

合。此外，通过对传统启蒙教育的研究和有关汉字用字情况统计分析、汉字教学理论与实践的整理和总结，我们认识到：整齐划一的韵文形式，有助于人的诵读和记忆；文意和字义的结合有助于提高认字效率和认字效果；根据字频统计的结果集中安排常用字的教学，能够更有针对性地与阅读教学相衔接；而阅读又有助于所学汉字的巩固和对个别生字的随意识记。因此，课题组吸收了郭保华先生多年潜心研究的幼儿认字成果——《中华字经》，并在此基础上，结合常用汉字在当代大型语料库中的覆盖率调查和一些幼儿园语言教育的实践，编制幼儿语言教育，特别是幼儿前阅读技能训练目标和实验教学大纲；并在训练目标和教学大纲的指导下，以800字→1600字→2000字的序列编写分阶段的韵文体认字教本，同时辅以相应的阅读教本和说话训练教本；研制针对阶段目标和总体目标的教学、学习评估体系，并在教学过程中实施评估；在实验教学过程中跟踪教学，整理分析数据，研究教材、教法，并不断加以修订和完善。

本课题的运作，拟采用理论研究和实验教学相结合的原则，在课题的总体框架内，划分子项目，并在实验教学整体方案指导下，由具备实验教学和承担子项目条件，并有承担子项目意向的具体教学单位提出承担子项目申请，经课题组审核同意后，与课题组就子项目研究进行合作，共同推进幼儿语言教育的理论研究和实践。

Bider Technology Inc. Donates Software to Help Long Beach Visually Impaired Student to Learn Chinese

Bider Technology Inc. (Singapore) has recently donated software *Chinese Plus* and *Speech Plus* to Anthony Vasquez, a visually impaired student at California State University Long Beach who started to learn Chinese a year ago. *Chinese Plus* is a program which processes Chinese text and converts characters to Pinyin. *Speech Plus* is a text-to-speech program that reads digitized Chinese text. The programs greatly helped Anthony in his learning. In order to help him to learn Chinese, the university disability office and Chinese professors worked to-

gether to get familiar with Chinese Braille. A special assistant was employed. Now Anthony can type Chinese and hear any Chinese text seamlessly with these two programs donated by Bider Technology Inc. (Xie Tianwei)

CLTA-FL's Second Annual Conference January 5, 2008 South Florida.

CLTA's Florida chapter has announced its second annual conference for January 5th of 2008 in south Florida. CLTA-FL has a membership of over 100 just in a year since its inaugural conference in January of 2007. It has regularized its conference date and annual training date and works closely with members on the mission of promoting Chinese teaching and learning.

This conference will cover the issues that members concern the most, which include certification and training. Experts in the area will address those two issues at the conference. It will also elect new members to the board of CLTA-FL. The agenda included will also cover the press issues the organization faces, such as funding and advocating for members. Those two areas will also be among the main focus for year 2008.

The same as the trend countrywide, Florida's Chinese education has boomed both in k-12 schools and post-secondary education institutions. CLTA-FL is working to meet the challenges.

CLTA-FL's web site is <http://www.clta-fl.org>

Online Pinyin Tutor Project Needs Your Help

Dear Professors,

I am Yanhui Zhang, a doctoral student in Second Language Acquisition in the Carnegie Mellon University. Currently I am working on a study of online Pinyin tutor, which is to help improving