

## **A Working Plan for Ohio Association of Teachers of Chinese (OATC), 2008-09**

Thanks to the hard work of teachers and school administrators, Chinese language programs in Ohio schools are among the fastest growing in the U.S. Since 2006 when the OSU K-12 Chinese Flagship Program was created, the number of schools/districts offering Chinese has increased nearly four times. Meanwhile, the number of students enrolled in Chinese has increased more than three times (to over two thousand), and thousands more are taking it as language exploration. For a complete list of the schools and districts offering Chinese, please visit: <http://k12chineseflagship.osu.edu/schools.php>.

As stated in the OATC bylaws, the goal of OATC is to promote and improve the study and teaching of Mandarin Chinese for K-12 students and adults, and encourage a spirit of professional cooperation among its members. The newly elected OATC officers (listed below) are working with the OSU K-12 Chinese Flagship Program to plan a number of workshops and activities in the 2008-09 school year.

**OATC officers** (for July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009):

- President: Nanping Wang (Beavercreek City Schools)
- Vice President: Grace Paul (Solon High School)
- Secretary: Jeannine Subisack (Columbus Academy)
- Treasurer: Michael Kralovic (Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools)

### **Workshops and activities:**

- **Half-day workshop on December 16, 2008** during the OSU-ODE third annual conference: *Making the Global Connection -- Linking Students and China in the 21st Century*. In each of the last two years, we had more than 200 participants who were mostly school/district administrators and foreign language coordinators. This year, there will be three tracks for the conference: one for schools with an existing Chinese language program, one for schools planning to start a program, and the third for teachers of Chinese to share experience and useful instructional tools. There will be a separate session for qualified/potential teachers to meet school administrators who would consider hiring teachers of Chinese. All teachers of Chinese are welcome to attend and contribute to the workshop. Those teachers who need transportation assistance can arrange a ride with your school administrators. More detailed information will be posted on the OSU K-12 Chinese Flagship website (<http://k12chineseflagship.osu.edu>) and will be sent by ODE to school administrators.
- **Half-day workshop/annual meeting on April 4, 2009 during the Ohio Foreign Language Association (OFLA) annual conference in Columbus.** In addition to

the regular OATC business and learning activities, the next term of OATC officers will be elected at the annual meeting.

- **Calling for presentations at the OFLA annual conference during April 2-4, 2009 in Columbus.** If you are the main presenter at the OFLA conference, registration fee will be waived. Please register as a presenter at <http://www.ofla-online.org/index.php?module=blog&id=23>. Please let us know what you plan present so we can better coordinate the OATC efforts at the OFLA conference.
- **All teachers of Chinese are encouraged to contribute to a resource sharing web-folder created at the OSU K-12 Chinese Flagship website.** Please submit any useful files (e.g., stories, articles, photos, video clips, flashes, PPT, etc.) to the share-folder at <http://chineseflagship.org/oatc/>. (For the time being, both username and password are “oatc”. A link is available for you to access the share folder at the OSU K-12 Chinese Flagship website, at <http://k12chineseflagship.osu.edu/resources.php>. Before you submit a file, please name it briefly but clearly, and add your name and the source of file. If it is copyrighted material, please provide a link only. As we grow, this share folder will be increasingly helpful to teachers and learners, including online mentoring for new teachers. Please join us to make this into a useful tool in your classrooms.

We are also planning on activities related to teacher professional development and Teachers of Critical Languages Program (TCLP). More information will be available later. If you want to become an OATC member, please complete the membership form below and send it to us.

If you have suggestions to improve our work so OATC can better grow to meet the needs of its members, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the OATC officers. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you, and hope to see you at the planned activities stated above. Thank you and stay in touch.

Best Regards  
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\*\*\* An Invitation to Join \*\*\*

**The Ohio Association of Teachers of Chinese**  
**Serving the needs of Chinese language educators in Ohio schools**

*The Ohio Association of Teachers of Chinese (OATC) was formed on April 4, 2008 during the Ohio Foreign Language Association (OFLA) conference in Cincinnati. The goal of OATC is to promote and improve the study and teaching of Mandarin Chinese for K-12 students and adults, and encourage a spirit of professional cooperation among its members. The first term of OATC officers (serving till June 30, 2009) are: Nanping Wang (President), Grace Paul (Vice President), Jeannine Subisak (Secretary), and Michael Kralovic (Treasurer). Election of OATC officers will be conducted at its annual meeting in early April during the OFLA conference.*

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Last Name                                      First Name                                      M.I.                                      Previous Name (if any)

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E-mail                                      Home Phone                                      Cell

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School/Institution                                      District                                      School/Office Phone

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School/Office Address

Years of teaching Chinese: \_\_\_\_\_ With Ohio license: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Working toward \_\_\_

Regular Membership: \$25.00/year \_\_\_\_\_ Student Membership: \$20.00/year \_\_\_\_\_  
(Covering annual period from July 1 to June 30)

Make check payable to:                      OATC (c/o OSU K-12 Chinese Flagship)  
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**For more information about OATC, please visit <http://k12chineseflagship.osu.edu>**