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As a convention, TCLT6 published its *Conference Proceedings* on site. For more information about TCLT6, please check the web site at <http://nealrc.osu.edu/tclt6/> and <http://www.tclt.us/>.

TCLT will launch its publication: *Journal of Technology and Chinese Language Teaching (科技与中文教学)-A Peer Reviewed Online Publication* (ISSN: 1949-260X) in December, 2010. Details about the journal will be announced separately.

TCLT7 will be held at the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 2012. Interested readers should check the conference information at <http://www.tclt.us/> when the time comes.

There are still some extra copies of the *Proceedings* left. If anyone is interested, please contact Dr. Minru Li at OSU at li28@humanities.osu.edu for a copy. OSU may charge a few dollars for production cost. To make sure you want a copy of the *Proceedings*, please check the TCLT6 Conference Program at <http://www.tclt.us/> under Conferences/TCLT6/Program.

New First-Year Chinese Teaching Program by Terry Waltz

Ten schools around the country are piloting a new first-year Chinese teaching program by Terry Waltz using Optimized Immersion (which provides both language acquisition using TPRS and literacy education using first-language literacy methods from the West to teach Chinese characters and reading strategies). Reading materials from the program, which are suitable for all beginning students regardless of the textbook used, will be available to anyone interested later this semester. For more information contact Dr. Waltz at waltz@acslanguage.com. (by Waltz, Translator/Interpreter terry.waltz@chineseandspanish.com)

CLTA-TX's 2010 Annual Conference Held August 28

CLTA-TX will hold 2010 Annual Conference on Saturday, August 28th with the sponsorship of Confucius Institute at Texas A&M University. Connecting Assessment to Daily Instruction is the Conference theme. Two

keynote speakers are invited. Dr. Yulan Lin, World Language Director Boston Public Schools, will focus on 'Empowering Language Teaching through Performance-based Assessment'. Dr. Tianwei Xie, professor at California State University Long Beach, presents 'OPI, SAT and TOP: Assessment Tools for a Hybrid Study Program'. Dr. Michael Hydak, Director of Language Other than English at Texas Education Agency, along with Mr. McCune, Curriculum Instructional Specialist at LamarC ISD, will discuss the development of the Chinese programs at K-12 in Texas. The Conference also includes four panels discussing the assessment issues and daily instruction by twelve teachers in middle schools, high schools and university. See the detailed conference program, please check <http://www.clta-texas.org/>. (submitted by Yeh Meng)

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