TEA National Programs

TEA Announces 2015 STARTALK Program: Chinese Language Instruction in the Digital Age: A STARTALK Program on Incorporating Learner-Centered Technology Tools in the Chinese Language Curriculum. June 23-July 1, 2015. Application deadline: June 1, 2015. 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 Željo at Jon.Zeljo@colorado.edu for more information.

National Opportunities

2015 Summer Fellowship in Korean Studies for American Educators. August 18-26 (tentative). Application deadline: May 15. This program from the Korea Society is open to full-time social studies teachers, curriculum coordinators, or supervisors whose programs include study of Korean history and culture. The study tour will include visits to the DMZ, Buddhist temples, and early historical sites. Most costs for the 30 participants will be covered by the program. For more information and an application, visit this website.

2015 Fulbright Junior Internship Program. July 22-August 12. Application deadline: May 15. U.S. students chosen for this program will be junior leaders in the Fulbright English Immersion Program for Korean youth, held at Jungwon University in Goesan, South Korea. U.S. students in grades 8-10 may apply. Participants must pay for their travel to Korea; expenses in Korea will be paid by the Fulbright program. Learn more here.

Previously Announced National Opportunities

Five College Center for East Asian Studies Webinar on Background for the Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki: A Chronology. Wednesday, May 13, 7 pm EDT. John Frank, Center Grove (IN) High School will present this webinar offered in conjunction with FCCEAS’s NCTA Peace Study Tour but open to all. To register, go to this website.

AFS Summer Program in China for High School Students. July 22-August 5. Application deadline: May 22. This two-week program provides an opportunity for young people to explore Chinese culture while learning survival Mandarin and using their emerging language skills with their host families. The cost of the program is $5,793. For more information about this and other China programs from AFS, visit this site.
The Laurasian Institute and Program of Academic Exchange (PAX) Seek Host Families for Exchange Students. Each year, PAX places students from 70 countries, including countries in East Asia, throughout the United States. If you are interested in hosting an exchange student in 2015 or know a student who would be interested in becoming an exchange student, contact Sabrina Hickey, 317-495-4024, or visit the PAX website.

Colorado Programs

Asian Pacific Heritage Month Community Celebration. Saturday, May 16, 12-2 pm. This 26th annual event will feature a complimentary Asian lunch buffet and performances of dances from the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam. The celebration will be held at the Colorado Family Church, 3400 W. 14th Avenue, Denver. For more information contact Gloria Williams at 303-870-3209, pitsenor@aol.com or Peggy Yujiri at 303-931-2034, pyujiri@msn.com.

Is It Possible to Get Along with China? Tuesday, May 19, 11:45 am-1:30 pm. Orville Schell, Director of the Center on U.S.-China Relations at the Asia Society, will present this lunch program at the Brown Palace Hotel, 321 17th Street, Denver. The event is hosted by World Denver and the City Club of Denver. For more information, visit the World Denver website.

Denver Cherry Blossom Festival. Saturday, June 27, 11 am – 8 pm and Sunday, June 28, 11 am – 4 pm. 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 free festival will be held in Denver on Lawrence Street between 19th and 20th Streets. For more information, including an entertainment schedule for both days, visit the festival website.

Peace Concert. Sunday, August 2, 7:00-9:00 pm. The Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center is planning this concert to launch a weeklong observance of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The concert will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 1241 Ceres Drive in Lafayette. The program will feature music, dance, storytelling, and other arts; artists who wish to participate should contact Betty Ball at 303-903-0412 or Elena Klaver at 303-475-5189.

NCTA State and Local Opportunities

Tokugawa Japan: Multiple Voices, Multiple Views. July 13-17. The priority application deadline has passed for this NCTA summer institute hosted by the East Asia Resource Center at the University of Washington, but applications from local applicants are still being accepted on a rolling admissions basis. Find more information and an application here. This institute for teachers in grades 3-8 will be held on the University of Washington campus in Seattle.

Featured Resources

As announced in our April newsletter, Asia for Educators (AFE) at Columbia University
launched the Top Ten video series this spring. Since April, several new titles have been added, including Top Ten Things to Know about Japan’s Foreign Policy Today and the 70th Anniversary of the End of WWII. Register with the AFE website to access Top Ten videos.

To mark the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, the National Park Service has developed a series of books on the involvement of various ethnic groups in the war. Asians and Pacific Islanders and the Civil War shares stories of hundreds of Asians and Pacific Islanders who served during the war, as well as the fight for civil rights in the years that followed. Ordering information is available here.

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