

Press of Hong Kong. Designed for those who have studied Modern Chinese for one or two years, but who have had no exposure to Classical Chinese before, the text is in a set of two volumes: the reader itself and a workbook. The reader includes forty lessons in total, covering selected readings from ancient fables, philosophical texts, as well as historical and literary writings. Each selection is accompanied by annotations and clear and jargon free grammar notes that allow students to develop progressive and analytical understanding of the linguistic and stylistic complexity in Classical Chinese. The set, together with an Instructor's Manual, may be ordered from Columbia University Press.

Practical Chinese Exercises

by Kylie Hsu

Practical Chinese Exercises by Kylie Hsu is a series of three workbooks designed for use with the popular *Practical Chinese Reader I*. You can order them from the Student Book Mart at 1725 N. Eastern Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90032, U.S.A. Tel: 323-262-5511. Each volume includes both traditional and simplified characters, English translation for the main text of each lesson, and a vocabulary index. There are about thirty different types of exercises with answer keys. The Chinese characters are in big print and in a style that is similar to handwriting. For sample lessons and exercises, please visit <http://www.calstatela.edu/faculty/khsu2/pce.html>.

OCDF Publications and Dolphin Books Sign Major Co-Publishing Agreement

After many months of planning and preparation, the contract between OCDF Publications division and Dolphin Books (the children's publishing division of China International Publishing Group in Beijing) was signed on February 2, 2007 in Beijing. The two organizations agreed to develop and publish at the least two major series of books for the children's market in English. These include thematic books for k-12 teachers, home-schoolers, and parents based on Chinese culture, literature, historic sites, and more. The contract enables OCDF to utilize all of Dolphin Books publications for the new project as well as access to other divisions within China International Publishing Group. In addition, Dolphin Books may utilize OCDF publications for distribution in China.

OCDF Publications will distribute these new books online via our OCDF websites/ecatalog and such distribution channels as Amazon.com and Barnes&Noble.com, via exhibitions at such conferences as the National Association of Elementary School Principals and the Chinese Language Teachers Association, at Teacher Supply Stores and Homeschooler resources, through Families with Children from China events and places where OCDF is a vendor, and via the OCDF office/charity gift shop in Bloomington, IL.

In addition to the publications, OCDF will be offering teacher inservice workshops throughout the US, Canada, UK, and Australia to enable elementary school teachers to learn how to integrate Chinese Culture into their thematic instructional units. OCDF will also be available to provide workshops for adoptive parents and home-schoolers and programs at Cultural Heritage Days. Coordinating the marketing/sales efforts will be Sun Xiao Bing. Leading the training design and inservice program development will be Dr. Jane Liedtke.

Individuals who would like to be trained to deliver inservice programs to pre-k/k-8 teachers should contact Jane@ocdf.org. And, individuals who are interested in serving as a regional distribution representative for OCDF can also email Jane.

The publishing effort and writing team consists of representatives from both Dolphin Books and OCDF as well as adoptive parents who are teachers in Beijing at either universities or international schools. Consultants and writers for various topics are needed.

The first 8 books are completed. The first series includes 40+ books, each 36 pages in full-color with CDROM included. Order forms are available for the thematic books including: *Chinese Traditional Festivals and Holidays*, *Chinese Myths and Legends*, *Chinese Traditional Musical Instruments*, *Games Kids Play*, *Chinese Traditional Arts and Crafts*, *China's UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Sites*, *China's Minority Groups*, *Famous Inventions of China*, *Chinese Classical Literature*, *Geography of China*, *Basics of Chinese Culture*, and *Philosophies & Religions of China (book #3)*, and *Foods of China*.

As you can imagine, OCDF's entire team is pretty excited about this project. It came as a result of Jane speaking at the summer conference on reaching a larger market for Chinese culture publications held by China International Publishing Group in August, 2006. Representatives from CIPG's traditional distributors from Germany, USA, Australia, UK, and France at-