

## INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REPORT

### Faculty Report Template

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Country/ies visited China

Institution visited Shanghai: Shanghai Jia Tong University, Overseas College  
Shanghai: Shanghai Tongj University, International School  
Shanghai New Life Training Services  
Shanghai, Tongji University  
Hainan, Xiuying National High Technological School  
Hainan, Hainan Science & Education group Com. Limited  
Xian, Shaan-xi Institute of Education  
Xian, Shaan-xi Yang Ling Middle school  
Xian, Tung Hain International Language School  
Beijing , Beijing Language and Cultural Center

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#### Proposal Abstract (75 word maximum):

In April 2004, the Department of Policy Studies established linkages with K-12 schools and educational institutions in China to provide bilingual teachers opportunities to undertake one semester of course work in Chinese K-12 schools. Two institutional settings have been identified: The Experimental School of the National Scientists District in Haikou, in Hainan and Yang Ling Middle School in Xian. Drs. Wei-lin Lei and Alberto Ochoa visited the proposed schools and met with the leadership of the respective schools.

# **Development of BCLAD Student Study in China**

## **Travel Report**

April 23, 2004

### **I. Opening/overview of intentions/activity**

The purpose of our visit to China was to investigate the possibility of establishing academic exchanges between the SDSU Department of Policy Studies in Language and Cross-Cultural Education, and K-12 schools and higher education institutions in China. Four major urban centers were visited: Shanghai, Hainan, Xian, and Beijing from March 31 through April 11, 2004. Specifically, the academic exchanges have the following objectives:

1. Provide PLC Department students and graduates ongoing cross-cultural experiences that create opportunities for further examination of cultural diversity, linguistic contexts of multilingualism, and sociocultural contexts that are different from the life styles of the United States.
2. Provide faculty in the PLC Department and College of Education with opportunities to undertake short and long term training in English language development in International contexts.
3. Provide PLC Department BCLAD and credentialed teachers with opportunities to teach in International settings while undertaking professional development course work.
4. Provide faculty in the PLC Department and College of Education with opportunities to research social and linguistic conditions that hinder and promote the advancement of biliteracy and cross-cultural education and the role of policy in promoting equity, cultural pluralism and democratic schooling.

The Experimental School of the National Scientists District in Haikou, Hainan, through the Tung Hai Educational Language and Intercultural Network of Knowledge, Inc. (THE LINK), invited San Diego State University in the fall of 2003 to consider their school site as a possible student teaching location for students from the Policy Studies and College of Education at SDSU. The Experimental School was established in 1994. It is a kindergarten through 12th grade school. All students live in the school dormitories. The dormitory for kindergartners can house 250 students; the dormitory for elementary students can accommodate 800 pupils; and the secondary student dormitory can provide housing for 1,200 students. It is one of best known school in the Province of Hainan. A second site in the city of Xian, Shaanxi Province, Yang Ling Middle school, was also visited with comparable opportunities as in Hainan to work with 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade student and English teachers.

### **What students will benefit?**

Fifteen to twenty students, prospective elementary and secondary or recently credentialed BCLAD students would be provided the opportunity to teach English language development in China for a three month period and be provided with support as part of their BCLAD credential or MA professional development graduate

program. BCLAD students will be recruited who are receptive and committed to a cross-cultural experience in China. Opportunities for COE faculty to undertake training and/or research in China in English language development.

## **II. In preparation for the trip abroad**

In collaboration with Dr. Wei-lin Lei, adjunct PLC faculty and President of THE LINK, an itinerary was developed to visit higher education institutions and K-12 schools in Shanghai, Hainan, Xian and Beijing. The objective was to explore academic exchanges and to examine how the PLC Department San Diego State University could use school sites and institutional settings in China to provide BCLAD teachers with professional development opportunities, while teaching English language development to Chinese teachers and students.

## **III. Upon arrival/specific activity**

A series of meetings, based of advanced planning through THE LINK, were held in each of the four major urban cities visited as follows:

Shanghai Jia Tong University, Overseas College

**Focus:** Short and long term professional development trainings for English teachers by COE faculty, in the areas of English language development and language teaching methods.

**Contact:** Jiang, Yunfei, Associate Director

Shanghai: Shanghai Tongj University, International School

**Focus:** Faculty exchange program possibilities to undertake research in language and cross-cultural studies.

**Contact:** Yu Xiao, Professor

Shanghai New Life Training Services

**Focus:** Short and long term professional development trainings for prospective English teachers by COE faculty, in the areas of English language development and language teaching methods.

**Contact:** Shirley Ni, President

Shanghai, Tongji University

**Focus:** To explore cross-cultural exchange programs for SDSU university students

to study in China and Chinese students to study in the United States/ SDSU.

**Contact:** Yu Xia, Associate Dean Int'l School

Hainan, Xiuying High Technology Zone Experiment School

**Focus:** To explore collaborative educational activities with the Experimental School of the National Scientists District in Haikou, Hainan. Site was visited as a possible site for prospective and/or recently credentialed teachers to teach English language development. During the visit, we interacted with administrators, teachers and students on the needs of the school with regards to English language development. Strong contacts were established for a follow-up collaborative agreement.

**Contact:** Brian Tsai, General Manager Science & Education Group Com. Limited

Hainan, Hainan Science & Education Group Com. Limited

**Focus:** Interacted with leadership from the Haikou development community to explore short and long term professional development trainings for English teachers by COE faculty, in the areas of English language development and language teaching methods.

**Contact:** Brian Tsai, General Manager National High Technological School

Xian, Shaan-xi Institute of Education

**Focus:** Met with Teachers College at the Shaan-xi Institute of Education of English teachers to explore short and long term professional development Trainings for English teachers by COE faculty, in the areas of English language development and language teaching methods. Also, presented lecture on “Language Policy and Bilingualism” to English Teacher” (N=100).

**Contact:** Mr. Song, Shaan-xi Institute of Education, President and Ms. Shi Li Lei, Chairperson of the English Department

Xian, Shaan-xi Yang Ling Middle School

**Focus:** Visit was made to Yang Ling Middle School as a possible site for prospective and/or recently credentialed teachers to teach English language development. During the visit, we interacted with administrators, teachers and students on the needs of the school with regards to English language development. Presented lecture on “Bilingualism and College ” to over 200 Chinese students with advanced English proficiency, with a question and answer format to dialogue with the students, administrators and regional community leaders.

**Contact:** Zhang Jun, Director and Mr. Liu, Principal

Xian, Tung Hai International Language School

**Focus:** To explore short and long term professional development trainings for English teachers by COE faculty, in the areas of English language development and language teaching methods.

**Contact:** Ms. Dai Jing, President

Beijing , Beijing Language and Cultural Center

**Focus:** To explore cross-cultural exchange programs for university students and Chinese students interested in studying in the United States/SDSU.

**Contact:** Yang Yi Jiang, President

#### **IV. Conclusion, recommendation, and next step?**

As a result of our visit, a number of possibilities for academic contacts, faculty and student exchanges, and on site training experiences were attained in collaboration with THE LINK. The following tasks will be undertaken in the next 12 months as concrete follow-up activities:

1. **Hainan, Xiuying National High Technological School**--The Experimental School of the National Scientists District in Haikou, Hainan, has invited the PLC Department as a possible site for prospective and/or recently credentialed teachers to teach English language development. Specific conditions for an agreement are: The Experimental School has indicated that they can accommodate 10 to 20 students each semester (approximate three months). SDSU teachers from SDSU would teach English 15 to 20 hours per week. To compensate for this service, the Experimental School is willing to provide the following for the student teachers from SDSU: (1) a round-trip from and back to Los Angeles for each participating teacher; (2) medical insurance for each students; (3) free room and board for every student teacher while in the Experimental School--teacher candidates would be housed in the new staff dormitory with two sharing a room, and food provided by the school cafeteria; (4) free Chinese language/culture classes for student teachers; (5) free local sightseeing and monthly field trips with students from the Experimental School, and (6) a monthly allowance of RMB 480- 800 (about U.S. \$ 60-\$100) for each candidate teacher. The Experimental School administration has also invited faculty members from SDSU to discuss/ negotiate the final details for this project.

2. **Xian, Shaan-xi Yang Ling Middle School**, follow-up on a second possible site for prospective and/or recently credentialed teachers to teach English language development. Agreement conditions would be comparable to Hainan Experimental School. Contacts: Zhaxg Jun, Director and Mr. Liu, Principal.

3. Follow-up on request to explore **Hua-Nan Normal University in Guangzhou, China and Gui-lin, China**, for short and long term institutes on English language development.

4. Follow-up on request to explore concrete opportunities for short and long term training in **English Language Development** in Shanghai, Haikou, and Xian—as per sites and institutions contacted.

#### **V. Additional Information**

The LINK through Dr. Wei-lin Lei. will continue to work with the Policy Studies Department at SDSU to follow-up on the above possibilities for 2004-06.

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