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### *President's Messages*

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Dear SICET members,

I hope that you all had a great start of the fall term and enjoyed the Mid-Autumn day with plenty of delicious food and moon cakes.

Looking back, SICET had another productive year: our online journal, *IJTTL*, published its first issue of this year as scheduled in June 2010; the second issue of *JETDE* was published on Oct. 15, 2009; the fifth SICET Annual Convention was held in Louisville, Kentucky, USA on Oct. 27-31, 2009; and the seventh Summer Fellowship Program were successfully hosted by Guangxi Institute of Education (Nanning, Guangxi) and Linyi Normal University (Linyi, Shangdong) during May 2010.

During the fifth Annual Convention, the keynote speaker, Dr. Hongbo Song, shared various multimedia products they created for language teaching and learning in Yantai University. Two invited speakers, Dr. Pinde Chen and Dr. Jinrong Li, introduced the educational technology programs at their universities. These presentations gave audience a complete picture of the technology integration in China. SICET hosted 14 concurrent presentations and 7 round-table presentations as well as one distance presentation. These presentations discussed different aspects of technology integrations in educational settings. Among them, Dr. Chun-Min Wang was awarded the best presentation and Mr. Guoqiang Cui was awarded the best student presentation. Both awardees were selected according to the evaluations submitted by the audience. All current SICET student members who presented as the key presenter received one year free membership.

As for the Summer Fellowship program this year, 11 SICET members submitted 12 proposals. Among them, five members' proposals were selected to present at Guangxi Institute of Education, and nine members' proposals were selected to present at Linyi Normal University. This activity provided our members and the host university a great opportunity to share their teaching experiences, research ideas and fundings with teachers and students from different universities in China and the USA.

#### Special points of interest:

- Summer Program Success in Nanning and Guangxi
- SICET Session 2010
- New Board Members

To be continued...

## *President's Messages (continued)*

Looking ahead, we still have excitements within this year: the third issue of *JETDE* is finalizing the revisions and will be published on Oct. 15, 2010; and the sixth SICET Annual Convention will be held in Anaheim, California on Oct. 26-30. In addition to 12 concurrent presentations, we invited Dr. Simon So and Dr. Geping Liu as SICET keynotes. Dr. So will discuss *Pedagogical and Technological Considerations of Mobile Learning* and Dr. Liu will introduce *E-Learning in Higher Education in China: Current Practice and Future Trends*. So mark your calendar and join us in Anaheim.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to our journal editors, Dr. Leping Liu and Dr. Harrison Yang; our Summer Fellowship organizer, Dr. Xiaoxue Wang; our convention chair and chair assistant, Dr. Tina Wu and Dr. Christie Liu; and other SICET officers for their time and efforts in organizing these events. Without their careful planning, organizing, and continuous communicating with authors and presenters, these events would have been impossible. My appreciation goes to our host universities, article authors, Summer Fellowship participants, and convention presenters for their contribution and involvement. Without their efforts, these events would not have been as successful.

Best regards,

Shuyan Wang, Ph.D.

President of SICET

## *2010 SICET Annual Convention*



The Society of International Chinese in Educational Technology (SICET) will host its sixth annual conference as part of the 2010 Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) international convention, "***Cyber Change: Learning in Our Connected World***", on October 26-30, 2010. At its annual convention, SICET sponsors two keynote presentations, 2 general sessions, and 14 concurrent presentations. All these SICET sessions will be hosted in North Tower - 2nd Floor, Salon VI, in Hyatt Regency Orange County, Anaheim, California.

The two keynote speakers are Dr. Simon So, a faculty member in Information Technology at the Hong Kong Institute of Education, and Dr. Geping Liu, Professor and Associate Dean from Southwest University, China. Dr. So will discuss "***Pedagogical & Technological Considerations of Mobile Learning***" and Dr. Liu will talk about "***E-Learning in Higher Education in China: Current Practice & Future Trends***" at 1:00pm and 1:30pm, on Wednesday, October 27.

The concurrent presentations include various topics related to technology integration, online learning, media-based and mobile learning, Web 2.0 and Second Life. The international

touch of SICET is reflected in presentations that explore and research on the use of emerging technologies such as cross-cultural online learning and Second Life in learning English as a Second Language.

The general sessions will report the progress achieved last year, present the "Best Presentation Award" & "Key Student Presenter Award". We will also discuss the activities planned for next year, and share information on how to get involved in international exchange. Programs such as summer fellowship trips to the universities in China will be discussed in details at the two general sessions.

Come and join us on Wednesday afternoon and the whole day on Thursday!

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## Keynote Speakers Introduction



**Dr Simon So** (BSc, PGDE, MEd, PhD) is the Regional Director of Hong Kong, SICET. He is currently a faculty member in Information Technology at the Hong Kong Institute of Education, Department of Mathematics and Information Technology. He is a registered professional engineer in Australia and a registered teacher in Hong Kong. Dr. So has many years of working experience. He has held various technical and managerial positions in IT industry in the past. His academic experience spans many universities; the University of Alberta, the University of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, the University of Melbourne, Karratha College (for Edith Cowan University) and Victoria University. He has published research articles widely and his publications include books' chapters and articles in journals, professional series and international conferences. His services to the international research community include serving as Program Committee Member, Organizing Member, Technical Expert and Regional Director of major international conferences and professional organizations in Australia, Europe, Asia and US. He served as External Examiner for a number of doctoral and master research dissertations and Reviewer of many journal articles and conference papers internationally. Dr. So also serves as the subject member and provides consultation works for government bodies in education. He

is a member of the Curriculum Development Council Committee on Technology Education in Hong Kong and is the setter of public examination papers for Hong Kong Examination and Assessment Authority in many years. His research interests include Mobile Learning, Game-based Learning, Educational Use of Multimedia and Internet Technologies, Multimedia Information Retrieval and Web Standards.

In this keynote speech, Dr. Simon So will present on the pedagogical and technological considerations of mobile learning. Teaching and learning activities can embrace mobile technologies as pedagogical tools for effective learning. He will draw on examples from the literature to highlight the pedagogical and technological aspects of mobile learning. His ongoing research

**Dr. Geping Liu** got his bachelor degree at Southwest China Normal University in 1989, master degree at Beijing Normal University in 1996, and doctor degree at Southwest China Normal University in 2005. He did research as a visiting scholar at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign from 2007 to 2008. He has worked at the Online Education College of Southwest University (SWU) as a vice dean for ten years. Now, Dr. Liu is the director of Information Technology Center of SWU.

Dr. Liu's research focuses on distance education, especially online learning system. Currently, He is interested in Web 2.0 and e-Learning 2.0, Virtual World in Education, Intelligent Tutoring System etc.

Recently, Dr. Liu published some articles in e-Learning 2.0 areas, such as "Primary Discussions of e-Learning 2.0", "Web 2.0-Based Learning and e-Learning 2.0" and "Study of SecondLife Based Online Situated Learning".

Dr. Liu's presentation will introduce the E-learning in higher education in China. Online distance education in higher education in China began in 1999. By now, there are more than 4 million students learning in online education system. Dr. Liu will discuss the current policy and the future trend of online learning in higher education. He will also present a case study on online education in Southwest University (SWU).



## 2010 Summer Trip Agenda

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Fellowship Program included two events in 2010: Guangxi Institute of Education (广西教育学院), Nanning, Guangxi, (May 19 -21, 2010) and Linyi Normal University (临沂师范学院) at Linyi, Shandong, P. R. China (May 26 – 30, 2010). The theme for these two Events is “Educational Technology for Learning and Instructions.”

### Summer Fellowship Program Event at Guangxi Institute of Education, 2010

**Dr. Dave Stone & Dr. Charles Xiaoxue Wang:** *A Virtual Language Learning Environment for EFL* (Presented online through Second Life);

**Dr. Hongbo Song:** *Interactive Multimedia Development for Foreign Language Education;*

**Dr. Shuyan Wang:** *Digital Story-Telling: An Effective Course Enhancement Tool;*

**Hong Wang:** *Professional Development: Preparing Faculty for Online Teaching/Trends and Issues of Educational Technology Programs in American Universities;*

### Summer Fellowship Program Event at Linyi Normal University, 2010

**Dr. Nancy Brown:** *i-Read, i-Write, i-Phone: Facilitating English Language Development with Mandarin-Speaking Elementary School Students;*

**Dr. Dave Stone & Dr. Charles Xiaoxue Wang:** *A Virtual Language Learning Environment for EFL* (Presented online through Second Life);

**David Stone:** *Towards a seamless platform of learning/ Issues for online learning adoption within a U.S. University;*

**Zihang Shao:** *Comparison of Interactivity in Top-ranked and systematically-selected Open Course Ware Websites;*

**Dr. Hongbo Song:** *Interactive Multimedia Development for Foreign Language Education;*

**Hong Wang:** *Professional Development: Preparing Faculty for Online Teaching/Trends and Issues of Educational Technology Programs in American Universities;*

**Dr. Shuyan Wang:** *Digital Story-Telling: An Effective Course Enhancement Tool*

**Dr. Hao Yang:** *Trends and Issues in E-Learning*

## Pearls of Experience from Dr. Harrison Hao

I wanted you to know how much I appreciate the great experience I had for this year's SICET Summer Fellowship Program at Linyi Normal University, Shandong. I appreciated all hard work our Director of Research and Public Relations Dr. Charles Wang did and the wonderful hospitality Linyi Normal University provided. It was a joy to share my study with students and faculty in Shandong. I was inspired by their ability, wisdom, and diligence.

I particularly enjoyed the time with our SICET team members and colleagues at Linyi Normal University – sharing a laugh or a bottle of wine (occasionally) with friends is surely one of life's greatest pleasures.

In my childhood, I was deeply touched by the movie “Yimeng Song.” I always want to visit Yimeng Mountains, Shandong someday. I was very pleased to make my dream come true this

time – I climbed the high peak of Yimeng Mountains!



*Zibang Shao* I am a third-year doctoral student in the Department of Instructional Systems Technology, School of Education, Indiana University Bloomington. Service is an important part of my doctoral study and professional development. I believe that responsibilities of a researcher are not only to advance and disseminate knowledge, but also to contribute to the community and the society that he or she belongs to.

As a student, I really appreciate that I was given this great opportunity to participate in the summer fellowship program this year. I visited Linyi Normal University in May and the wonderful experience got me connected not only with Chinese scholars who are working in the US but also with scholars and students in China.

After I returned back to the US, I received several emails from the Chinese students who once attended my presentations, and I have helped them with their difficulties of study or questions about research. All the interactions are going to help to foster my professional development in the future.

On the other hand, I was truly touched by the strong sup-

port from Dr. Shuyan Wang, Dr. Hao Yang, and Dr. Hong Wang. They encouraged me a lot during the time in Linyi and provided me opportunities to introduce my research and practices to more audiences. And I also appreciate the kindness and generosity from the host university. We received very nice treatment from beginning to end, and had a fantastic experience when we travelled to Mengshan.

I would encourage more graduate students to join SICET and participate in the summer fellowship program next year. You will find it's indeed a worthwhile trip!



## More Pictures...



Our SICET website has been updating periodically,  
please visit there for information such as:  
board meeting minutes, publications, conference,

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We are on the Web!

<http://www.sicet.org>

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## *SICET Member Updates*

CONGRATULATIONS to:

**Dr. Leping Liu,**  
was promoted as the Chair,  
Department of Educational Psychology, Counseling, and Human Development  
University of Nevada, Reno

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**Dr. Charles Xiaoxue Wang,**  
has taken a position at Florida Gulf Coast University  
as the program leader of Educational Technology Programs  
at its College of Education;

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**Dr. Pearl Chen and Dr. Chih-Hsiung Tu:**  
were elected as the new board members in 2010-2012 terms.

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**Dr. Dazhi Yang,**  
is a proud mother after giving birth of her son Ethan on Jan. 26, 2010;