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EDUCATING FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP: Another Alliance Conference Success!



As anticipated in the June 2006 edition of Intercom, the third conference of the Alliance for International Education took place in Shanghai between 27 and 29 October 2006. Organised in collaboration with the Yew Chung Education Foundation (who have international schools in a number of locations in China) and generously hosted by the Yew Chung International School Shanghai, the conference was a great success. Over 300 participants – approximately half of whom were Chinese and half from elsewhere internationally - came together to discuss and debate issues arising from presentations structured around six strands all linked to the underpinning theme of Educating for Global Citizenship.

The conference was chaired by Professor Jeff Thompson, and two keynote speakers gave much food for thought: Professor Paul Yip Kwokwah, Founder and Chairman of Hong Kong Policy Research Institute and Council Chairman of the Institute for Asian & European Studies at Xi'an Jiaotong University, who spoke about 'Education for global citizenship in the globalization era' and Dr Fazal Rizvi, Professor in the Department of Educational Policy Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA, the title of whose lecture was 'Education and its cosmopolitan possibilities'.

Simultaneous translation facilities worked well, and the six strands, led by Monique Conn, Patrick Griffin, Martin Skelton, Tom Ulmet, David Wilkinson, and Nancy Willard-Magaud, all stimulated interesting discussion about a range of issues.

For further details, including abstracts for all presentations made, see the Alliance for International Education website (www.intedalliance.org) and watch this space for information about the next Alliance conference, planned for 2008.

