

CHEER FOR VIET NAM

Traversing Borders: Viet Nam Teacher Training Program 2005 Announcement

Program dates: August 8 – August 18, 2005
Program location: Hue University Learning Resource
Center, Hue, Central Viet Nam
Application deadline: May 15, 2004

The Program

CHEER (Culture, Health, Education, and Environmental Resources) for Viet Nam, a non-profit organization based in the Los Angeles area, is pleased to announce its *Summer 2005 Viet Nam Teacher Training Program* in partnership with Hue University and Hue University Learning Resource Center. Based on the success of its four previous summer programs, 2001 – 2004, in collaboration with Ha Noi University of Foreign Studies and Hue University, CHEER is requesting applications from ESL/EFL instructors to join this year's program, which will be held in the World Heritage City of Hue, Central Viet Nam.

The Viet Nam Teacher Training Program (VTTP) 2005 is a two-tiered model, providing both Vietnamese and American teachers a unique opportunity to interact professionally, to develop new ways to collaborate and experience learning, and to deepen their appreciation and understanding of both cultures.

Tier 1 is designed to meet the needs of English-language teachers in Viet Nam and will emphasize reflection, observation and skill development. Participants will form a learning community in which they share their diverse experiences and viewpoints, refine their teaching methodologies, engage in cross-cultural interaction, and become partners in a transformation process. The program will provide the Vietnamese teachers of English an opportunity to enhance their own English language skills, improve the quality of teaching English as a Foreign Language (EFL) and to learn the latest American language teaching methodology through “hands-on” experience and applications suitable for their own classroom contexts.

Tier 2 is based on the result of the three-year evaluation of VTTP. The program will provide the Vietnamese teachers an opportunity to build capacity, improve their instructional practices, and create a network of EFL teachers in the greater Hue region. It will provide teachers with the fundamentals of planning and designing presentations and/or workshops that are meaningful, engaging, and reflective of effective methodologies in teaching EFL. The program will involve teachers in identifying issues and formalizing tentative solutions to EFL problems. In addition, participants will learn how to organize and implement a regional symposium for Hue's teachers of English.

A summary of the daily schedule is as follows:

Tier 1: In the mornings, the American team will conduct master workshops on the latest English teaching methodologies that include lesson planning and the use of technology. The afternoon will feature seminars on current issues in speaking, reading, and writing, as well as fieldtrips and special events.

Tier 2: In the mornings, the American team will lead discussions on implementing workshop presentations and project planning, organization and management. Afternoon seminars will focus on specific methodologies, to prepare for their culminating project and symposium.

During the two-week, full-time residency, the American team will experience the peaceful city of Hue, nestled in the beauty of nature and the richness of culture and history. Classes will be conducted five days a week, six hours a day. Cultural and historic field trips will be an integral part of the training. In the evenings and on the weekends, the team will discuss special topics and be introduced to the royal and folk arts and culture of Hue and its environs.

The American teaching team will consist of six returning VITP teachers and new team professionals. The Vietnamese program participants will include disadvantaged teachers, in particular young women, who live in the provinces and/or rural or remote areas where interaction with American teachers is limited.

Forty Vietnamese teachers of English for Tier 1 will be recruited from senior high schools and the following colleges: Agriculture and Forestry, Education, Economics, Fine Arts, Medicine and Sciences. Thirty-five Tier 2 participants will be selected from the previous trainings.

Hue University

Established in 1957, Hue University is the most important higher education institution in central Viet Nam. The university offers both undergraduate and graduate degrees to 17,964 students in its seven colleges: College of Pedagogy, College of Sciences, College of Agriculture and Forestry, College of Economics, College of Medicine, College of Fine Arts and the newly established College of Foreign Languages. There are 106 English language instructors on the faculty of which 47 were trained abroad. The university has established relations with several international organizations and institutions in Asia, Australia, Canada, Europe and the United States.

Selection Criteria for American Participants

Two individuals and one alternate will be selected through a review process based on the following criteria:

- Master's Degree in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages), Applied Linguistics or equivalent experience
- Experience and interest in teaching English to speakers of other languages
- Experience in planning and conducting in-service, professional development workshops
- Cross-cultural or multicultural experience with Asia
- Ability to work with flexibility and sensitivity in a limited resource environment
- Sound health and a sense of humor
- Ability to participate in required meetings and an orientation prior to departure. All meetings will be held in Los Angeles area.

Program Costs for American Participants

Each participant is expected to pay for his or her visa, insurance, round-trip airfare to and from Viet Nam and air travel inside Viet Nam. Estimated costs: \$1,500. Each participant will be provided with housing, meals and transportation related to the program in Hue, including local field trips and a weekend trip to a historic landmark.

Proposed Site Visits:

-Thien Mu and Huyen Khong Pagodas; Hon Chen Shrine

-Tu Duc, Minh Mang, Khai Dinh Tombs; The Imperial Citadel; Dong Ba Market; Home-Gardens

-Hue Music on Huong River; Imperial Court Dance and Museums

CHEER for Viet Nam

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Application forms are available on request. Deadline: May 15, 2005.

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