

**Chinese Language Teachers Association of Texas**  
**2008 Annual Conference**  
***Promoting K-16 Chinese Language Education in Texas***

August 30, 2008  
Dallas, Texas

**Conference Location:** Dallas Chinese Community Center  
400 N Greenville Ave # 12,  
Richardson, TX 75081, (972) 480-0311

**Book Exhibit: 8:30-6:00**

- **Penpower Chinese Expert**, by Techville Computer Center which will donate Penpower Chinese Expert Pen Scanner (worth \$200) as the first door prize.
- **BetterChinese**
- **Cheng & Tsui Company**
- 新學友：漢語拼音三日通 (Master Pinyin in 3 Days)
- **Cengage Learning Asia: *Jiayou* 加油: Chinese AP Textbook**,
- 超越 ***Chaoyue: Advancing in Chinese***, Columbia University Press
- **Texas Startalk Materials: *My Space Your Space***, Professional Teacher Training Program, Student Summer Program

8:30-9:00     **Registration**

9:00-9:45     **Keynote Speakers**

**West Meets East – Growth of Chinese Programs in Texas**

Shannon Baker, Managing Director of Curriculum, Texas Education Agency

**Building Capacity in Chinese Language and Culture**

Lucy Lee, Founder and former President, Chinese Language Association of Secondary-Elementary Schools (CLASS)

9:45-10:45   **Texas Startalk Teacher and Student Programs**

Meng Yeh, Rice University  
Ardon Chang, Fort Worth Chinese School

10:45-11:00   Break

11:00-12:00   **Chinese Language Programs in DFW**

Greta Lungaard, LOTE Coordinator, Plano ISD (chair)  
Carrie Harrington, LOTE Coordinator, FW ISD  
Betty Edgington, LOTE and AP Coordinator, HEB ISD  
Bhavani Parpia, International Business Initiative, HEB ISD

12:00-12:50   Lunch, CLTA-Texas Annual Member Meeting

12:50-1:50    **Professional Visions of K-12 Chinese Teachers**

Lucy Lee, Founder and former President, CLASS

- 1:50-3:10 **Communication – Interactive Language Class**  
Yow-Yi Amstutz, DCBC Chinese School (chair)  
Ivy Sun, Ton-Xing Chinese School  
Chi-Chien, Lu (Cross Timbers School  
Fang Wang, Hua-Hsing Chinese School
- 3:10-3:20 Break
- 3:20-4:35 **Bringing Sight, Sound, and Sense of Chinese Language in Classrooms**  
**Non-Standard Mandarin Pronunciation and the Dilemma of the Chinese-learning Student**, Marshall McArthur, University of Houston (chair)  
  
Xia Yan, Southern Methodist University  
**Contrasting Models in Literacy Practice Among Heritage Language Learners of Mandarin**, Li Jia, University of Texas at San Antonio)
- 4:35-4:45 Break
- 4:45–6:00 **Motivating Our Students!**  
**Understanding the Students in our Classroom**  
Yang Li, Jasper High School and Plano West Senior High School (Dallas)  
**Topics for Everyday Writing**  
Jenny Lee, Hockaday School (Dallas)  
**Student-centered and Communication-oriented Class Activities**  
Jiayao Pang, Awty International Schools (Houston) (chair)

### **Sponsors**

Chao Center, Asian Studies, Rice University  
Confucius Institute, Texas A&M University  
Education Division, Chinese Consulate in Houston

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