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Chinese Language Instruction in the Digital Age: A STARTALK Program on Incorporating Learner-Centered Technology Tools in the Chinese Language Curriculum, July 20-30, 2014. Application deadline: June 6, 2014. This residential program for secondary Chinese language teachers nationwide will provide a thorough understanding of and practical experience with effective learning technologies appropriate for the middle and high school Chinese language classroom. Program participants will work with language technology specialists, experienced Chinese language curriculum designers, and master teachers to gain competency in using a variety of technologies in effective and engaging lessons. See complete details and application on the TEA website. Contact Jon Zeljo at Jon.Zeljo@colorado.edu for more information.

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**Mark Your Calendars for Fall 2014 Online Courses from NCTA at TEA.** TEA plans three online courses for fall 2014, open to teachers nationwide. Planned courses are: *Teaching about China's Government, Japan in World History*, and *Chinese Characters Book Group*. An additional course focusing on the Great Leap Forward and Cultural Revolution is in development. Details and registration for fall courses will be available with the August e-news.

### **National Opportunities**

Spaces Still Available for NCTA Summer Institute: Ties That Bind: Connecting New England and East Asia, July 14-18, 2014. Application deadline: May 23. This residential summer institute presented by the Five College Center for East Asian Studies will be held at Smith College in Northampton, MA. Teachers nationwide are invited to attend this NCTA-sponsored event, which will explore connections between the United States (with special emphasis on New England) and China, Japan, and Korea, from colonial times to the present. For more information and an application, visit the FCCEAS website.

#### **Previously Announced National Opportunities**

Webinar: Story of Study Abroad to East Asia, Thursday, June 19, 7:00-9:00 pm EST. Indiana University's East Asian Studies Center offers this webinar presented by social studies teacher John M. Frank. For more information, contact Hye-Seung (Theresa) Kang at kang43@indiana.edu or Yuhan Li at liyuh@indiana.edu.

**Summer Professional Development Travel Programs from GEEO. Application deadline: June 1, 2014.** Global Exploration for Educators Organization (GEEO) is offering a variety of Asia-related travel programs for summer 2014, including trips to India/Nepal, Vietnam, Thailand/Laos, Cambodia, China, and Russia/Mongolia/China. Teachers can earn graduate or professional development credit on these trips of 8 to 24 days. For detailed information about itineraries, costs, travel dates, and other program features, visit the **GEEO website**.

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STARTALK: Hindi in the Rockies II, July 7-25, 2014. Application deadline: Friday, June 6, 2014. CU's South/Southeast/West Asia Outreach program announces its third annual STARTALK Hindi-Urdu language and South Asian culture program for high school students in the Colorado Front Range area. The program will be held on the CU-Boulder campus. Enrollment is open to high school students entering grades 9 through 12 and recent graduates; maximum number of participants is 20. The program offers two enrollment levels: Level 1 for students with no prior knowledge of Hindi-Urdu; Level 2 for students who have at least basic proficiency in spoken and/or written Hindi-Urdu. All major expenses, including meals and travel, will be covered by the project. For more information, please visit the CAS website or contact Kunga Lama at Kunga.Lama@colorado.edu.

Louisa Lim, Beijing Correspondent for NPR and the BBC, to Speak at University of Denver, Tuesday, May 20, 5:30-7:00 pm. The Center for China-U.S. Cooperation will host Lim, who will discuss her new book, *The People's Republic of Amnesia: Tiananmen Revisited*. Lim opened NPR's Shanghai bureau in 2006 and has reported from across China, winning numerous awards for her work. The presentation will be held in Ben Cherrington Hall, room Sie 150. Click here for more information and to register.

**Denver Cherry Blossom Festival to Be Held June 28-29, 2014.** This *sakura matsuri* features live music, including taiko drum performances, as well as traditional Japanese dance, cultural demonstrations, arts and crafts, and family activities. Japanese foods will be available for purchase. The festival is free and will be held on Lawrence Street between 19th and 20th Streets in Denver, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm on Saturday, 11:00 – 4:00 on Sunday. For more information, including an entertainment schedule for both days, click here.

Learn about Shosho at Calligraphy Exhibit, *The Awakened Spirit*, June 28 – July 24, 2014. *Shosho* is a contemporary calligraphic art form that embraces the concept that a few characters can stand alone as artwork with the meaning being expressed through words, the artist's spirit, and choice of ink, paper, and so on. This exhibition, commemorating a half-century of Shosho, will be held at the Japanese American Resource Center of Colorado at the Sakura Square Mezzanine. Email info@jarcc-denver.org for more information.

**Host Family Needed in Boulder Area.** A math teacher escorting Japanese students on a summer program from July 13 – August 2 needs a host family. He will be attending sessions at CU weekdays from 8 to 5 but would be with the host family most evenings and weekends. Compass USA has been bringing students to the Boulder area for 35 years. Contact Kristy Shine at 303-661-9170 or email **richardkristyshine@q.com**.

#### **Featured Resource**

The Rising Powers Initiative of the Sigur Center for Asian Studies at George Washington University has recently launched the **RPI Research Database**, a bibliography of books and articles on such topics as identity and foreign policy; energy security, maritime security, and Asian security; nuclear energy and nuclear proliferation; regional political economy; and U.S. foreign policy in Asia. Among the areas included are China, Taiwan,

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## Japan, and South Korea. To explore the database, click here.

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