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Program Summary

- The Cultural Connections program, led by the California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE), is a professional exchange designed to strengthen cross-cultural understanding and professional ties between educators in California and their counterparts in Hong Kong and Macau.
- This program aims to address the growing need for Chinese immersion programs and offers educators opportunities to exchange best practices and explore diverse pedagogical approaches.

The flyer features the CABE logo at the top left, followed by the title 'CULTURAL CONNECTIONS' in large white letters on a dark blue background. Below the title are three images: a landscape with a sign that says 'HOLLYWOOD', a group of people in a meeting, and a close-up of a plate of food. A paragraph of text describes the program's purpose: 'Cultural Connections promotes cross-cultural understanding and professional dialogue among educators globally. Currently focused on California, Hong Kong, and Macau, the program welcomes participants from all regions, with opportunities for invited travel to California for CABE conferences - the largest bilingual education event in the world!' Below this is a section titled 'Upcoming Learning Dialogues' with four entries: 'Exploring the Cultural and Linguistic Roots of Multilingual Learners' (November 15, 2024), 'Language Instruction that Leads to Academic, Linguistic, and Socio-Cultural Competencies' (January 24, 2025), 'Multilingual & Comprehensive Literacy / Bilingual Emergent' (March 7, 2025), and 'California Bilingual: System to Support Multilingual Learners' (April 15, 2025). A 'Register Here' button is located at the bottom right of the flyer. At the very bottom, there are logos for the U.S. Consulate General in Hong Kong & Macau and the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, along with social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.



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CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Cultural Connect series promotes cross-cultural understanding and professional dialogue among educators globally. Centered around California, Hong Kong, and Mexico, the program welcomes participants from all regions, with opportunities for leader travel to California for CAE's conferences -- the largest bilingual education event in the world.

Upcoming Learning Dialogues

Establishing the Cultural and Linguistic Roots of Multilingual Learners
November 15, 2023 | 9:00 AM PST | November 16, 2023 | 9:00 AM PST

Language Instructional Best Practices for Multilingual, Emergent, and Social-Cultural Competencies
January 24, 2024 | 4:00 PM PST | January 25, 2024 | 9:00 AM PST

Implementing a Comprehensive Literacy & Literacy Development
March 1, 2024 | 4:00 PM PST | March 8, 2024 | 9:00 AM PST

California Educational System in Support of Multilingual Learners
April 12, 2024 | 1:00 PM PST | April 19, 2024 | 9:00 AM PST

[Register Here](#)

U.S. Consulate General Hong Kong & Mexico

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Objectives

- 1) To enhance cultural competency and language pedagogy.
- 2) To promote U.S. educational values abroad.
- 3) To strengthen professional networks and partnership.
- 4) To facilitate mutual professional development.
- 5) To increase awareness of global education initiatives.





Virtual Learning Dialogues

- **Embracing the Cultural and Linguistic Assets of Multilingual Learners**
November 15, 2024 | 4:00 PM PDT / November 16, 2024 | 8:00 AM HKT
- **Language Instruction that Leads to Academic, Linguistic, and Socio-Cultural Competencies**
January 24, 2025 | 4:00 PM PDT / January 25, 2025 | 8:00 AM HKT
- **Implementing a Comprehensive Literacy / Biliteracy-Multiliteracy Framework**
March 7, 2025 | 4:00 PM PDT / March 8, 2025 | 8:00 AM HKT
- **California's Educational System in Support of Multilingual Learners**
April 11, 2025 | 5:00 PM PDT / April 12, 2025 | 8:00 AM HKT





Virtual Learning Dialogues CABE Team



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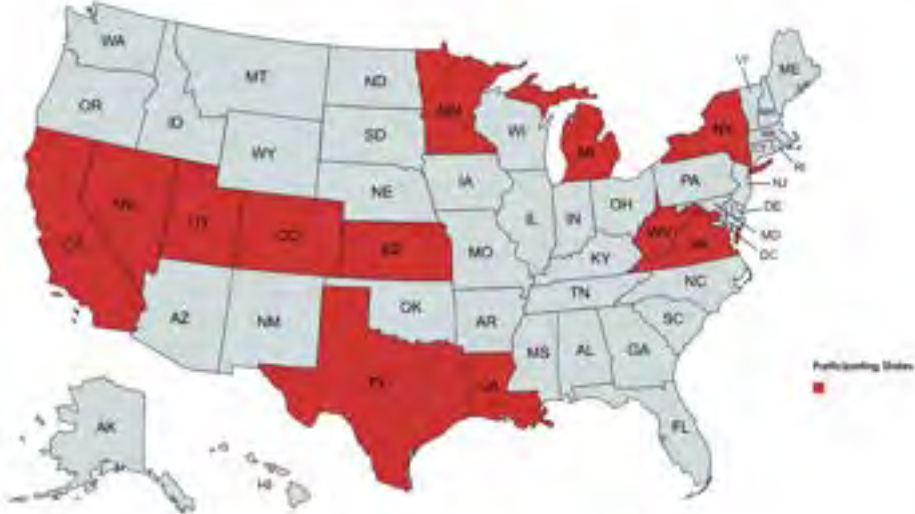


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Specialist
Professional Learning
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Virtual Learning Dialogues Registrants



Outreach

Digital Campaign

- 400+ US K12 Chinese program leaders
- Dozens of K12 and IHE educators in Hong Kong and Macau
- 25 California Mandarin / Cantonese Credential Program Contacts, ie Asian BTEP
- 19 NABE / NABE Affiliates
- CABE Mandarin Chapter
- CABE Asian Languages Roundtable
- CABE Social Media
- CABE Corner Newsletter (January 2025)

Meetings

- CABE Board Meeting (November 2, 2024)
- CABE Team Meeting (November 18, 2024 and December 18, 2024)

Personal Outreach



Hong Kong / Macau Exchange Delegates

Dr. David Calvo

- Director, Development, California Association for Bilingual Education
- Bilingual Clinical Supervisor, California State University, Los Angeles

Jenny Li Chuan Chang

- Mandarin Immersion Teacher, College Park Elementary School (San Mateo-Foster City School District)

Dr. Weina Chen

- Mandarin Chapter Co-Founder and Advisor, California Association for Bilingual Education
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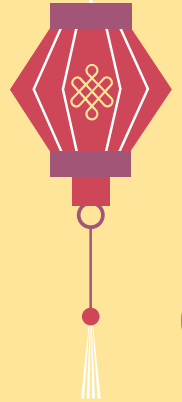
December 9-14, 2024

Macau / Hong Kong Host Agenda

- Premier School Affiliated to Hou Kong Middle School
- University of Macau
- City University of Macau
- International Montessori School
- Harrow International School, Hong Kong
- The Education University of Hong Kong
- Hong Kong Community College
- Fung Kai Innovative School
- SKH Chan Young Secondary School
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- US Consulate of Hong Kong and Macau
- Marymount Secondary School
- University of Southern California (Hong Kong Office)



Certificate Example



Tokens of Appreciation





Key Highlights

Trilingualism and Biliteracy

K-12 and IHE Visits

US Consulate Visit

Cultural Immersion

Montessori Bilingual Program





Macau Cultural Immersion

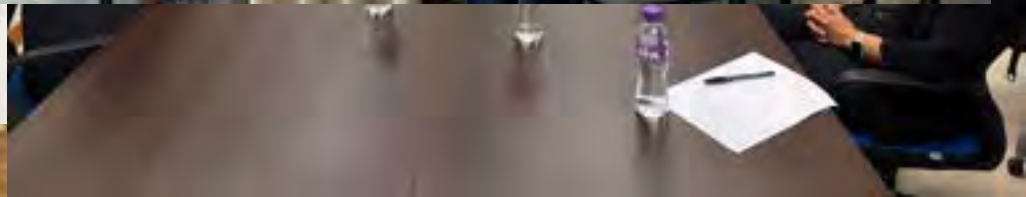




Premier School Affiliated to Hou Kong Middle School

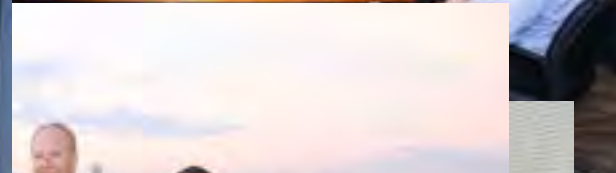


University of Macau





City University of Macau



International Montessori School



Harrow International School, Hong Kong



The Education University of Hong Kong



Hong Kong Community College

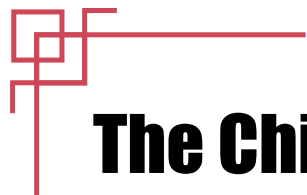


Fung Kai Innovative School



SKH Chan Young Secondary School





The Chinese University of Hong Kong

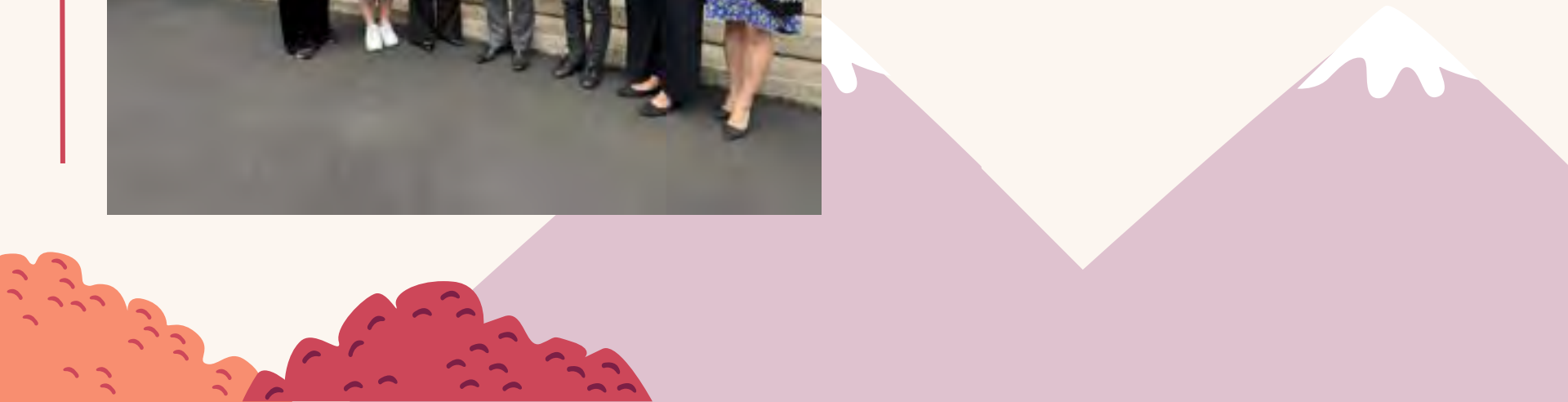
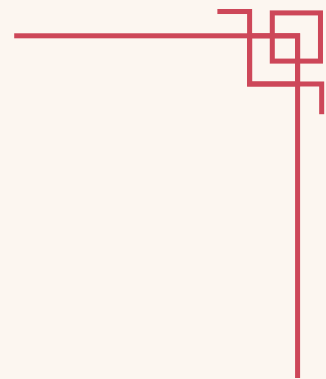


US Consulate of Hong Kong and Macau

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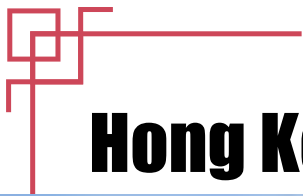
Marymount Secondary School





University of Southern California (Hong Kong Office)





Hong Kong Cultural Immersion



**NEXT STEPS:
Welcoming a
Delegation from
Hong Kong/Macau**





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(gǎnxiè nǐ wèi wǒ zuò de yíqiè)

謝謝大家
(xièxiè dàjiā)

Thank you

