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以「香港的道德标准:成王败寇?」为题的第八届中大演讲比赛已于三月十日举行,完成本所广东话初、中、高级课程的何念同学荣获粤语组(非母语)亚军。以下是何念同学参赛的演讲稿。

香港的道德标准:成王败寇?

Hong Kong Ethical Standards: is winning everything?

各位嘉宾,各位评判,各位观众,午安!

好开心可以企喺度,参加呢个比赛。今日我演讲嘅 题目係「香港嘅道德标准:成王败寇」。「成王败寇」 呢个词语,本来係讲争夺天下,赢咗就称王称帝,输咗 就沦为流寇、乱党。但係而家,佢一般係形容一种过份 崇拜成功,踩低失败,甚至鼓励为咗成功不择手段嘅态 度。而呢种态度,可以话已经成为咗现代香港社会嘅标 志之一。

嚟到香港虽然唔係几耐,但係我已经可以感受到香港人嗰种「成王败寇」嘅心态。香港高考同大陆一样,都係千军万马过独木桥,一失足成千古恨。连学生嘅压力都咁大,入到社会之后,嗰种残酷嘅竞争就更加唔使讲嘑。啲报纸杂志成日报道一啲一夜成名,发财致富嘅故仔;电影电视剧里边亦都充斥嗰啲为咗上位勾心斗角嘅剧情。好多香港人倾起啲成功人士,都不知几羡慕,但係对于嗰啲失败者,有晒同情心都不但止,仲觉得係佢哋自己攞嚟衰添。好似喺香港人心里边,成功者好似偶像一样,至于手段係唔係道德唔成问题;反之,如果你有靓车、豪宅,有成就有地位,你唔单止係个失败者,仲係一个罪人,罪名係:不成功罪。

认真谂吓,其实成王败寇并唔係香港独有嘅现象,而係现代商业社会一种主流价值观嚟嘅。喺世界上好多地方都非常普遍。但係点解喺香港,呢种价值观咁严重呢?我认为有两个原因:第一,香港好多人不嬲都相信一个社会神话,就係「香港地,只要你努力,一定搵到食;如果冇办法出人头地,咁,就係你自己嘅问题噱。」咁耐以嚟,呢个谂法已经深入到普通香港人嘅心里边,甚至已经上升成为一种道德标准呢!呢个道德标准驱使大家不断噉追求成功,并且习惯性噉认为失败都係个人嘅错;第二,香港虽然经济好繁荣,但係毕竟地小人多,导致机会成为咗一种零舍稀缺嘅资源,成功嘅压力大过好多地方。因为噉样,香港人对机会先至咁着紧,甚至为咗成功使埋啲特别手段。

其实追求成功本身有咩错,一个社会如果有晒追求 成功嘅热情,係唔会发展进步嘅。问题在于成功嘅标准 同埋途径。香港呢种所谓成王败寇嘅道德标准错就错在 将成功嘅标准格式化,搞到个个好似认同学生一定要成



绩好,大人一定要有钱有地位先算啱噉。单一嘅成功观 唔止破坏咗社会嘅多元性,对于嗰啲俾心机奋斗、认真 生活嘅小人物嚟讲亦都係好唔公平嘅,因为佢哋当中好 多人被社会强制定义为失败者。而且,成王败寇太过强 调成功嘅结果,而忽略咗当中嘅过程,无形之中俾咗一 个好危险嘅暗示人:只要达到目的,做乜都有所谓。呢 种咁模糊嘅道德观反而会被人用作挑战道德底线嘅借 口。睇住啲商人为咗赚钱不顾消费者生命安全,见到啲 记者为咗销量,侵犯他人私隐,甚至伪造新闻。我相 信,大家都会觉得好灰心,好失望,因为「成王败寇」 呢种价值观而家喺度侵蚀紧呢个社会公义同埋良心。

如果继续噉落去,社会就会变得越嚟越世俗、冷漠,最终成为一个净係识得为成功运作嘅机器。所以,而家係时候做返啲嘢去改变呢个社会嘅价值观嘞!我觉得,政府同埋传媒应该连手合作,将大众由盲目嘅成功狂热里边救返出嚟,努力创建一个更加多元化、更加有人情味嘅社会。

多谢各位。

二〇一一年三月十日

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裁愛香港 I Love Hong Kong

我係喺加拿大出世嘅,但係因为我爸爸妈妈都係香港人, 所以我以前都有嚟过香港探亲。喺加拿大,我同哥哥係我妈妈 最亲嘅亲人,所以每几年都会同我妈妈过嚟探公公婆婆,孝敬 吓佢哋老人家。嗰时嚟香港我成日谂住买衫啫,以前嘅我,只 觉得香港係个购物天堂。

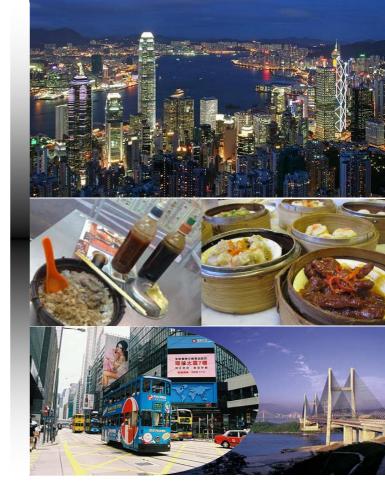
大个咗喇,黑头发,黄皮肤嘅我好好奇,想亲眼睇吓我爸爸妈妈係喺一个点样嘅地方成长嘅。虽然现代嘅香港同五十年前嘅已经唔一样,但係我上年八月尾喺我阿姨度住咗一排,加埋喺中大宿舍住咗几个月,我已经觉得香港係第二个家嘑。可能因为我係中国人,加埋呢个地方有亲戚朋友,我觉得喺香港特别舒服。

圣诞嗰段时间,我有几晚都喺油麻地过夜。上个学期识啲朋友大部分都走晒嘑,但係有两个喺度搵到嘢做,留低咗嘑。 因为佢哋而家唔喺中大读书,唔可以住宿舍,佢哋就搬咗去油麻地住。之后,我耐唔耐都去探吓佢哋。佢哋住正庙街,所以好方便呀,买咩、食咩都方便。唔只早、午、晚正餐嘅嘢好丰富,连宵夜都好正添,买嘢更加唔使讲喇。同佢哋住嗰几日嘅香港,真係俾咗我好叹嘅感觉呀!

眨眼又过咗半年嘑。我觉得而家喺边度都冇咩所谓,可以同钟意嘅人一齐就开心嘑。讲到拍拖,香港真係冇得弹,除咗 靓女多,可以带佢哋去食嘅、玩嘅地方都好多,好方便添噃。虽然香港地方唔算大,但係如果想行嘅话,真係成世都行唔晒呀! 所以,我一定会同我钟意嘅人慢慢四围行吓,继续发掘香港嘅优点,留喺度发展我嘅感情生活。

I was born in Canada, but since both of my parents have relatives here, it is not my first time in Hong Kong. In Canada, my brother and I are my mom's only blood-relatives, so we would travel to Hong Kong every few years to visit her side of the family. Back then, I was always excited to shop for new clothes - Hong Kong to me was nothing more than a shopper's heaven.

Having grown up (a bit), I wanted to travel to Hong Kong again to see what kind of environment my parents grew up in. Even though modern Hong Kong isn't the same as it used to be 50 years ago, but after living with my aunt late August and living on CUHK campus for a few months, I already feel like Hong Kong is



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my second home. Maybe because I am Chinese, and because I have friends and family here, settling down couldn't have been any smoother.

Around Christmas, I stayed in Yau Ma Tei for a few nights. Most of the friends that I met last semester have gone home, but two of my friends found jobs here. Since they are no longer students at CUHK, they couldn't live on campus and moved out to Yau Ma Tei, right above Temple Street. It was great staying there; everything was convenient – shopping and eating. Not only could you have a nice selection for breakfast, lunch and dinner, many restaurants were still open for late night meals! Living there for a few days allowed me to experience the true convenience of the Hong Kong lifestyle, without the stress.

Half a year has gone by in a blink of an eye. It feels like it doesn't matter where I am anymore; I'll be happy as long as I'm with the person I like. In regards to dating, Hong Kong's a great place for that too. Besides having eye candy everywhere, the destinations for food and entertainment are endless and convenient. Even though Hong Kong doesn't look big on a map, but if you wanted to go for a walk around the city, you would probably have to walk your whole life away! All I want to do now is take my time and go on adventures with the girl of my dreams, finding more of Hong Kong's good qualities while developing my love life.

我学习汉语的收获

日月如梭,从在 CLC 开始学习汉语至今,转眼两年半了。二零零八年因为丈夫工作的关系,我们搬到了香港。一年后的六月,我开始学习汉语。原来我对汉语的兴趣并不是那么大,但是随着中国经济的蓬勃发展,全世界都出现了汉语热,而我正身处一个难得的学习汉语的环境当中,因此就把握机会,进了这所学校。在 CLC 的学习生活好像跟真正的学生生活一样,从星期一到星期五每天上三节课,既要交作业又要考试。我学得很开心,对汉语的兴趣也越来越大。刚开始的时候真没想到汉语竟然那么吸引我。通过这两年半的学习我得到了下列三个收获。

第一是达到了一定的汉语水平。对我来说,这是首次接触汉语,开始之前连一点儿基础都没有,完全是零起点。在老师的指导下我拼命学习,在读、写、说、听四个方面都下了不少功夫。CLC的课程效果很明显,只要每天跟着进度把应该做的事做了,就可以打好基础。当然学习过程中会有一些压力,但是只要努力就可以得到回报。

第二是通过跟来自不同国家、不同年龄同学的 交流,接触到了各种各样的文化和想法。互相鼓 励、互相帮助的同学们也成了珍贵的伙伴。

第三是在学习汉语的过程中我对中国的兴趣逐步提高了。我们的高班教材题材广泛,包括新闻、经济、文化、电影、小说等等,这些课程都让我开阔了眼界。以前我对汉语广播、电影完全没有兴趣,但是现在我听汉语广播听上了瘾。

人到底为什么要学习外语呢?我认为学习语言可以了解对方的文化,方便进行思想交流。作为近邻,中国与日本在历史上关系密切,两国的关系在今后也很重要。我认为学习汉语有助于了解中国人及中国社会。我希望我学好汉语以后有机会在某些领域为两国的友好关系尽点儿绵力。学习外语不能速成,也没有止境,越学越难学。因此,我前头的路还很长,需要再接再厉。最后,我衷心地感谢老师们的指导!



中国語

中国語学習で得たもの

月日が経つのは早いもので、私がCLCで中国語を学び始めてからすでに2年半が過ぎようとしています。2008年に夫の仕事の関係で香港へ引っ越してきてから1年後の6月、中国語の勉強を始めました。もともと中国語に強い興味があったわけではなく、中国の目ざましい経済発展に伴って世界中で日に日に高まる中国語学習熱を背景に、折角学習環境が整っているのだからこの機会に将来役立つ何かを身につけよう、という漠然とした気持ちでCLCの門をくぐりました。月曜から金曜日毎日3時間学校に通うしばらくぶりの学生生活は楽しいものでしたし、中国語の面白さにどんどん惹かれていきました。勉強を始めた時はこれほど中国語が好きになるとは思いもよりませんでした。そんな2年半の中国語学習で私は3つのことを得ることができました。

第一に、ある程度のレベルの中国語を得ることができました。私にとって中国語の勉強は初めてで、まさにゼロからのスタートでしたので、とにかく先生の指導のもと読む、書く、話す、聞くとバランスよく身につけるよう努力しました。CLCのカリキュラムや先生の指導はしっかりしているので、学校の勉強以外は特に何もしませんでしたが、毎日の授業を大切にし、やるべきことをしっかりこなすことで十分な基礎が身に着いたと思います。CLCの授業はそれなりにプレッシャーもあるのですが、努力すればしただけ結果が出るので、やりがいも感じることができました。

第二に、中国語を学ぶという同じ目的をもった国籍も年齢もさまざまなクラスメート達との交流を通して、中国以外の国の文化や考え方にも触れることができました。そして、一緒に切磋琢磨し勉強した仲間はかけがえのないものになりました。

第三に、中国語の勉強を通して以前より中国に対する関心が高まりました。勉強の課程で、新聞、経済、文化、映画、小説などさまざまな分野の教材に接することで、いろいろな角度から中国を見るようになり、以前は全く関心がなかった中国語のテレビ番組や映画を見る機会が増え、楽しむようになりました。

言語は何のために勉強するのか考えると、異文化を理解し相手とコミュニケーションを取りたいからだと思います。中国と日本は歴史的にも深いかかわりがあり、隣国としてこれからも互いに重要な存在であることは間違いありません。相手の言葉を学び、相手を理解しようとすることにより、より良い関係を築いていけるのではないかと思います。私もより高いレベルの中国語を目指し、将来何かの分野で中国と日本の相互理解を深めるべく役立っていけたらと願っています。言語学習に終わりはないと言われるように、学べば学ぶほど難しいと感じることも多いですが、これからも中国語の勉強を続けていきたいと思います。最後になりましたが、先生方これまでのご指導誠にありがとうございました。

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Comparison Between Putonghua and Cantonese

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普通话

词义

用手或是手指头压。如:摁(按) 手印、摁(按)图钉、摁(按)遥控器 等等。「摁」一般用于口语, 「按」口 语或书面语都可以用。「摁」仅用于手 部的按压动作。「按」还可以表示情绪 方面的控制。如「按不住心头的怒 火」, 「按不住自己的兴奋」, 等等。

普通话 Mandarin: 摁 èn、按 àn

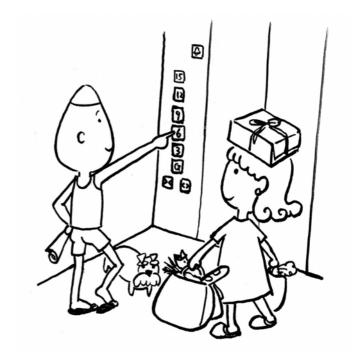
广东话 Cantonese: 擽 gahm

英文 English:

press, hold, catch, grab, seize, restrain

广东话

在粤语中,无论是「摁」还是 「按」,都以「禁」代替。例如: 禁钱 gahmchín (withdraw money from ATM), 禁掣 (press button)、 禁 粒 (press lift button)、禁钟(ring the bell)等、禁住佢 (restrain him/her)。也可以把「禁」引申至 心理上的行为,例如:「呢个财团计划要 控制本地所有电讯公司,我哋一定要谂办 法禁住佢哋。(We have to restrain their ambition control all local telecommunication companies.) 」另外, 「襟」也可以写成「揿」。



普通话			广东话		
对	话				
	例 1:		例 1:		
	小明: Xiǎo Míng:	看你拿了那么多东西,我来帮你吧。 Kàn nǐ ná le nàme duō dōngxi, wǒ lái bāng nǐ ba.	明仔: Mìhngjái:	睇你攞住咁多嘢, 等我嚟帮你啦。 Tái néih lójyuh gamdō yéh, dáng ngóh làih bōng néih lā.	
	美美: Měiměi:	谢谢,不用了。你帮我摁电梯就行。 Xièxie, búyòng le. Nǐ bāng wǒ èn diàntī jiù xíng.	美美: Méihméih:	得嘑, 唔使嘑唔该。你帮我擽粒就得嘑。 Dāk la, Insái la Ingōi. Néih bōng ngóh gahm līp jauh dāk la.	
	小明: Xiǎo Míng:	好吧。摁几楼? Hǎo ba. Èn jǐ lóu?	明仔: Mìhngjái:	好呃, 禁几楼呀? Hóu aak, gahm géi láu a?	
	例 2:		例 2:		
	小明:	那边不知道发生了什么事, 有几个人	明仔:	嗰度唔知发生乜嘢事, 有几个人将个	
	Xiǎo Míng:	把一个穿黑衣服的人摁在地上了。 Nèibiān bù zhīdào fāshēngle shénme Shì, yǒu jǐ ge rén bǎ yí ge chuān hēi yīfu de rén èn zài dìshang le.	Mìhngjái:	着黑色衫嘅人禁咗喺地下度喎。 Gódouh Injī faatsāng mātyéh sih, yáuh géigo yàhn jēung go jeuk hāksīk sāam ge yàhn gahmjó hái deihhá douh wo.	
	美美: Měiměi:	哦,刚才那个人要抢一个中学生的手机,是他先把人摁在地上的。不过后来被几个见义勇为的人制服了。 Ò, gāngcái nèi ge rén yào qiǎng yí ge zhōngxuéshēng de shǒujī, shì tā xiān bǎ rén èn zài dìshang de. Búguò hòulái bèi jǐ ge jiànyì yŏngwéi de rén zhìfú le.	美美 : Méihméih:	哦, 头先嗰个人想抢一个中学生嘅手机, 系佢将人禁喺地下度先嘅。不过, 后来佢俾几个见义勇为嘅人制服咗啰。 I h, tàuhsīn gógo yàhn séung chéung yātgo jūng hohksāang ge sáugēi, haih kéuih jēung yàhn gahm hái deihhá douh sīn gé. Bātgwo, hauhlòih kéuih béi géigo ginyih yúhngwàih ge yàhn jaifuhkjó lo.	
	小明:	你手里不是有照相机吗?快摁快门儿 拍下来啊。 Nǐ shǒuli búshì yǒu zhàoxiàngjī ma?	明仔: Mìhngjái:	你唔系攞住部相机嘅咩?快啲禁个掣影低佢啦!	
	Xiǎo Míng:	Kuài èn kuàiménr pāi xiàlai a.		Néih Inhaih lójyuh bouh séunggēi ge mē? Faaidī gahmgo jai yíngdāi kéuih lā!	
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1. 见义勇为 never to hesitate to do what is righteous					
	jiànyì yŏngwéi		ginyih yú	ihngwàih	
	2. 制服 v: subdu	e			
zhìfú		jaifuhk			

The Evolution of Chinese Character

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Teaching

说"毕"(畢)bì

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每年 11 至 12 月是香港八大高等院校举行毕业典礼的时间,当毕业生们写信发电邮告知亲朋好友,终于结束了三年苦读生涯,拿到大学毕业证书,或者邀约师友一起拍毕业照、参加自己的毕业典礼时,是否知道,毕业的"毕"字与我们寒窗苦读修成"正果"毫无关系。请看"毕"字古今形体演变:

甲骨文像古代一种有柄带网的捕兽器具之形,是一个象形字。金文上部增"田"为意符,表明字义与田猎有关,成为一个会意字。小篆形体沿袭金文。隶书线条化后,器具形已失。楷书简体"毕"上部以"比"为声符,替代了原字繁复的部件,下面器具形简作"十",成为一个形声字。

"毕"字本义指古时田猎用的一种长柄网,是一种捕兽器具。"毕业"是一个表示抽象意义的动词,无形可象。所以借器具名"毕"字之音表示。①表示全,完全。例如:毕生、毕恭毕敬、锋芒毕露、原形毕露。引申指完结,完成。例如毕业、完毕。②星名,二十八宿之一。



毕业礼

A case study on reorganizing a Chapter in TCFL material from language structure centered to language use centered

Introduction

Traditionally teaching materials of Teaching Cantonese as a Foreign Language tend to organize a single chapter in a language structure centered style. Every chapter usually starts off by introducing a text in the format of conversation or monologue, followed by remarks, notes, explanation, translation of the new vocabulary and sentence structure. Compared to this traditional approach, this paper tries to present a case where language use being the center of the teaching materials. By language use centered, it means to state the context of the conversation including the interlocutor, occasion, purpose as the main task, language structure including the syntactic, phonetic and phonological components the second. Results in the survey indicate that language use centered materials facilitate classroom activities. Besides, language use centered materials help learners understand the vocabulary and sentence structure.

Test and teaching materials

What is a language instructor supposed to do in class? To 'go through' the parts in the teaching materials assigned, most likely. It is true if we teach without a clear objective, especially when we are unaware of the macro view of the curriculum. Traditionally, we consider what vocabulary and sentence structure should be included if we are planning the path for learners from beginner level to advanced level, such as 我是…/虽然…但是…/除非…否则…from Level One to Level Three respectively. Thus, there is nothing to blame if students are able to manage these sentence structures after a language class. However, while students are trained to produce correct forms, training that cultivates effective communication is often neglected.

COPA takes the lead for the whole curriculum. It is a test that calls for language use instead of just correct language forms. Candidates in the test are required to accomplish different tasks such as leaving a telephone message, giving directions, explaining why you are late, introducing a guest...etc. Thus, the primary concern of language teachers should go beyond correct language form only. In addition to correct language forms, the experience of classroom language training for a student should equip him with abilities to accomplish different language tasks, which may be similar to COPA. As a result, students coming

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to class are not just having a grammar class that may finally help him pick the correct tense in a multiple choice question, but actually learning a language for effective real life communication.

Review of teaching materials being used

Long before the existence of COPA, a set of teaching materials had been developed. Without a language use concern emphasized by COPA, the easiest way to organize a set of materials is to write according to language forms. Nevertheless, these materials are insufficient to prepare students for COPA in the following ways:

- The varieties of tasks are not enough or not available such as leaving a telephone message and giving directions.
- 2. There is no context prompt in the conversation part of some chapters. Candidates taking COPA always have a very clear context prompt.
- 3. Vocabulary serves as a footnote of conversation, which is tempting for teachers to conduct context-free question and answer (Q&A) training for one thing, and not conducive to training for COPA for another.
- 4. Examples are randomly presented under sentence structure part, often without a context long enough to explain the concept.

Solutions in long term and short term

The insufficiencies of the teaching materials can be filled. In short term, teachers may reorganize the chapter so as to fit COPA. Having gathered the feedback of students towards chapter reorganization, we may have further action to create a stronger link between COPA and teaching materials in the long run.

Background and methodology

Having proceeded nine chapters of language structure centered teaching materials in an elementary Cantonese class for exchange students and international undergraduate students (CCAN1113), the last chapter of the textbook is reorganized in a language use centered style. A reaction survey containing 13 questions on 6-point-scale concerning their view upon the reorganization of the chapter is distributed after class. There are 9 students in the class.

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- The materials were conducive to training which emphasized more incontext conversation, task completion. Vocabulary is not presented as a single unit, rather, they are packed in groups that enables the instructor to have more efficient and effective drills. (Item 1-5)
- Item 5, 6 and 7 received high ratings among all the questions. Presenting the grammar point in a clear, meaningful and memorable scenario is a better explanation than L1 notes. It is also useful to use scenario difference to explain easy-to-confuse sentence patterns.
- There are also some implications for e-learning materials. Quite contrary to my expectation, students still think listing random sample sentences without a context under one grammar point is useful (item 10). Since the focus of the training in class is to prepare students for COPA, isolated sentence samples or more form-driven exercises can be provided online. Item 11 and 12 also suggest more could be done to engage the students to learn and practise after class.

Conclusion:

There are limitations for every kind of teaching material. Language teachers should always be ready to adjust the materials to fit the training they want to conduct. If we bear a micro or macro view (such as preparing students for COPA) in mind, teaching materials would serve the teacher but not mislead the teacher.

21 May 2011 Seventh International Conference on Language Teacher Education paper under the symposium of 'key considerations of in service training for language teachers' with Dr. Weiping WU, Dr. Siu Lun LEE and Ms. LIU Zhenxia.



本所在职教师培训及相关学术活动

CLC academic workshop and seminar for teachers

学术讲座(陈平教授) Academic seminar by Prof. CHEN Ping

2011 年 7 月 7 日,本所荣幸地邀请到昆士兰大学孔子学院院长、语言与比较文化研究学院副院长陈平教授来所演讲。陈平教授的研究领域涵盖功能语法、语义学、语用学、社会语言学及历史语言学,发表了大量的论文和著作,并先后担任多份国际语言学专业刊物的编辑委员会和顾问委员会委员。

本次讲座在方润华堂举行,由吴伟平所长主持,参加讲座的除本所教师以外,还有来自香港理工大学、香港职业训练局属下院校的教师。陈平教授的讲座题目为"20世纪汉语及汉语语言学的研究"。在汉语研究主题下,陈教授从普通话的定义入手,谈古论今,从三个方面概述了普通话的发展趋势: 1.语音的变化主要表现在轻声字和儿化音的减少; 2.词汇的欧化及方言词汇对普通话的影响越来越显着; 3.普通话语法的发展也越来越受到外国语言及方言习惯的影响。之后,谈到汉语语言学研究时,陈教授又从"小学"入手,解释了中西方语言学研究差异的原因是因为西方语言研究起源于外语教学,而中国语言研究主要着眼于解决汉字难认、难记、难用的



陈平教授(前排左5)及本所所长吴伟平博士 (前排左6)与部份与会者合影。

问题。最后陈教授介绍了在中国语言学发展史上做出杰出贡献的几位语言学家及其它们的研究方法和思路。

陈平教授讲座的内容严谨缜密、诙谐幽默、贯通中西、高瞻远瞩,让每位老师从宏观的角度认识了 20 世纪汉语及汉语语言学研究的发展。讲座在热烈的讨论后圆满结束。

由左至右: 松元博文教授、小田真幸教授及所长吴伟平博士。 From left to right: Prof. MATSUMOTO Hirobumi, Prof. ODA Masaki and CLC Director, Dr. Weiping WU.

日本教育中心代表到访 Guests from Global Education Centre

日本东京玉川大学国际教育中心代表到访本 所,并于中大著名景点新亚书院合一亭(天人合一)留影,在合一亭可眺望吐露港、八仙岭及船 湾淡水湖优美的景色。

A visit by representatives from the Global Education Centre, Tamagawa University, Tokyo, Japan. Photo taken at the New Asia Pavilion "union of man and nature" overlooking the Tolo Harbour, Pat Sin Range and the Plover Cove; a signature view seen from CUHK.

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动态与信息 Activities & News

国际暑期课程 (课外语言活动) ISS-CLP (Language Activities)

国际暑期学院汉语课程 (ISS-CLP)是中文大学交流项目之一,由研习所、中大暑期课程办公室及学术交流处合办。今年 8 月,有 120 多位来自 14 个国家的学生参加了为期三周的普通话课程。除了上课外,学生们也在 20 多位教学助理带领下,于周末到香港岛、澳门、深圳及大屿山进行语言实践活动,藉此探索不同地区的文化特点并活用所学。

The International Summer School Chinese Language Programme (ISS-CLP) is a strategic approach taken by the university as part of their exchange programmes. The 2011 programme, co-organized by the CLC, the Office of Summer Programme and the Office of Academic Link, received over 120 students from 14 countries to study Putonghua for 3 weeks in August. Apart from classroom lectures, students were also led by over 20 carefully selected teaching assistants to explore the cultural uniqueness of Hong Kong, Macau, Shenzhen and Lantau through weekend language activities. Meanwhile, students were spiritedly encouraged to put their Putonghua skills into practice under these real-life conditions.







书法班

Calligraphy class

二零一一年十一月, 研习 所举办了八节书法班, 使同学 们有更多机会从不用角度体验 中国文化。







Welcome Remarks by CLC Director at Orientation (Fall 2011) i

Thank you, Ellen. My name is Weiping Wu and I'm the Director of this Center. I've noticed that some of you are from the States. I was from Georgetown in the US where I started teaching Chinese, and I have been here since 1999. During the orientation for new students like this one, which we have three times a year, I always say something about language learning and, unfortunately, we'll have to speak in English instead of Chinese at this stage. What I am trying to say today is how to learn versus what to learn but, before that, my hall mark: I always have three welcomes for all of you as our new students.

The first one is to welcome all of you to Hong Kong, a beautiful island and I'm sure you will find more than what you expected here. The second welcome is to CUHK, a university with the best campus in Hong Kong. I hope you have time to see more of it while you are here. The third one is a warm welcome to all of you to CLC. You have now become part of our big family. How big are we? We have more than 10,000 members in our "family" so far. How old are we? We are 40 something and will soon celebrate our 50th anniversary as a language center. With these 3 welcomes let me say a few words which I hope you will remember.

I don't know how many of you have been to Hong Kong before but since you are now here, this is the end of your journey from wherever you were. As a student learning Chinese, today is the starting point of another long journey, a life-long long one. I started learning English long time ago and I am still learning as we speak. Language is not something that you learn and then put aside. You bring it with you no matter where you go. In order to complete the journey you need to learn how to learn. Many students tend to think of what to learn most of the time. I have a lot of people asking me whether they should learn Cantonese or Putonghua, whether they should pay more attention to grammar or vocabulary or pronunciation. All of these are related to what to learn but you won't go very far if you don't know how to learn.

To give you one example, teachers would easily tell you the things that you don't know before. It takes them few seconds to do that. When I was learning English, my teacher



told me that for female we should use "she" and for male, "he". Of course I can tell the difference but I still use "he" in many places where I should use "she". So knowing what you don't know before is not the purpose of learning. You need to learn how to use it, and this is related to how to learn.

When you are learning something, the best way to learn is from inside your own head and you will have to figure it out yourself. What works for others may or may not work for you. If you have discovered how to learn Chinese while you are here, you can always move forward no matter whether you have teachers around or not, or whether you are here with CLC or somewhere else with CLD or CLS. We cannot have a formula for everybody but we do have some tricks.

The most important thing is that you need to remember you learn in order to use. Moreover, you are the only one who can decide where and when to use what you have learned here. Nobody can help you if you just keep what you learn in your notebook. You can always say "Let's have pizza this weekend", but if you try 这个周末去吃意大 利饼 whenever you have a chance to do so, you will be able to use it without trying to remember "意大利饼" as a new word from your lessons. Even when your friends are not learners of Chinese, you can still show off by saying "I know how to say pizza in Chinese, it is called "意大利饼". In other words, you can always use it if you have the desire to use it.

Talking about new words in your notebook, is memorizing new words very important? Are the four tones, like mā má mă mà, tāng chá jiǔ cài, māo yú gŏu tù, even more important for you as learners of Chinese? Well, it's up to you. Certain people learn by memorizing, others learn by listening, especially tones, some may learn by reading, and I know some people

actually learn best by taking one test after another. One student told me that she learned best when she was talking to friends and she couldn't do anything in the classroom. Every one of you is unique in your learning pattern and you have to work hard to find your own way. Whatever your teachers say, or whatever I say, you can always listen but try it out before you take it as "the way to learn". If you discover that it doesn't work for you, just drop it and keep looking for the way

that will fit you.

Our teachers are all experienced and they are here to let you know what they think would be good for you but, let me repeat, you are the only one that will have to decide whether it is good for you. Of course, when they say you should hand in your homework you'd better do so, that is a totally different issue. I know it is hard to remember all that has been said today. Even if you forget everything, just remember this: No. 1, today is the end of your journey to Hong Kong but the start of a life-long journey as a learner of Chinese. No.2, how to learn a language will be much more important than what to learn.

Some of you may or may not see me much after our meeting today due to our different schedules but my office is in G02 in the other building. I will be happy to talk to you whenever we have a chance. Thank you and have a good time here in Hong Kong.

¹ Special thanks are due to the administrative staff who made the recording and did the transcription, based on which these remarks are finalized.

Activities & News 🔩

人事动态 Personalia – New Staff

大家好,我叫董智欣,来自北京。研究生毕业于香港中文大学汉语语言学及语言习得专业,本科毕业于北京语言大学对外汉语系。语言的魅力就在于它能够表达人们内心所想,同时能够让人们可以自由地交流。教会人们一门语言是一份非常有意义而又有意思的工作,将我所学、所想应用到实践当中是一种幸福,也是自我价值的一种实现。深感庆幸自己能成为雅礼中国语文研习所的一员,能让更多人体会汉

语感化深有事的望日和起中学地的知的。领们帮在子同快文生学魅中博感导所助今里事乐,们中中力国大谢和给,后,们地也更。,文精所同予希的能一教让好



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大家好,我是舒雅丽。我毕业于北京师范大学,在中文系读完了本科、硕士和博士,硕士的研究方向是训诂学;博士学位的专业是语言学与应用语言学,研究方向是对外汉语教学。2003年毕业以后,我在北京师范大学汉语文化学院工作,从事对外汉语教学和研究。在此期间,受学院和国家汉办的委派,先后到美国普林斯顿大学东亚系和旧金山孔子学院工作。

来到香港,能够加入雅礼中国语文研习所继续从事自己喜爱的汉语教学工作,我觉得自己十

分言化的搭桥各起肩己非识事指幸是之桥建我位携,的常各,教运不间梁汉愿同,做努高位请!。同沟,语意仁手出力兴新多。时为之跟一并自!认同多语文通为之跟一并自!认同多



舒雅丽老师 (大学组) Dr. SHU Yali University Programme Division

大家好,我是杜英子,本科毕业于湖北武汉的华中科技大学,硕士毕业于香港中文大学语言学及现代语言系。我于2011 年 7 月正式成为雅礼大家庭的一员。能够有这样的机会,我感到自己非常的幸运。在过去的这些年中,能够成为一个对外汉语老师,一直是我的理想。如今,这种理想实现



杜英子老师 (普通话组) Ms. DU Yingzi Putonghua Programme Division

大家好! 我是 2011 年 9 月刚刚来到研习所的李明迪老师。从高中时代开始我就期盼着自己有一天可以成为对外汉语教师,所以本科时坚定的选择了对外汉语专业,之后又在香港中文大学获得了硕士学位,专业是汉语语言学与语言获得。我很庆幸自己能够把兴趣、专业和工作结合在一起,如今香港中文大学雅礼中国语文研习所给了我成为对外汉语教师的机会,我感到非常荣幸和满足。



李明迪老师 (大学组) Ms. LI Mingdi University Programme Division

各位好,我是梅琳,本科专业是汉语言文学,之后在城市大学语言学系取得硕士学位,有幸于 2011 年成为雅礼中国语文研习所一员。我对语言的兴趣最早来自家庭,家中父母分别来自北京和广东,这样的环境让我很早便感受到不同的语言有不同的文化背景。读书时期我曾研究方言文化,希望能记录下变迁中的语言以及背后的生活和历史。毕业后做过中文及语言老师,体会到学习语言对学生和老师的挑战与成就。刚刚加入研习所这个大家庭,尚不曾多深入了解,已经感受到各位同事的友

好,感受到工作气氛的融洽, 希望以后能够尽自己的努力, 帮助更多的学生,更希望各位 老师多多指教。祝愿大家工作 顺利!生活愉快!

梅 琳老师 (广东话组) Ms. MEI Lin Cantonese Programme Division



大家好,我叫王若梅,生在天津,少迁福州,学在上海,现居香港。感谢神带领我领略了各地风土人情:津门的爽朗,榕城的秀美,沪上的繁华,香港的活力,都在我的生命中留下了深深的、美好的印迹。

我喜欢学习,修读了上海复旦大学的文学士(中国语言文学)和法学士(经济法)、香港中文大学的哲学硕士(历史)、哲学博士(历史)、学位教师教育文凭(主修中文),以及台湾中华福音神学院的普及神学证书,也在国家语言文字工作委员会举办的普通话水平测试中考获一级成绩。学习本身带给我很多乐趣,而各样的工作则给我提供了学以致用的机会。



王若梅老师 (普通话组) Dr. WONG Yeuk Mui Putonghua Programme Division

大家好!我是杨盼。今年九月毕业于香港中文 大学现代语言学系,主修专业为汉语语言学及语言 获得。从小习得外语的经历让我对语言、对文化有 着几近痴迷的喜爱。研究生期间专业知识的学习, 不仅拓展了我的视野,同时也使我对语言有了更深 层次的理解与把握。

非常和可庭够爱老学这快义为期教的非雅雅所这里份,辈讨活常是会所大中,就是非强服家擦一个不自还们课既有人的一个中,是对话常尽务一出。他们课既有所,起更不有所,起更不有所,起更不有所,起更



杨 盼老师 (普通话组) Ms. YANG Pan, May Putonghua Programme Division

各位好!我是张茉,大家可以叫我 Jasmine。我本科毕业于北京语言大学,主修对外汉语专业。硕士毕业于香港中文大学,主修汉语语言学和语言获得。目前在雅礼中国 语 文 研 习 所 大 学 课 程 组 担 任 教 学 职 务。

我很高兴加入研习所这个大家庭!虽然只是刚刚加 、研习所、但已感觉到这里的

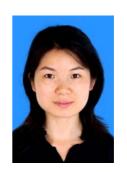
入研习所,但已感觉到这里的 同事和学生都十分友好,教学 及工作氛围都很融洽。让人不 自觉地想要融入其中,尽快成 为其中的一份子。作为一个新 人,还请大家多多指教。

> 张 茉老师 (大学组) Ms. ZHANG Mo University Programme Division



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大家好!我叫肖晴。1998年起从事小学语文教学工作,开始涉足汉语言教学。 1999年获取国家级普通话水平测试员资格,先后在湖南省语委、深圳市语委和深圳大学从事普通话教学与测试工作。2005年攻读英国威尔士大学 MBA 学位,并开始对外汉语教学和影视剧配音。去年5月从香港理工大学对外汉语教学硕士毕业后,有幸加入雅礼中国语文研习所教学团队,我所在的

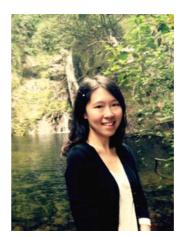


肖 晴老师 (大学组) Ms. XIAO Qing University Programme Division

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余乃京城人士,姓张,名静。性敦厚,乖巧守纪,不 慕荣利。余幼居于市,总角入学堂,敏而好学。豆蔻年 华,好读书而不求甚解,每有会意,常着小文以自娱,颇 示己志。及至桃李,自京辗转南下,求学于南粤。偶有 隙,便偕三五好友,涉山崎岖而行,纵情山野。

时至今昔,余无仲尼墨翟之贤,亦无管仲伯夷之能,才疏学浅。然蒙抬爱而得以入雅礼,慨叹其严明之风,浓厚之学术。为师之初,吾尝恐业未精,且未谙师之道。然深得诸师之教诲,学识及为师之道皆日渐长进,甚幸也。愿诸师不吝赐教如故,吾将不胜受恩感激。



张 静老师 (普通话组) Ms. ZHANG Jing Putonghua Programme Division

逝者如斯夫,而未 尝往也。为师、为学年 关之幸也。此去经年 定当以为师为悦。于 堂之中,吾虽非才已之 之之人,献己之才。师 没之力,献己之才。师 毅 心上下而求索。

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2012 Calendar

Regular full-time/ daytime part-time programmes

- Putonghua, Cantonese and Chinese Reading for non-native speakers
- Location: CUHK Shatin campus

Spring term	1 February to 27 April	Orientation: 30 January
Summer term	4 June to 17 August	Orientation: 31 May
Fall term	17 September to 7 December	Orientation: 13 September

Summer intensive short programmes (daytime)

Putonghua and Cantonese for non-native speakers



Programme/ level available	Date	Location	Application deadline
PRINCH (Pragmatic Internship in China) PTH level 3+	TBC	Xi'an, China	TBC
CUHK International Summer School (ISS) PTH level 1-2, CAN level 1	26 June to 30 July (~5 weeks) Orientation: 25 June	Shatin campus	30 April
S2 (July programme) PTH level 1, CAN level 1	4-31 July (4 weeks) Orientation: 3 July	Tsim Sha Tsui Learning Centre/ Shatin campus	30 April
CUHK International Summer School Chinese Language Programmes (ISS-CLP) PTH level 1-4	6-24 August (3 weeks) Orientation: 3 August	Shatin campus Weekend cultural tour in Hong Kong, Macau and Shenzhen	31 May
S3 (August programme) PTH level 1	6-24 August (3 weeks) Orientation: 3 August	Tsim Sha Tsui Learning Centre/ Shatin campus	31 May
Beijing optional tour opens to all summer students	25-29 August (5 days)	Beijing, China	31 July

Evening/ weekend part-time programmes



- Putonghua, Cantonese and Chinese Reading for non-native speakers
- Putonghua and Cantonese for native Chinese speakers
- New classes in January, April, July and October
- Location: Tsim Sha Tsui Learning Centre/ Shatin campus



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