ASIA AND AUSTRALIA’S ENGAGEMENT WITH ASIA: CROSS CURRICULA PRIORITY

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**Asia Literacy Ambassadors: Introducing the Speakers Bureau**

Visit the Asia Literacy Ambassadors Speakers Bureau to search for an Ambassador to visit your school. You can search by state, country of interest or business sector to find the right match for your school and event.

Ambassadors work across a wide range of sectors – arts, environment, banking, aid & development, health, manufacturing, science, broadcasting and more – and they are available to give presentations to school assemblies, one-off workshops with classes, talks at careers evenings or presentations to school leadership team. New Ambassadors are being added every week!

Access the Speakers Bureau: www.asiaeducation.edu.au/schoolbusiness

**Leading 21st Century Schools: Leading Asia literacy change**

A new video features Victorian principals’ associations talking about the importance of the Leading 21 Century Schools Program.

Gabrielle Leigh, President of the Victorian Principals Association says, “It is absolutely vital that the Victorian Principals Association is involved in the L21CS Project. It really taps into the development of our students so that they have a clearer understanding of our Asian region.”

Thirty school leaders in Queensland have also pledged to lead Asia literate change in their schools as a result of participating in the Queensland L21CS Program on 12 September.


**AEF Study Programs: January 2013 departures to China, India, Indonesia and Myanmar**

AEF offers school leaders and educators the opportunity to join Study Programs to China, India, Indonesia and Myanmar in January 2013.

Introduction to China (5-18 January 2013) takes participants to three key locations – Beijing, Xi’an and Shanghai – to understand the historic context and future impact of modern China on world affairs. This trip will open your eyes to how the business and cultural sectors in China operate.

All AEF Study Programs support educators to address the Australian Curriculum’s cross-
curriculum priority of Asia and Australia’s engagement with Asia.

See itineraries and download registration forms for all January 2013 departures at:
www.asiaeducation.edu.au/studyprograms

**Australia-Asia BRIDGE Project: Apply now for 2013 school partnerships, BRIDGE students connect at ICT Week in Melbourne**

Interested in establishing a school partnership with Indonesia? Applications are now open for Australian schools to participate in the 2013 Australia-Indonesia BRIDGE Project. Applications close midnight 30 September 2012. Apply at: www.asiaeducation.edu.au/bridge.

Indonesian students from SMPN 1 Karangmojo taught their BRIDGE partners from Heathmont College in Victoria, along with other visitors to ICT Week at Federation Square, Melbourne, how to do the Indonesian poco-poco dance via live video conference on September 7th. Read more: www.asiaeducation.edu.au/ict_week_at_federation_square_sep_2012.html

**Building Demand for Asia literacy: Engaging school leadership**

In a new video published on the AEF Web Portal, Principals discuss how the Leading 21st Century Schools: Engage with Asia Program has helped build demand for profound and sustainable Asia literacy in their schools.

View the video and explore 25 other illustrations of what works in Building Demand for Asia literacy at: www.asiaeducation.edu.au/leading_schools/building_demand/bd_for_soa.html

**News, Events and Social Media: Get connected with Asia literacy**

The Asia Education Foundation is now on Twitter! Follow AEF for up-to-the-minute news at: www.twitter.com/AsiaEducation

Bookmark the AEF News and Events page for the latest media articles, and events happening in your state or territory at: www.asiaeducation.edu.au/news_and_events.html

Interested in promoting your events on the AEF Portal? Contact: aef-support@asialink.unimelb.edu.au

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**A 2013 Professional Development Event**

**THE 2012 HSC EXAMINATION REVIEW**

GTA NSW will conduct a series of HSC Examination Review events in 2013

Afternoon workshops will focus on investigating, reflecting on and preparing for the 2013 HSC Geography examinations. Experienced presenters have all marked the recent HSC paper and will share their comments about the HSC Geography Examination.

**LOCATIONS AND DATES**

Newcastle – Tuesday 19 February  
Venue: Merewether High School  
Sydney – Tuesday 26 February  
Venue: Loreto Kirribilli  
Wollongong – Tuesday 5 March  
Venue: Saint Mary Star of the Sea

**COST (Inc GST)**

$50 Members & $75 Non-members

**TIME**

4:00pm – 6:00pm at each venue

**REGISTRATION CLOSES**

One week prior to each event. Registration forms available from the GTA NSW website – www.gtansw.org.au