

On Sunday, February 25, 2007, Cate hosted the second annual Chinese Language Pedagogy Colloquium. The meeting was organized by Mr. Winston Zai -Yang Li, Cate's Chinese instructor, and Dr. Hsiao-Jung Yu, a professor from the UCSB Department of East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies. Eleven people attended the day-long event.

A diverse assortment of Chinese specialists participated in the colloquium, and six individuals presented papers on topics related to Chinese language pedagogy. Specialists included Dr. Vivian Ling, a renowned Chinese language expert, and Dr. Yong-Jin Park, a Chinese linguist and Chinese language professor from Korea.

Each presenter spoke for twenty minutes and then answered questions. The list of presentations is below.

Teaching theory and practice related to VSR (Visually-Stimulated Response) - Winston Zai -Yang Li

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“Investigating Teaching Styles Through Students Perspectives” - Miyoki Chan

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“Teaching Listening via Cognitive and Meta Cognitive Process - Course Design and Teaching Strategy for Novice level CFS Learners” - Shiyang Pang

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“Cognitive Processing in the Recognition of Chinese Characters: Implications for Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language” - Joshua Dryer

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“Exploration on Teaching Chinese Relative Clause Construction” - Fanqiong Zhan

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“Evaluating Cultural Content in Elementary Chinese Language Textbooks” - Haiping Wu

The colloquium was so invigorating that the participants were reluctant to leave when the day officially concluded. Participants unanimously agreed to explore the idea of establishing an organization. The tentative name of this organization is "The Central California Chinese Language Pedagogy Research Society." Mr. Li will convene a steering committee to further investigate this idea.

Participants wish to thank Cate School for hosting this meaningful and highly successful event, and Jim Masker, a Cate history teacher, for helping to set up the technology that was used during the colloquium. (*Zai-Yang Li, Zai-Yang_Li@cate.org*)

32nd Annual Mandarin Speech Contest in Northern California

The 32nd Annual Chinese Speech Contest of California was held at Lowell High School, San Francisco, CA, on Saturday April 21, 2007. This event was hosted by Chinese Teachers Association of California (CLTAC). About 120 teachers and professors were involved, and a total of 780 students of K-16, from across levels, participated in this huge event. This annual competition event grows bigger and more mature each year since the year of 1975. It has been known for its ability to tap into intelligent resources, and organizations with great team work. The program that students of all levels especially enjoyed the most was the voluntary entertainment program between 2:30 and 3:30p.m. During that time, all judges finalized runner-ups. After the entertainment program, CLTAC distributes trophies and prizes. Parents and students were all happy about what they saw. For detailed information please visit <http://www.cltac.org>. (*Lin Hsiuhuei*)

2007 AP Summer Institute in Taipei

The 2007 APSI_TAIPI professional institute was hosted by the Graduate Institute of Teaching Chinese as a Second Language at National Taiwan Normal University, June 27- July 10, 2007 in TAIPEI. The 30 participants of this institute were all high school teachers from the United States sponsored by the Ministry of Education in Taiwan.

Keynote speakers before the AP workshop were Prof. Teh-ming Yeh, Shih-chang Hsin, Jin-jin Tseng, Fred Chen, H. Lin Domizio (Director of 2007 APSI_TAIPEI), Yih-fen Sun and Huaishuan Chen. Their topics included *the Past and Future of TCSL, Technology and Instructional Design,*