

*Teaching of Chinese Characters, Culture and Language, Theories and Practices in TCSL.* Guided by three local folk art masters, the participants enjoyed hands-on experience in traditional and contemporary poetry chanting, play dough and clay figure, and Chinese knot making. Field trips to Hakka Village, traditional Chinese opera, exhibition of terracotta in museum of history were also highlights after the AP and Pre-AP workshop.

Dr. Yea-fen Chen served as the AP and Pre-AP Consultant whose workshops required participants' full involvement. "Both workshops were practical and right on the mark. She made us all participants work passionately in designing unit plans and devising teaching strategies and yet we were surrounded by playful good humors at the same time" a participant said. Daily glimpses and reflections



about the AP and Pre-AP workshops from the 30 American participants were posted in a blog site. It is hoped that it may further propel their professional networking and leave them an indelible memory. (Lin Hsiu-huei)

## StarTalk Program, Southern California Council of Chinese Schools

About 250 high school students in greater Los Angeles area were awarded with the StarTalk federal scholarship to learn Mandarin Chinese and 34 Chinese heritage school teachers were sponsored by the same grant project to enjoy their advanced study in teaching Chinese as a second/foreign language in summer 2007.

Among the total of 34 StarTalk funded programs in U.S.A., Southern California Council of Chinese Schools is the largest program in size and funding which benefited the greatest number of participants in a single program this year. The teacher training program was conducted by Lin Domizio, who offered three graduate credits/units through San Francisco State University. In addition, other than Chinese heritage students, there were many students from L.A. inner city with diverse cultural background. At the end of the five-week program, one student testified and said "My mom is Irish and German, my dad is half Mexican half American, I attend the StarTalk Chinese Program at Troy High School in Fullerton...One thing that I really enjoy these days is going out in public and hearing people speak Chinese, and I get really excited when I hear even one word that I know." The success of this StarTalk program was reported many times on CNN, L.A. Times, and other various types of media. (Lin Hsiu-huei)

## Recognition of Chinese Character Canon by Institute of Applied Linguistics, Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China

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