

2016 INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR SCHOOL PRINCIPALS: TAIZHOU, JIANGSU

Jiangsu Education Services for International Exchange

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History of the Forum

2016 marks the 12th Anniversary of the Forum which will be held in Taizhou from 06 November until 11 November. The Forum is a boutique conference for selected school principals, executive members of pivotal school principals organizations and government agencies from within Jiangsu Province and from around the world.

The event was originally staged only in Jiangsu with municipal governments co-hosting the Forum with the Jiangsu Provincial Department of Education. JESIE and the co-hosting municipal education bureau facilitate the Forum. Commencing in 2005, Nanjing, Wuxi, Changzhou, Suzhou, Yangzhou and Huai'an hosted the Forum in consecutive years.

It was decided by the Jiangsu Academic Community (International), a voluntary advisory committee facilitated by JESIE and comprising of members of Jiangsu schools, foreign schools and the JPDE, to make the Forum a biennial event in Jiangsu. During the alternate odd-numbered years, groups of Jiangsu principals are sent as working delegations to visit their peers abroad where they are hosted for mini-Forums and meet with their overseas partner schools.

The Forum has evolved into one of the world's most prestigious gatherings of school principals where various parties interested in collaborating with Jiangsu come together to discuss a wide variety of common issues effecting transnational education.

“Sustainable development and social cohesion depend critically on the competencies of all of our population – with competencies understood to cover knowledge, skills, attitudes and values.”

- OECD Education



2016 Theme

Education Reform
Targeting Key
Competencies





Forum Expectations

With a focus on building sustainable school partnerships, the Forum has become a secure platform where school principals congregate and share their experiences with their Chinese counterparts. Every year the forum grows in participants and friends. Over the years Jiangsu and Countries from around the world have continued the success that was brought about by the advent of the First International Forum. Our forum has a unique format.

◆ Keynote Speeches

Apart from principals, the Forum attracts other key stakeholders from the education sector including identities from world renowned universities and foreign governments. Keynote speakers will present on "hot" topics and original viewpoints about education will be delivered and shared.

◆ Workshop & Panel Discussion

All participants are able to present in the break-out sessions. Engaging panel discussion is a feature that enables all participants to bring new perspectives. Enhanced understanding through mutual discussions and analysis will benefit each of the participants.

◆ School Visits & Principal Shadowing

Additionally there are school visits, local principal shadowing opportunities and networking with Chinese principals seeking a foreign partner school. Educators that have current partnerships are hosted by their partner schools which helps build a deeper understanding with the schools in which they collaborate.

Forum Benefits

Designed with a diverse format, we believe the forum will provide each participant with positive insights into the realms of international education.

◆ 3-Dimensional Networking

Networking opportunities are on offer daily and with participation capped at 100 overseas guests and 200 Chinese. Partnerships and friendships are made on a 3-dimensional basis. Not only are partnerships made between Jiangsu and the visitors, many diverse relationships have developed between attendees. The USA, Canada, Australia, Singapore, Europe and New Zealand have all been represented. Although there are many languages and accents at the Forum, English is the lingua franca.

◆ Long-term Partnership

One of the aims of the forum is to turn the one-time visit into long-term partnership. The Forum promotes School Partnerships, teacher exchanges, student exchanges, curriculum sharing and development. The forums' true success is from all the passionate educators that continue to contribute to the betterment of our students and faculty.



Past Forums Focus

1st International Exchange Among Students

2nd Management of School-based Textbooks

3rd Construction of a Harmonious Campus Culture

4th Establishment of School Leadership

5th School Management Promoting Students' Development

6th School Ecological Construction Promoting Students' Individualized Learning

8th Foreign Language Curriculum Development under the Global Education Perspective

9th Promoting International Sister School Exchange

10th Common progress of schools: International Perspectives and Local Actions

11th Cultivation of Productive School Partnership



Steering Committee

Every year prior to the forum a committee is established, by both International educators and Chinese educators to decide on the theme for that forum.

Looking at global trends and common goals among all participants the committee is charged with forming the parameters and the layout for each forum. Sometimes a difficult task, the committee analyzes current educational research to identify new topics which have emerged at the educational forefront.



The 12th Jiangsu International Forum for School Principals 2016



The Forum in Brief

- Dates: November 6-11, 2016
Venue: Taizhou, Jiangsu
Hosts: Jiangsu Provincial Department of Education & Taizhou Municipal Bureau of Education
Facilitation: Jiangsu Education Services for International Exchange & Taizhou Bureau of Education
Registration: Online [here](#) or email ir@jesie.org
Eligibility: Current School Principals or Organization Executive member—numbers are limited
Costs: You pay your airfare, passport/visa and miscellaneous items
Inclusions: 4+ Star hotel, meals, transfers and registration within the prescribed dates above

Who will Attend

The Forum is designed for active principals of schools either in partnership with schools in Jiangsu or those intending to find a partner school. The partnerships cover a diverse range of exchanges; from classroom based joint projects to faculty exchanges and many more. A school does not need to be teaching Chinese language to participate.

While the principals are networking and exchanging information with their international counterparts a separate agenda is in progress with many of the world's most influential principal organizations gathering to discuss trends in transnational education with a Chinese focus.

The Forum is unique. It is a boutique affair where the key focus is learning, sharing and planning. The 2016 event will accept a total of 100 foreign guests and 200 Chinese. This allows all participants to interact first hand with their peers from around the world.



November

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Forum Components

- Values and forms of key competencies
- Key competencies orientated Curriculum construction
- Key competencies and in-depth learning
- Key competencies cultivation in Internet-related Age

Takeaways

- ◆ Increased understanding of cultural values, norms and experiences for students and educators
- ◆ Enhanced communications skills and strategies to support culturally sensitive conversations with students through the use of technology
- ◆ Increased understanding of how to support students in build international relationships
- ◆ Increase understanding of Key Competencies within the classroom.
- ◆ Strategies in developing curriculum that are embedded with Key Competencies



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