



November 29, 2004

Dear Ohio Educator,

This letter is to announce the 2005 National Consortium for Teaching About Asia (NCTA) Study Tour to China next summer. This trip is for the eligible Ohio participants in past NCTA seminars. The tentative dates of the trip are **June 28 – July 13, 2005**. These dates will be confirmed in the next couple of weeks. According to our records, you are eligible to apply for and be considered for a spot on the tour.

All of the preliminary information concerning the tour including the application is available at the following website: <http://oia.osu.edu/ncta/tour.html>

Please read all of the information carefully! You should be aware of and comfortable with all costs and details regarding orientation, follow up, the itinerary and other requirements. Please note the rigorous nature of the travel itinerary. Participants should be in good health and will require a physician's approval. Upon acceptance as a participant (and after you sign a letter of commitment) you will be responsible for a \$500 non-refundable registration fee, transportation to and from the orientation and follow-up sessions in Columbus, Ohio, all passport fees, and some expenses in China.

All application materials must be postmarked by **January 14, 2005**. Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered. Faxed applications are not accepted.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

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# APPLICATION

## Study Tour to China

June 28 - July 13, 2005  
(dates are approximate  
and tentative)

Mr.     Mrs.  
 Ms.    Dr.

Last

First

M.I.

### HOME ADDRESS

Address				
(      )				
City	State	Zip Code	Area Code	Phone Number

### SCHOOL ADDRESS

School Name				
Address				
(      )				
City	State	Zip Code	Phone Number	

E-Mail Address which you can access throughout the year (print clearly)

What grade level(s) do you teach?

What subject(s) do you teach?

How many years of full-time teaching have you had?

What previous travel experience outside the U.S. have you had? What was the purpose (study/work/pleasure)?

Have you ever travelled in China? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please answer the following questions on a separate page. Answers should be TYPED and must not exceed three (3) single-sided sheets. Please be sure to identify the item number.*

1. How has the *Teaching about Asia* seminar most benefited you?
2. Have you attended other programs on East Asia? If so, where, when, and what was the focus?
3. What East Asia-related topics do you currently teach?
4. What misconceptions or stereotypes do your students have about East Asia, and how do you address these in the classroom?
5. What have you found is the most effective means of introducing a foreign culture to your students? Please describe a sample first day of a unit.
6. What are your students' greatest deficiencies in their knowledge of East Asia (geography, culture, history, etc.)? What could you gain from the trip that would benefit students most?
7. How have you transformed personal study opportunities into meaningful learning experiences for your students? Give a concrete example of how you have applied knowledge gained during a study tour, historical site visit, or workshop.
8. How would you incorporate what you learned in your travel to China into your curriculum? How would you disseminate the information beyond the classroom?
9. Explain why you personally want to go on this study tour to China. What aspect(s) of China particularly interest(s) you?

**Please attach a copy of your resume and a letter of recommendation from your school principal (*in a sealed envelope*).**

**Make sure you sign the statement below and include this sheet with your application materials.**

#### **Applicant Certification**

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the information on and attached to this application is true, complete and made in good faith. I understand that false or fraudulent information on or attached to this application may be grounds for my application being disqualified.

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_