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Hi All

Not long now before we farewell another year and enjoy a well deserved break with, hopefully, some of the sunshine we've been experiencing recently.

It's been another busy year and I'm sure we've all had our own little (or big) projects that have kept us occupied. Of note, is the new curriculum launched early last month which I hope will encourage more studies of 'Asia' into schools.

Reminder deadlines for 2007

Applications close end of next week for a couple of programmes worth looking at:

NZ Principals Delegation to China, 19-28 April 2008

Organised by the Confucius Institute, for Principals from New Zealand schools, which offer or plan to offer Chinese language as part of their school's curriculum. All internal costs covered. For more info visit contact Lisa Shi, l.shi@auckland.ac.nz. Deadline for applications is 20 December 2007.

NZ Japanese Language Teachers Programme, Osaka, Japan, 19 April-1 May 2008

A language and cultural immersion programme for Japanese language teachers who have beginners Japanese knowledge and ready to learn more. For more info visit <http://www.asianz.org.nz/nzjltp> or contact me jchin@asianz.org.nz or (04) 470 8707. Deadline for applications is 21 December 2007.

And onto 2008

Asia Knowledge website and more

This year (2007) Asia:NZ was pleased to be working with Suze Strowger and Angela Davis, Asia Knowledge advisors at the Ministry of Education. A number of initiatives have been implemented including the development of the Ministry's 'Asia Knowledge' website to be launched in 2008. On it will be information to help you include Asia in your class and school programmes. A highlight resource will be units on the Beijing Olympics at three different levels. Watch out for promotion notices.

Principal's forums will also be held next year to raise awareness of Asia in locations throughout New Zealand.

Plus if you have successful stories about including 'Asia' in schools (curricula and extra curricula at all levels) which you are willing to share, please contact me as we are looking for best practise examples to put on the website.

Asia:NZ Lantern Festival – Feb/March

The Lantern Festival is now an iconic event in Auckland second to Pasifika and is steadily growing in popularity in Christchurch. Auckland's Festival at Albert Park will be 22-24 February and Christchurch's in Victoria Square will be from 1-2 March. 2008 will be the Year of the Rat – lots of fun activities to watch out for!

As in other years, schools in both cities have an opportunity to participate in the schools lantern-making competition. A registration form can be found at

<http://www.asianz.org.nz/education> or if you're outside the two regions, why not create your own event. Units are on our website at www.asianz.org.nz/educatingforasia which includes lantern-making instructions.

Hope you're able to join in the celebrations.

Teacher Study Programmes

We had a very successful Linking Latitudes Conference in India during October this year with eleven New Zealanders attending. A rewarding experience for all – inspirational key note speakers, interesting site visits, enthusiastic educators etc – total immersion in a culturally rich and diverse country.

Other programmes in the pipeline will include the usual AFS/Asia:NZ programmes to Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Korea for the June-July or September holiday periods. Application details will be available on our website www.asianz.org.nz/grants/education when programmes are confirmed.

Keep an eye on our website also, for the *Access Asia* programmes organized by the Asia Education Foundation (AEF), Australia. Teachers are able to apply for an Asia:NZ grant to contribute to the costs.

Student Study Programmes

New Zealand Japan Young Peoples Exchange Programme

To support students of Japanese language on study trips to Japan. Typically for students 16-19 years, who have completed at least NCEA Level 1, and on trips for 3 weeks or more such as sister school exchanges, AFS or NZIIU programmes.

Grants can be up to \$5000 per individual.

For more info and application form visit www.asianz.org.nz/japan. Deadlines for 2008: 14 March, 6 June and 10 October.

School Study visits

For school groups embarking on study visits to Asia. Grants contribute to the overall costs of the trip.

For more info visit <http://www.asianz.org.nz/schoolstudy>.

Back to 2007 ...

As holidays start for secondary schools next week this is likely to be the last of my emails to you this year so all the best for a happy and safe festive season. Thank you for your ongoing support. I look forward to an opportunity to catch up with you in the new year.

If you're looking for some summer reading you can download our latest Review magazine at <http://www.asianz.org.nz/files/ReviewSummer07.pdf> - there's an article on the Beijing Olympics and more ...

Happy holidays and best wishes



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PS: If you would like to be taken off the mail list, please email me at jchin@asianz.org.nz – hope not but just in case!