

(A) Collaboration with Media Development Authority (MDA)

1 The Singapore Centre for Chinese Language (SCCL) and the Media Development Authority of Singapore (MDA) will collaborate in the integration of ICT into the learning and teaching of CL.

2 MDA will assist SCCL to link up with industrial players and technological companies to explore ways to integrate ICT into the learning and teaching of CL. The collaboration will start off with the following projects at the end of 2009:

- Platform for learning oral skills and diagnostic tool for assessing students' CL skills
- Teaching materials for mobile learning
- ICT Package Tools for Newspapers-in-Education

3 The IT tools and products rolled out in the future will be available to teachers and students to enhance the teaching and learning of CL.

(B) Collaboration with UniSIM

4 SCCL and UniSIM will jointly offer a part-time Bachelor's degree for local CL teachers who are Diploma holders. This degree programme, specially tailored for in-service teachers and taught by both UniSIM and SCCL lecturers, will provide an opportunity for teachers to upgrade. The programme is slated to commence in July 2010. Registration starts next year.

(C) Collaboration with University of Hong Kong

Master of Education (MEd)

5 SCCL and the Centre for Advancement of Chinese Language Education and Research (CACLER), Faculty of Education, the University of Hong Kong (HKU), will embark on an academic collaboration by offering a joint part-time

Master of Education (MEd) degree from 2010 onwards. This MEd programme, focusing on curriculum design in teaching Chinese as a second language, will be taught by academics from both organisations and the degree will be awarded by HKU. Courses will be conducted at both HKU and SCCL.

6 This course is targeted at CL teachers in Singapore schools, especially instructional leaders such as MOE personnel, schools' Heads of Department, Senior Teachers, Subject Heads and Level Heads who wish to upgrade their curriculum planning capabilities, as well as their teaching practices and pedagogical knowledge.

Short-term Study Tour

7 SCCL and CACLER will collaborate in providing short-term study tours for CL teachers from Singapore who qualify for the Professional Development Leave (PDL) Package provided by MOE or their schools¹. CACLER will host the teachers twice a year and each visit will last from two to four weeks. Teachers will attend lectures and specialised courses on pedagogy, ICT and second language theories. The short-term study tour will also include school visits, lesson observations and interaction sessions.

(D) Collaboration with NTUC First Campus

8 SCCL will collaborate with NTUC First Campus, one of the largest childcare providers in Singapore, on a strategic partnership framework in which both parties will bring together different areas of expertise. SCCL's pre-school unit was recently set up in September 2009 to look into providing quality in-service training for Singapore CL Pre-school teachers. The unit consists of lecturers, research assistants and project officers, and undertakes both research and training in pre-school CL curriculum and pedagogy. Leveraging on SCCL's

¹ Teachers from independent schools can apply from their schools under similar schemes.

strength in CL teacher training and NTUC First Campus' expertise in the area of early childhood development and education, the collaboration will include:

- Providing continuous professional development programmes for in-service pre-school CL teachers;
- Conducting research-based activities conducted at The Caterpillar's Cove, an experiment kindergarten under NTUC First Campus; and
- Offering of a Part-time Chinese degree programme in Early Childhood Education, together with a university (to be determined).