

You and your colleagues are cordially invited to attend the Development Committee's program, which will feature presentations on teaching AP Chinese Language and Culture. There will also be presentations on the content and administration of the AP Exam and on how students' responses are scored. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in a question and answer session and to exchange information with the high school and college faculty who are responsible for designing the AP Chinese Language and Culture course and exam and with the Chief Reader, who supervises the evaluation of students' typed and spoken responses. A copy of the agenda is on the reverse side of this letter.

To register for the conference, please complete the enclosed form and return it to Tina Kadelski by fax (at 732 667-4052), mail (46-N, ETS, Rosedale Road, Princeton, NJ 08541), or e-mail (tkadelski@ets.org) by September 15, 2008. By registering in advance, you will ensure that those planning the conference provide a sufficient number of publications and handouts. We also encourage you to include any questions you would like to have answered at the conference. You will *not* get a confirmation of receipt of your registration form, but your

registration assures you of a place at the conference. All attendees will receive a certificate of participation.

We sincerely hope that you and your colleagues will be able to participate in this program and take advantage of the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with the AP Chinese Language and Culture Development Committee. We look forward to seeing you in Los Angeles, CA. Jianhua Bai, Chair AP Chinese Language and Culture Development Committee

AP Chinese Language and Culture Development Committee for 2008-09:

Jianhua Bai, Kenyon College, Gambier, OH, *Chair*
Yea-Fen Chen, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee
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Hong Gang Jin, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY
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Xian Wu, Northview High School, Duluth, GA

The Chief Reader for AP Chinese Language and Culture is Tao-chung Yao of the University of Hawaii at Manoa in Honolulu. Consultants from ETS, Princeton, New Jersey, are David Baum, Kim Kaye, and Lucy Lee.

**A Jiede Empirical Research Workshop
for CLTA Members in November
2008
Finding Research Topics and Designing
Empirical Studies on CFL**

The Jiede Committee is pleased to offer a workshop by Professor Xiaohong (Sharon) Wen during the ACTFL/CLTA Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL this year. To meet the increasing need of our CLTA members who are interested in empirical research but do not have specific ideas where to start with, this workshop is designed to help participants, particularly junior faculty members who will engage in meaningful and feasible research on Teaching/Learning Chinese as a Foreign Language (CFL). The workshop will first review research studies conducted in teaching or learning Chinese as a foreign language in the United States. Drawing upon the findings of previous studies, potential topics will be identified and discussed. Feasibility and re-

quirements of prospective projects will be analyzed. Considerations and concerns on designing the study, collecting data, and carrying out the project will be examined. Participants are encouraged to share their current research topics, and discuss their approaches in conducting their studies. This is hands-on experience, a time and a place to exchange our thoughts and viewpoints on research in learning and teaching Chinese as a foreign language.

To register: Check "CLTA Empirical Research Workshop" under the item "Workshop" on the ACTFL Conference Registration Form. The form can be obtained at: www.actfl.org

Title: W24 CLTA Empirical Research Workshop
Time: 1:00-4:00pm, Thursday, Nov. 20, 2008
Fee: \$75 if registered by 10/15/08; \$100 after 10/15/08

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