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Annual K-12 Summer Chinese Language Teacher Training Program at the Confucius Institute Portland State University

The Confucius Institute at PSU is offering the first annual K-12 Summer Chinese Language Teacher Training program this year. There is also going to be an orientation on Saturday, April 12, 2008 at 6:30 - 8:30 PM in East Hall, Room 109, on the PSU campus at 632 SW Hall Street for all those who are interested in participating in this program.

The program runs a total of 5 weeks (2 weeks in Portland and 3 weeks in Suzhou, China) from June 16 to July 18, 2008. Through this program, PSU is offering 6 graduate credits through the Graduate School of Education, which will count toward a potential Chinese Language Teacher Certification, pending legislative approval. Qualified participants may receive a scholarship from the Confucius Institute at PSU.

To register for the program please fill-out the attached registration form and return (with payment if possible) to locations listed on the bottom of the form. The deadline for registration and payment is April 30, 2008. For questions regarding this program please send an email to: lium@pdx.edu or lul@pdx.edu, or call: 503-725-2285 or 503-725-3420. You can also find more information on our website at: <http://ci.oia.pdx.edu>.

Chinese Bilingual Teacher Education (CBTE) Program at Loyola Marymount University (LMU)

The School of Education at Loyola Marymount University (LMU) is proud to announce the launch of the

Chinese Bilingual Teacher Education (CBTE) Program this year.

The Chinese Bilingual Teacher Education (CBTE) program prepares qualified Mandarin teachers who will conduct instruction in both Chinese and English in K-12 bilingual immersion or foreign language classrooms. Successful graduate will receive a "3 in 1" package: a Single/Multiple Subject Credential, an MA degree in Bilingual Elementary/Secondary Education and a BCLAD Certificate with a Mandarin emphasis.

With initial funding, by a StarTalk grant from the federal government, we will begin the program in June 2008, and scholarship will be offered.

Please find more information of the program by visiting <http://soe.lmu.edu/Chinese>

Chang Pu and Dongbo Zhang have won the Jiede Empirical Research Grant 2008!

The field of teaching Chinese as a foreign language shines not only with the surging interest and pervasive enrollment in Chinese language learning but also the research quality as demonstrated in the proposals submitted to the Jiede Research Committee in 2008. Both the high quality and quantity of the CFL empirical research proposal submissions have made this year very competitive. After anonymous and careful review of the proposals followed by detailed discussions, the Committee (Chuanren Ke, Shengli Feng, and Xiaohong Wen) recommended two winners. The recommendation was subsequently approved by the CLTA Board of Directors. The award carries \$1500 and recognition in CLTA's Newsletter and at the CLTA's Annual Conference. Congratulations to Chang Pu and Dongbo Zhang for their superb work!

1. Chang Pu, an ABD in the Program of Culture, Literacy, and Language at UT San Antonio. The title of the proposal is "Chinese American Children's Bilingual and Biliteracy Practice and Development in Heritage Language and Public Schools".
2. Dongbo Zhang, a PhD student in the Second Language Acquisition program at Carnegie Mellon University. The title of the proposal is "Teacher Questioning in Chinese-as-a-Foreign-Language Classrooms: A Sociocultural Approach".

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