

## **California School Boards Association (CSBA) and Shanghai Municipal Education Commission (SHMEC)**

### **California-Shanghai Principal Exchange Program Collaboration Events**

#### **Initial Contacts:**

In June 2005, the SHMEC Director, Dr. Zhang, Weijiang, visited California and met with CSBA President Kerry Clegg and Region 23 Director Bruce Carter in Pasadena.

In November 2005, President Kerry Clegg and President-elect Luan Rivera led a delegation that visited SHMEC and signed a “Letter of Intent on Education Cooperation.”

In December 2005, a SHMEC delegation led by the director of Human Resources, Ms. Yu Lingping, visited districts and schools in California.

#### **Developing Relationships:**

On May 8, 2006, CSBA’s Executive Committee received a delegation led by the president of China High Education Press, Mr. Liu Zhipeng, and two professors from Shanghai Normal University, including Fan Kaitai, a renowned linguist.

In November 2006, a CSBA delegation led by President-elect Kathy Kinley and Vice President Paul Chatman with Executive Director Scott P. Plotkin visited SHMEC and schools in Shanghai.

#### **Principal Exchange Program:**

##### **Shanghai Educators:**

In May and June 2008, ten Shanghai principals shadowed for four weeks at California school districts.\*

From October 10 to December 5, 2009, 16 Shanghai principals spent one-week in introductory activities and then entered six participating California school districts for six weeks of individual shadowing.

Another group of 18 Shanghai principals is scheduled to arrive in California to participate in the 2010 program from September 25 to November 20.

##### **California Educators:**

In October 2008, a 24-person California delegation led by CSBA Director-at-Large, API, Ben Liao, visited Shanghai. They were received by the vice mayor of Shanghai and other city officials, the director of SHMEC and his associates; and principals, teachers and students from the 10 Shanghai sister schools.

An exchange for a California delegation of principals to visit partner schools in Shanghai, sponsored by the Confucius Institute at UCLA and the SHMEC, has been scheduled for May and June 2010.

\*Santa Rosa City Schools, Monterey Peninsula USD, Santa Monica-Malibu USD, San Gabriel USD, Arcadia USD, Alhambra USD, Belmont-Redwood Shores ESD, San Mateo-Foster City SD, San Carlos SD, Fremont Union HSD, Hueneme SD, and Walnut Valley USD.

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