

News Round

Educating the Global Child

On 4 November 2003 Jeff Thompson and Mary Hayden were keynote speakers in Hong Kong at the international education symposium entitled *'Liberate the Joy of Learning - Educating the Global Child'* organised by the Yew Chung Education Foundation. Held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, the one day symposium was organised to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Yew Chung Foundation, with welcoming speech and closing remarks given by the Yew Chung Director, Dr Betty Chan, a keynote address from Mr Paul Yip, Chairman of the Hong Kong Policy Research Institute and of Yew Wah Education Management Co Ltd, and presentations from a number of colleagues including Ms Priscilla Yeung, Deputy Director of the Yew Chung Foundation. The Guest of Honour was Mrs Fanny Law, Permanent Secretary for Education and Manpower of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.



Left to right: Jeff Thompson, Deborah Ng, Mary Hayden, Anthony Dang, Priscilla Yeung, Dr Betty

With over 500 participants, the symposium raised a number of fascinating issues relating to the concept of international education in Hong Kong and China (where Yew Chung has a network of schools), including bicultural and bilingual co-teaching, and the notion of shared leadership by Chinese and 'western' Co-Principals. Thanks are due to all colleagues involved in the organisation

of this symposium (including Deborah Ng and Anthony Dang for their hospitality and efficiency), as well as to the many colleagues involved in the visits. Mary and Jeff were able to make to Yew Chung schools in Hong Kong and Shanghai: we look forward to an ongoing collaboration with this very interesting group of schools.

New Colleague for CEIC

In September 2003 we were delighted to welcome a new lecturer to the Department of Education, who will work closely with colleagues in CEIC. Dr Trevor Grimshaw is a language specialist, with particular interests in international language education, intercultural issues in language and sociology of language learning and teaching. He will – amongst other things – teach language units of the part-time and full-time MA in Education programme in various different contexts (including Summer School and Study Centres). Trevor has also agreed to take on the role of Director of Summer School, working closely with Philippa Wheeler and, this year, alongside Mary Hayden. Those intending to join us at Summer School next year will therefore get to meet Trevor in July 2004, if not before. We look forward to working with our new colleague.

Major Conference 1-3 October 2004 – all welcome!

As part of ongoing discussions about the establishment of what is being referred to as the *Alliance for International Education*, a major conference is being planned for October 2004, to be hosted by the International School of Düsseldorf. Entitled *'Education for International Mindedness'*, the conference will be based around a number of themes and contributions will be welcome from all with an interest in the many dimensions of international education. Further information is available from CEIC, or from Beatrice Larose at the International School of Düsseldorf (e-mail larose@isd.edu.de)