Recent Successes

2003 “Teaching East Asian Literature in the High School”
Workshop a Major Success!

Beginning on July 13, 25 high school teachers came to Bloomington to study the history and literature of China, Japan and Korea. Professors from University of California-San Diego, University of Washington and Indiana University-Bloomington taught this summer’s week-long workshop. The first two days were about the literary traditions of China with historical background along side it. On Wednesday, two professors presented about literature, culture, and history of the Korean peninsula. The week ended with two days devoted to Japanese literature and history. Throughout the week, Cecilia Boyce of Hillsborough High School (Odessa, FL) and Judi DeWoskin of Community High School (Ann Arbor, MI) guided participants on how to creatively implement East Asian literature into the high school classroom.

In addition to the formal sessions, the 2003 Literature Workshop provided cultural presentations on aikido, Chinese calligraphy, and East Asian dress, as well as East Asian films and cuisine for participants to immerse themselves in East Asian culture for the week. With a final banquet on Friday, July 19, the Workshop wrapped up. Presenters, participants, and East Asian Studies Center staff members celebrated the conclusion of a wonderful week and look forward to 2004!

2003 High School Exchanges in Japan

Mastering the Tokyo bus system, staying in a Buddhist temple in Kyoto and using a public bath were all new experiences for thirty central Indiana Japanese language high school students this summer. Ten students from North Central High School in Indianapolis, ten from Warren Central High School in Indianapolis, and ten from Bloomington High Schools North and South visited their sister schools in Japan, renewing friendships made when Japanese students visited Indiana last spring, and finding new friends to visit again in the future. This program, generously funded by the Freeman Foundation through EASC, included orientation programs at each schools. Presentations for their schools and communities about their experiences are planned for this fall.

Music Workshop

Twelve teachers from across the Midwest gathered in Bloomington July 28-31 for the first “Teaching East Asian Music in the Elementary Classroom” workshop. Session leaders were Dr. Kuo-Huang Han of Northern Illinois University (China), Dr. Hilary Finchum-Sung (Korea), Dr. Anne Prescott, EASC (Japan), and Dr. Terese Volk, Wayne State University (multicultural music education). The workshop featured many hands-on activities such as learning to play Chinese instruments, doing Japanese Bon dance to “Tango Bushi,” and practicing Korean drum rhythms. The culminating event was a concert of East Asian music featuring performers from the Bloomington area as well as workshop participants performing Chinese chamber and percussion music under the direction of Dr. Han.

Lesson plans created by participant teachers, photos and details about next year’s workshop are or will soon be available on the EASC website.

Events To Come

Art exhibit: “Nara: Japan’s Ancient Capital. Photographs of Taikichi Irie”

October 4 - December 21 at the Indiana University Art Museum. The exhibit includes 25 color photos of the historic and religious monuments of Nara. For more information, call 812-855-5445. To arrange a free tour of the exhibit, call 812-855-1045.

Fall 2003 Film Series

Saturdays, 7:30pm, Woodburn Hall 101

Sept. 13 Breaking the Silence, PRC
Sept. 27 Failan, Korean
Oct. 18 Manji, Japanese
Nov. 1 Ashes of Time, Hong Kong
Nov. 15 The Contact, Korean
Dec. 6 Flowers of Shanghui, Taiwan
Dec. 13 Spirited Away, Japanese

Welcome!

We welcome Maryanne Kim, who recently moved to Bloomington from Oregon with her new husband who is pursuing a doctorate in mathematics. She received her Bachelor’s degree in Chinese Studies from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA. She enjoys hiking and playing the piano.

Francis Tan, a music major (tuba) who will soon matriculate into the artist’s diploma program, is from Singapore and came to IU as an exchange student from the Australian National University. He already has a degree from Singapore Polytechnic, so he’s a well-rounded individual.

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2003 Japan Study Tour

For the second summer in a row, teachers from the Midwest have had the opportunity to travel to East Asia to experience it firsthand. The study tours are a follow-up to the 30-hour Teaching about Asia seminars teachers undertake to improve their knowledge of East Asia. Like the seminars, the study tours are generously funded by the Freeman Foundation.

Nine teachers—from Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio—began their preparations for the trip in February by familiarizing themselves with Japan via a specially-created Website for the tour. After orientations in Bloomington and Chicago and a great deal of reading and curriculum planning, teachers spent three weeks traveling to Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka, Himeji, Hiroshima, and Okinawa. Visiting major sites in Japan was balanced with free time to pursue individual research interests. An important component of the study tour is researching, creating and implementing lesson plans on Japan. One participant wrote about the trip, “I cannot wait to get back and start planning how many ways I can integrate my new knowledge into the curriculum.”

EASC/EALC staff/faculty accompanying the group were Michael Robinson (Professor, Korean history), Jacques Fuqua (EASC Associate Director), Mary Hayes and Anne Prescott (EASC Outreach Coordinators), and Mayumi Nakano (EASC Database Coordinator and webmaster). A new addition to the staff was a curriculum coordinator position, lead this year by John Frank (US History, Center Grove High School).

Spring 2004 Teaching about Asia Seminars

For the past five years the EASC, with generous support from the Freeman Foundation, has been conducting 10-week, 30-hour seminars throughout the Midwest to help teachers become more knowledgeable about East Asia. Texts, school resources, and stipends are available to those successfully completing the seminar. Upcoming Teaching about Asia seminars include:

Bloomington/Normal, IL: Illinois State University, January 14-March 31, Wednesday evenings, 6-9 p.m.
Cincinnati, OH: University of Cincinnati, January 10-February 21, Saturday mornings, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Columbus, OH: The Ohio State University, January 6-March 9, Tuesday evenings, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Evanston, IL: Glenbrook High School/Northwestern University, January-March, days and times TBA
New Orleans, LA: Loyola University, February 7-April 17, Saturday mornings, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
St. Paul, MN: Macalester College, January 8-March 11, Thursday evenings, 7-10 p.m.

For more information or to request an application, contact Mary Hayes at marhayes@indiana.edu or at 800.441.3272. Applications will also be available at www.indiana.edu/~easc.