

# International Education in the Schools

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### Passport to Asia - Continent of Contrasts



In celebration of International Education Week, National Geographic's My Wonderful World coalition, including Asia Society, Environmental Systems Research Institute, and the Smithsonian Institution, has launched new interactive tours of the foods, festivals, art, and animals of Asia on Google Earth. These

online adventures are geo-referenced with the latest satellite imagery to show not only *what* but *where* - with quizzes, video, and renowned photography from National Geographic along the way!

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### Deans of Education Focus on International Education

The Council of Academic Deans from Research Education Institutions (CADREI), an assembly of deans of education from research and land grant institutions throughout North America, turned its attention to international education during its Annual Meeting in October. The Deans agreed that it was urgent to prepare teachers to help students develop international knowledge

## International Education Week



This week is International Education Week and we hope you are doing something special in your community or state to celebrate. To kick off the week, the U.S. Departments of Education and State hosted a panel at the Library of Congress. Dr. Diane Jones, Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education and Ambassador Greta Morris, Dean, School of Language Studies, Foreign Service Institute, U.S. Department of State, joined leaders of national organizations including Asia Society, Business Roundtable, CCSSO, NGA, NEA, and Peace Corps to

and skills. Recommended curriculum adaptations include requiring international courses as part of future teachers' general education, integrating global content into required education courses, and offering field experiences in internationally themed schools and classrooms, especially those in multi-cultural communities in the United States. Finally, schools of education were strongly encouraged to help pre-service teachers study or complete practice teaching in other countries.

Resources to support these strategies include the [Longview Foundation's](#) program on internationalizing teacher preparation, and the Department of Education [International Programs Services](#). For more information on the conference click below.

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#### **Grantmakers for Education**

Grantmakers for Education, a national network of over 200 foundations, corporate giving programs, and individual donors, also used its annual meeting to explore possibilities in international education. Their 2007 conference examined the question - "How can we help transform an outmoded 19th century education system into one that prepares all students - especially those who are most disenfranchised - to thrive as global citizens?" Large and small foundations heard presentations on models and initiatives in the field and were encouraged to consider how international education could fit into their strategic priorities.

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#### **Grants and Opportunities**

**Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program** provides grants to strengthen and improve undergraduate instruction in international studies and foreign languages. Extra points will be awarded to those projects that focus on foreign languages, especially critical needs languages. Projects that provide in-service training for K-12 teachers in foreign languages and international studies are of particular interest. Deadline: November 26. For more information click [here](#).

**Longview Foundation:** Letters of inquiry for the foundation's initiatives in internationalizing teacher preparation and innovations in international education are due January 8, 2008. Please visit [www.longviewfdn.org](http://www.longviewfdn.org) for more details on funding priorities and an application form.

**Advanced Placement (AP) Test Fee Program:** The U.S. Department of Education is calling for applications from State Educational Agencies for funding to pay for all or a portion of advanced placement test fees on behalf of eligible low-income students enrolled in AP courses or planning to take the AP exam. This could be useful for internationally focused AP courses and exams such as World History or languages. Applications are due by December 28, 2007. For more information visit <http://www.ed.gov/programs/apfee/applicant.html>

**World AIDS Day classroom materials:** Beat the Drum is the captivating tale of a young Zulu boy's journey to the heart of AIDS-torn Africa. Journeys in Film is offering free curricular materials to educate diverse United States student populations about HIV/AIDS, infectious disease transmission and prevention, and the societal

discuss action steps to build capacity in foreign languages and get all students "globally ready."

For more information visit the official [website](#), which also contains a listing of events across the country plus quizzes, promotional materials, statements and much more!

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implications of the AIDS pandemic, as well as explore South African and Zulu culture through math, science, social studies, language arts, media literacy and visual arts lesson plans. Visit [www.journeysinfilm.org](http://www.journeysinfilm.org) for downloadable lesson plans.

**Goldman Sachs Foundation Prizes for Excellence in International Education:** Applications for the elementary/middle school, high school, district/state, and media/technology prizes are due Monday, December 3, 2007. Prizewinners receive \$25,000. For more information and to access the online application, click below.

**Save the Dates!**

**Putting the World into World-Class Education: A National Forum for Policymakers and Practitioners** will take place July 10 - 12, 2008 at the Renaissance Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Asia Society and College Board ask you to mark your calendar for the **National Chinese Language Conference** in Washington, DC on April 17-19, 2008.

For more information on these conferences click [here](#).

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