conf/07conf.html> (click on Buses).

As part of the conference, CLTA-GNY will hold a workshop on Friday, May 4, from 2 to 4 pm in New York City to be conducted by Mr. Thomas Matts, Director of AP World Languages Initiative at The College Board. Mr. Matts is widely quoted in College Board's AP Chinese initiative and is the best authority on AP Chinese. The

following is the description of this presentation: The inaugural administration of the College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) Chinese Language and Culture Examination will occur on May 9, 2007.

The AP Program offers college level courses and exams to motivated high school students in 37 different subjects, including AP Chinese and AP Japanese, both new this year. The vast majority of colleges and universities throughout the United States have policies governing advanced placement or the awarding of college credit for students' successful performance on the standardized AP Exams administered each year. In this timely session, Thomas Matts, Director of the College Board's AP World Languages Initiative, will discuss various aspects of his new exam: its internet-based format, its measurement goals, and its implications for college and university admissions offices and academic departments. For further details of this workshop, please

<http://clta-gny.org/07conf/07conf.html> (click Pre-Conference Program).

For inquiries about the AP Workshop on May 4 and the Conference on May 5, please email [clta.gny@gmail.com](mailto:clta.gny@gmail.com).

## Making the Global Connection: Linking Students and China in the 21st Century Conference

NEALRC, collaborating with OSU K-12 Chinese Flagship Program and The Ohio Department of Education, will conduct a joint conference for Ohio educators interested in developing, or expanding Mandarin Chinese language programs in their schools.

The conference was held in Columbus at Hagerty Hall, 1775 College Road, The Ohio State University, on Thursday, December 14, 2006.

Sessions included:

- An overview of the ODE's options for staffing Chinese language programs.
- A presentation by the OSU K-12 project for developing a statewide network of Mandarin programs.
- Information about the ODE's recent Foreign Language Assistance Program (FLAP) grant