



ALMA Update

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November 2010

THE SOUND AND FORM OF CHINA

Come and explore Chinese tradition through the music of Chinese flutes, the tastes of Chinese tea, and the feel and shapes of Chinese furniture

When? 2pm-4pm, Sunday 28 November

Where? Silk Road Gallery, 19 Kennedy St Kingston, Canberra

(See map <http://silkroadgallery.blogspot.com/>)

Cost? Free

Call Hou on 6295 0192 or Mandy on 0408 089 235 for more details.

Note: this event has been made possible through funding from the ACT Government's Multicultural Grants Program 2009-10

WELCOME TO ALMA'S NEW COMMITTEE

The following were elected for 2010/2011 at our annual general meeting (AGM) at the Chinese Australian Early Childhood Centre in Mawson on 30 October 2010.

President: Ian Maclean

Vice President: Len Waugh

Secretary: Mandy Scott

Treasurer: Harry Hao

General Committee members:

Michelle Lander,
Janaline Oh,
Richard Singer

Other matters considered at the AGM were the minutes of the previous AGM, the report by Ian of the major activities of the association since the previous AGM and the tabling of the audited financial statements for the 2009/10 financial year.

A copy of the President's report should soon be available at 'About Us' on the

ALMA website (<http://alma.amu.edu.au>). If you would like a copy before then, please email canberraalma@gmail.com

SBS TO LAUNCH LOCALLY MADE MANDARIN NEWS

Australia's first locally produced and free to air Mandarin news service, with English subtitles, will begin on SBS Two at 5.30pm on Wednesday 24 November.

The weekly program will be repeated on SBS One on Sundays at 6.35am and will include:

a brief wrap of national and international news; major local Chinese arts; cultural, community and sport events; profile pieces on successful Chinese Australian business people, identities and inspiring locals; major stories from China; and stories on visiting Chinese dignitaries and artist.

A new online Chinese Virtual Community Centre will also be launched, giving users the ability to upload user-generated content including videos, photos and blogs.

The above follows recent criticism of diminishing foreign language content shown on SBS. For more information:

www.mediaspy.org/report/2010/11/10/sbs-to-launch-locally-made-mandarin-news/



NEWS FROM MAWSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thirty-six students from the school performed two songs at the beginning of the Mandarin Speaking Competition ceremony coordinated by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office at the Centre for Teaching and Learning in

Stirling on Friday 5 November. Four students from Mawson Primary were prize-winners in the competition.

The Principal of Mawson Primary School, Amanda Andrews, travelled to China recently. While there, she visited the school's sister school, Hangzhou Xuejun Primary School, and had discussions about the connections between the two schools. Staff at the Hangzhou school commented on the high quality of the written work done by Mawson students.

Mawson Primary is also holding a China Day celebration on Wednesday 24 November from 9.00am-1.00pm when all students and teachers will be engaged in activities based on Chinese language and culture.

For more information about Mawson Primary School's program, contact the Principal on 6205 8033 or visit www.mawsonps.act.edu.au

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## OPPORTUNITIES TO STUDY MANDARIN OVERSEAS

### Study in Taiwan

Did you know that a number of quite generous scholarships are available for Australians to study Mandarin and other subjects in Taiwan?

These are available for adults and also for high school students. For more information see

[www.cultural.teco.org.au/english/?page\\_id=10](http://www.cultural.teco.org.au/english/?page_id=10)

### AFS Intercultural Programs

Study Mandarin while experiencing the historic transformation of the Chinese people firsthand. Participants live with a host family and attend an academically elite school.

6 week Program, 18th December 2010 - late January 2011, Price: \$4,200.

Key Highlights: Chinese language lessons, Chinese cultural lessons and activities including Tai Chi, painting, calligraphy, handcraft, paper cutting art, Chinese folk music and martial arts, Sporting visits and activities. Field trips to ancient sites.

Eligibility criteria: 15-22 years old, keen interest in Chinese culture and language

For more information: [www.afs.org.au](http://www.afs.org.au), 1300 131 736, (02) 9215 0051  
[brian.game@afs.org](mailto:brian.game@afs.org)

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TEACHING OPPORTUNITY IN CHINA

English teacher wanted for a 12 month position for junior and kindergarten level at Changbai Shan (White Mountain), a beautiful, clean, rural town of 70,000 people in Jilin Province, commencing 25 February 2011

Teach 25 classes of English per week. Salary negotiable (approx 2,000 to 4,000 Yuan/month) plus free accommodation in an apartment close to school. This position currently held by an Australian teacher.

Contact: Info@AsiaLiteracy.org.au or visit www.AsiaLiteracy.org.au for more details.

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## NEW ALMA MEMBERS

欢迎新会员

We welcome the following, who have become new members since June 2010:

*Chao Zhang, Christine Davies, Harry Hao, Janaline Oh and family, Jingyi Cheng, Ken Zwan Kua and family, Linh Tong and family, Meredith Kershaw and family, Shupeixie, Sophie Pearse, Susan Francis and family, Yenli Ho, Ying Liu, and Zhongjie Gu and family*

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO ALMA NEWS AND UPDATES WELCOME

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