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MEMORANDUM

TO: Michigan Superintendents and Principals

FROM: Flora L. Jenkins, Ph.D., Director, Office of Professional Preparation Services

DATE: February 25, 2008

SUBJECT: Taiwan - Chinese Language Teacher Program and Administrator Visit

In March 2006, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Education in Taiwan by which up to 15 experienced and/or newly certified Michigan elementary teachers were given the opportunity to study and teach in Taiwanese schools for a full academic year. The next step in this collaboration is to recruit teachers from Taiwan to teach Chinese language and culture to Michigan students. Considering new foreign language graduation requirements, interest in internationalizing education, and increased awareness of the global economy, this opportunity couldn't have come at a better time. School districts interested in hiring teachers from Taiwan should contact the MDE immediately to begin the process.

In addition the Ministry of Education in Taiwan will be inviting school administrators from the United States to Taiwan for a visit from April 5-12, 2008 (tentatively). They have extended this invitation to principals or superintendents that have had an integral role in establishing Chinese language programs at their district/school(s), or that plan to for this upcoming school year. This visit will afford the administrator the opportunity to interview potential candidates and visit university language centers where they are prepared and school buildings where they teach. The Ministry will cover the expenses of the trip and accommodations for the week, with the exception of the airfare. Of course, there will also be a chance to do some sight-seeing, sample a variety of Taiwan's excellent cuisine, and learn about its culture.

Please send the attached application and information document by mail or fax (517-373-0542) to the MDE no later than March 14, 2008. Contact Krista D. Ried, Teacher Quality Coordinator, at 517-373-0699 for more information.

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Taiwan – Chinese Language Teacher Program and Administrator Visit



APPLICATION

Applications for the April administrator visit to Taiwan must be received at the following address (or by fax) no later than 5:00 p.m. on **March 14, 2008**:

Michigan Department of Education
Attn: Krista D. Ried
Office of Professional Preparation Services
608 W. Allegan St.
P.O. Box 30008
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Fax: 517-373-0542

- Our school district/PSA is interested in becoming a "Sister School" with a school in Taiwan.
- Our school district/PSA would like to recruit a teacher from Taiwan to teach Chinese for an academic year.
 - (select level)
 - Elementary level
 - Secondary level

For those administrators wishing to hire a teacher from Taiwan:

- I am interested in participating in the administrator visit to Taiwan from April 5th to 12th, 2008 (dates are tentative).

Describe your Chinese Language Program or plan on the attach sheet.

Administrator's Name: _____

District/School/PSA: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____



Taiwan – Chinese Language Teacher Program



PLAN FOR RECRUITMENT

School Information

School District Name:
Administrator Name:
Website URL:
Mailing Address:
Telephone:
Fax:
Email:

Teacher Recruitment Information

Desired Qualifications:
Salary & Benefits:
Number of teachers:
Employment Period: