Asian Studies Outreach Program

Sharing the culture of China, Japan and Thailand with schools K-12 in Vermont

Contact us for more information on study abroad opportunities, teaching resources, and in-state opportunities for Vermont students.
THE GOVERNOR’S INSTITUTE ON ASIAN CULTURES

The Governor’s Institute on Asian Cultures is co-sponsored by ASOP and the Governor’s Institutes of Vermont (GIV) at the University of Vermont. The institute provides a unique opportunity for Vermont teenagers to learn about Asia and travel to China over a two-year cycle.

In the first year of their involvement, selected Vermont high school students spend one week on the University of Vermont campus to learn about many aspects of Asian culture. The 2012 summer program included:

- Lectures from professors
- Daily tai chi lessons
- Chinese minority dance
- Chinese language lessons

Over the next year, students work on their individual study plans with help from program teachers. In the spring, students attend three planning meetings to prepare for the two-week travel program in China.

Students must complete the in-state summer program to qualify for the overseas program in China.

Applications for the 2013 Governor’s Institute on Asian Cultures will be available in March 2013 online.

Visit www.uvm.edu/~outreach or www.giv.org for more information.
ABOUT THE ASIAN STUDIES OUTREACH PROGRAM

The statewide program for Asian Studies in Schools was initiated by the Asian Studies Outreach Program (ASOP) of the University of Vermont (UVM) and is funded by the Freeman Foundation. The statewide initiative promotes teaching and learning about Asia in Vermont schools at levels K-12.

The Asian Studies Outreach Program would like to thank the Freeman Foundation for the generous funding and the sponsorship from the University of Vermont that makes our programs possible.

JOIN US EMAIL LISTSERV

Sign up to receive emails from the Asian Studies Outreach Program’s listserv by sending an email to jdrouin@uvm.edu
2012-2013 WORKSHOPS

Throughout the year, ASOP offers workshops in schools, libraries and community centers across Vermont. The workshops highlight historical, cultural, geographical and religious elements in China, Japan and Thailand. These workshops can be presented in settings such as classrooms and educator in-service trainings. We have experience with afterschool programs as well as school-wide programs. The workshops can be adapted to meet the age appropriate needs of most classrooms.

There is no charge for most of these workshops, other than to cover the cost of materials.

Over the past few years, dozens of workshops and presentations have been developed in addition to those described in this brochure. Please contact the curriculum coordinator, Gerry Gatz, by email at Ggatz@uvm.edu for a full listing of workshops and presentations.

ABOUT THE TEACHER EXCHANGE PROGRAM
The Asian Studies Outreach Program has been successfully connecting teachers in Vermont with schools in China and Thailand for yearlong exchanges since 2005. Vermont teachers interested in teaching abroad are invited to contact the director, Bill Williams, to help determine if the Teacher Exchange program is the right program, and to help decide on a school.

TEACHER EXCHANGE PROGRAM DETAILS
• Program exclusively for Vermont teachers and recent UVM graduates with a teaching degree
• Teacher exchange opportunities in Thailand and China, rural and urban areas
• Opportunity to work with the home institutes of past Visiting Scholars

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF BEFORE APPLYING TO THE TEACHER EXCHANGE PROGRAM:
• What country do you want to teach in?
• Would you rather live in a rural or urban area?
• What grade level would you like to teach?

FIND OUT MORE FROM PAST TEACHER EXCHANGE PARTICIPANTS
Visit the Asian Studies Outreach Program webpage to read about past participants from Thailand and China in the “Teacher Exchange” section.
Frequently Asked Questions

1) What kind of workshops and programs are available?

Over the past several years quite a few presentations have been developed. They include workshops for educators and workshops for students. The workshops have been presented in classrooms, in-services and in after-school programs as well. There are several workshops described in this brochure.

2) What if I have an idea for teaching but none of your specific presentations fit the bill?

Great question! We are prepared to work on any request made. We have many resources to draw on and all new ideas are welcomed. If you can think of a topic that would make your teaching better, just let us know.

3) Is there a cost for these workshops and presentations?

Most likely, there will be no cost. If the presentation involves some consumable materials we might ask you to cover the cost of those materials. If we have them, however, we won't charge anything. Our mission is to support you and your work and this in one way we do this.

4) Who presents these workshops?

Quite often a staff member will do it. Often we utilize the skills and talents of our Visiting Scholars from China and Thailand and sometimes Japan as well. These people are educators in their own right and are anxious to share their cultures with Vermont schools.

5) How can I request a workshop?

That's very simple. Just call the office (802) 656-7985 or Gerry Gatz (802) 343-1058 and they will get you going.

Asian Puppets: An Ancient Art
This workshop, which can be offered to adults as well as children, explores the art of puppetry in Japan, China and/or Thailand. The workshop includes a look into various puppet forms.

The Symbol of the Dragon in Asia
This workshop looks at the symbolism and meaning of the dragon image in China over hundreds of years and contrasts its meaning with how we look at the dragon image in the West. Older students create a dragon using ancient repousse drawing technique.

Gyotaku: Japanese Fish Printing
What began as a simple image of a fisherman’s prize has now become an art form in Japan. This workshop explores the history and technique of this art form and allows participants to create their own fish.

Japanese Tea Ceremony
This workshop introduces students to this multifaceted tradition and how it is practiced today. Students learn about the significance of the tea ceremony by examining its four basic principles: harmony, respect, purity, and tranquility.

Dragon Puppet Workshop
This workshop looks at the symbolism and meaning of the dragon image in China over a hundred years and contrasts this meaning with how we look at the dragon in the West. Younger students create a dragon puppet.
**Children’s Day (Kodomono-hi)**
In Japan, every May 5th is Children’s Day, a day dedicated to the happiness and celebration of the youngest. Learn the history and traditions and create koinobori (carp-shaped banner) for this celebration.

For students grades K-12

**Haiku and Tanka Poetry**
Participants will learn about the essence of Japanese poetry forms and their history. They will go outside for a Haiku walk to collect seasonal images in order to write their own poems in an authentic way. In the end, they will take the Haiku frame of mind.

For students grades K-12

**The Art of Calligraphy**
Calligraphers in Asia devote their lives to calligraphy. With the help of our Visiting Scholars, we will introduce the history of calligraphy and writing in Chinese or Japanese to you and your students.

For students grades K-12

**Japanese Book Binding**
Going back to the 13th century, this art form originated in China and Japan and has developed over the years. Participants will learn how the history of the book in Japan has evolved, and participants will make their own book using one of several forms of sewn binding.

For students grades K-12

**Cultural Kits from China, Thailand and Japan**
ASOP has created over a dozen cultural kits for teachers to borrow when they teach about Asia. A typical kit contains handicrafts, books, postcards, videotapes, and maps.

**China Cultural Kits**
- Ancient China
- Chinese Minority Costumes
- Chinese Calligraphy
- Chinese Ribbon Dance
- Chinese New Year
- Chinese Knotting

**Japan Cultural Kits**
- Japan Games and Celebrations
- Japan Daily Life
- Japan Kamishibai
- Japan Tea Ceremony

**Thailand Cultural Kits**
- Thailand Daily Life
- Arts of Thailand
- Asian Shadow Puppets

**Books and DVDs on Asia**
Our library is home to hundreds of books and DVDs on Asia.

**Dancing Dragon Puppets**
Two 40-foot long dragon puppets are available to Vermont schools.

**Touring Art Exhibits**
This exhibition has 24-framed pictures of daily life in China and Japan, and framed images drawn by children in Japan, China and Thailand.
RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS

The Asian Studies Outreach Program has an extensive collection of books, videos, and cultural artifacts that can be loaned out free to Vermont educators, including libraries and community centers.

Facts about the library
• Vermont educators can borrow materials free of charge
• The library contains children’s books, fiction and non-fiction, and teaching units developed by Vermont educators
• The cultural kits contain primary artifacts from Asian countries that allow for hands-on activities.

Visiting the library:
201 Mann Hall, 208 Colchester Avenue
Burlington, VT 05405
Tel: (802) 656-7985

The library is open daily. On occasion the library must be closed for brief periods of time during regular office hours. If you would like to visit the library, please call ahead at (802) 656-7985 to make sure someone is here to help you.

2012-2013 WORKSHOP LISTINGS

Wai Kru
At the core of all Thai value is the principal of respect. In this workshop you will learn about the tradition of respect in Thailand and learn about Thai Teacher Appreciation.
For students grades K-12

Loy Krathong
This is a popular water celebration in Thailand. For Vermont students, Loy Krathong is a learning experience about another country’s traditions and an opportunity to teach ecological awareness.
For students grades K-12

Ukiyo-e
This workshop will explore the history of ukiyo-e and then look into the technique of woodblock printing. Each participant will try their hand at creating their own simple print.
For students grades K-12

Asian Name Seals
Name seals across Asia are a time-honored tradition, and are also still used today in major business transactions. This workshop explores the history and art of this beautiful custom and concludes with participants making their own name seal.
For students grades K-12
Overseas Program for Vermont Educators: The Institute on Japan and Its Cultures

The Institute on Japan and its Cultures is a study abroad program for Vermont educators. The program provides participants with the opportunity to study various aspects of the history, religions and cultures of Japan.

- **Credits:** 3 UVm credits (all participants are required to take this program as a graduate course of three UVM credits)
- **Dates:** June 23 to July 13, 2013
- **Location:** Various cities in Japan
- **Cost:** Program fee of $1,800.00 plus 3 UVM credits
- **Application deadline:** November 30, 2012
- **Applications must be submitted to ASOP office**

Selection process will be completed by mid-December. Notification of acceptance will be sent out by the end of December 2012. Planning sessions will be held on Saturdays, April 6, May 4, and June 1, 2013. A reunion conference will be held in the Fall of 2013.

All participants are required to attend all planning sessions and follow-up sessions. Travel dates are subject to change by 1-3 days to allow for flexibility on prices. Participants must have a passport valid through 2013 in order to apply. If accepted, participants are required to submit a copy of his or her passport by mid-January 2013.

Applications
One application will be included with each brochure. Applications can also be found at www.uvm.edu/~outreach or by emailing Jdrouin@uvm.edu

General Guideline for All Overseas Programs

- The overseas program is open to Vermont teachers and school administrators only.
- Each participant must receive his or her school principal's approval to apply for and participate in the program.
- Teachers in the overseas program are expected to participate in the conferences and workshops sponsored by ASOP in the following year. They are also expected to teach about the country in their schools when they return from abroad.
- Those who have visited Asia through the ASOP sponsored program must teach about the country for at least two years in order to qualify for participation in another overseas program. This insures a broad base of participation by Vermont teachers.
- The cost indicated in the program brochure for the program covers international transportation, domestic transportation, instructional fees in Asia, field trips, housing, and three meals a day.
- Participants who withdraw from the course after the first spring planning session date will be billed for the full amount of cost which includes UVM course tuition and all program fees.