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Registration

Registration is required. Because the space for workshops is limited, the conference will accept applicants on a first come first serve basis except for presenters. Early on-line registration is recommended. Please be aware that there is a **registration fee for both presenters and participants** which will be used to subset the cost for meals and conference materials.

Subsidies and Lodging

For participants who present papers (demonstrations), the conference will provide

(1) Up to **\$300** for airplane tickets (Asia, \$100; Europe, \$200; North America, \$300)

(2) **\$100** for hotel cost

(3) **Materials** for the conference and workshops including Conference Proceedings

(4) All **meals** during the conference

For participants who do not present papers (demonstrations), the conference will provide all **meals** during the conference and the **materials** for the conference and workshops including Conference Proceedings.

All participants shall reserve and pay for their own lodging individually. The detailed information on hotel reservation/campus housing will be provided on the conference website (see above) after 10/1/07.

NEWS OF THE FIELD

Chinese Language Education in Texas: Present and Future

Chinese Language Teachers Association of Texas (CLTA-Texas, www.clta-texas.org). will hold a panel discussion, together with Rice Asian Studies, on 'Chinese Language Education in Texas: Present and Future,' 5-7:00pm, October 25th, 2007, Rice University.

The purpose of the discussion is to initiate the dialogue among language educators, school administrators and local community supporters on the development of Chinese language education in Texas. CLTA-Texas will 'webcast' the discussion which can be a useful resource for schools that plan to start a Chinese language program. Three panelists will be in the discussion: Maria Trevino (Director of Languages Other Than English, Texas Education Agency), Greta Lundgaard (LOTE coordinator, Plano Independent School District), Siva Kumari (Associate Dean of Continuing Studies at Rice). The panelists will present the current status

of K-12 in Texas, Texas foreign language curriculum, teacher certification process and requirements as well as provide suggestions with respect to the establishment of the Chinese program.

Report to CEF on the Second Chinese Calligraphy Workshop

The second Chinese Calligraphy Workshop, jointly sponsored by Confucius Classroom in Denver and Calligraphy Education Group, successfully concluded its 17 day study and exchange programs on July 4th, 2007. The workshop was held principally in three locations: Beijing, Shandong and Shanghai. Fifteen faculty members from 15 academic institutions, including John Hopkins University, Iowa State University, Rutgers University, The American University, Hamilton College, the State University of New York at Geneseo, Lakes International Language Academy, University of Florida, Austin College, Vassar College, Bowdoin College, American School in Taiwan, and Confucius Classroom in