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Welcome and Farewell

New Outreach Coordinator
Ken Harvey comes to the EASC with over 15 years of experience in East Asia. He holds an M.A. in Chinese philosophy from Aichi University in Toyohashi, Japan. Ken has worked as a technical translator of Japanese. Most recently, he managed the publication of Asian academic materials for UMI/ProQuest in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

New Asst Outreach Coordinator
Patricia Tennen is our new assistant outreach coordinator. Patricia taught English in Hiroshima, Japan for two years with the Japan Exchange & Teaching (JET) program, and one year in Osaka for a private, girls’ high school. She recently completed her Master of Public Affairs at Indiana University.

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For more information or to request an application, contact Ken Harvey at harveyk@indiana.edu or toll-free at (800) 441-3272, or visit www.indiana.edu/~easc/taa_seminar.
*Note that the above information is incomplete and subject to change.
Background for the teacher: Young American students have often heard the names of large Chinese cities. They also realize that the Chinese language is written in characters. This activity introduces intermediate-level students to the geographic application of a few of those Chinese characters.

Instructions for the students: Let’s identify some Chinese cities and learn the meanings of their names. Look over the list of Chinese characters and see if you can decode the names of a few Chinese cities. You may also want to try your hand at “decoding” names of other East Asian locations. Use an Internet search engine to find the meanings of these other geographic landmarks:

China - Hong Kong, Shanghai, Huang He
Japan - Tokyo, Kyoto, Hiroshima
Korea - Nambaemun, Daegu, Incheon

NCTA Networking Opportunities for Fall 2006

The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA) will be represented at professional conferences this fall. NCTA offers seminars, materials, and study tour opportunities to enhance teaching about Asia in pre-collegiate geography, literature, and social studies courses. For more information visit www.NCTAsia.org.

NATIONAL COUNCIL for GEOGRAPHIC EDUCATION (NCGE). Lake Tahoe, NV: NCTA will host an exhibit booth (#8) on Oct 6 & 7, and the following sessions:
- Oct 6, 3:15 p.m. China’s One Child Policy
- Oct 7, 2:15 p.m. USA at 300 Million: A Population Lesson Plan

DOOR PRIZE Curriculum units: Mapping Asia and Megacities in the Asia/Pacific Region: Focusing on their Environmental Impact

NATIONAL COUNCIL of TEACHERS of ENGLISH (NCTE). Nashville, TN: NCTA will host an exhibit booth (#430) on Nov 17, 18, & 19.
- Nov 17, 9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m., Expanding Teaching: Bring East and West Together with Multi-genre Drop-ins

NATIONAL COUNCIL for the SOCIAL STUDIES (NCSS). Washington, DC: NCTA will host an exhibit booth on Dec 1 & 2

DOOR PRIZE Curriculum unit: Ethnic Minority Groups in China, In addition, NCTA staff, seminar leaders, and seminar alumni will conduct the following sessions on East Asia at the NCCS conference:

Thursday, November 30
- 8:00-11:00 a.m. Visualizing History and Culture

Friday, December 1
- 2:15-4:15 p.m. Japan and the US: Maintaining the Relationship
- 2:15-3:15 p.m. Texts and Contexts: Integrating Children’s Literature and Social Studies

Saturday, December 2
- 7:00-9:00 a.m. Asia Special Interest Group (SIG) breakfast and business meeting (advance ticket purchase required)
- 1:45-2:45 p.m. Korea: One Country, Two Realities
- 1:45-2:45 p.m. Ignorance Is No Longer an Option: Why Americans Must Study China, feature speaker: Professor Jonathan Lipman
- 5:30-7:00 p.m. NCTA-sponsored reception for Professor Lipman

Sunday, December 3
- 8:00-9:00 a.m. Asia in the World, the World in Asia (sponsored by Asia SIG)
- 9:15-10:15 a.m. Encountering China, 1600-1800 and Beyond: New Perspectives