Promoting Learning Chinese and about China in Scotland

OUTLINE SCEN PLAN 2015-2018

SCEN is a voluntary association which aims to promote the teaching and learning of Chinese and about China in Scotland. It works to support Scotland's Strategy for Stronger Engagement with China by reaching out to schools, colleges, universities, agencies and associations which are keen to provide collaborative leadership and opportunities.

POLICY

➢ **To work with the Scottish Government, in particular the China and Americas Team and the Curriculum Unit and its Languages Team, in helping to meet the targets and evaluate the progress of Scotland's China Strategy and its Languages Plan.**

➢ **To respond to the needs and the issues raised by all sectors at the Cross Party Group on China at the Scottish Parliament, including the wide range of commercial interests represented by the China Scotland Business Forum, the 48 Group Club (The Icebreakers) and the China Britain Business Council.**

➢ **To support the relationship between Hanban and the Confucius Institutes and Confucius Classroom Hubs in Scotland.**

➢ **To link with the First Secretary for Scottish Affairs and the UK Embassy in Beijing, the Embassy for the PR of China in London and the Consulate General in Edinburgh, to support Scotland's links with China and to facilitate its participation in UK connections.**

➢ **To support Local Authorities, Headteachers, Schools and national agencies in Scotland, in their efforts to implement the national languages strategy and connections with China in Scotland's schools.**

➢ **To work with Universities and Colleges, to support their teaching work in Chinese and about China, research into the teaching and learning of Chinese, and collaborative research projects with Universities in China.**

PARTNERS

- The Scottish Government, especially the China and Americas Team of the International Division, the Languages Team in the Curriculum Unit of its Learning Directorate, and relevant national agencies such as Scottish Enterprise and Scottish Development International

- Local Authorities and Schools
- SCEN Ambassadors (and social networking)
- Confucius Institutes and Confucius Classroom Hubs
- SCILT, Scotland's National Centre for Languages
- *Bilingualism Matters* Centre, University of Edinburgh
- China Scotland Business Forum (CSBF)
- China Britain Business Council for Scotland (CBBC)
- The 48 Group Club (The Icebreakers)
- Any interested University, College or School
- Chinese Community Schools
- The Scottish Qualifications Authority
- Education Scotland
- The General Teaching Council for Scotland
- The Scottish Parent Teacher Council
- British Council Scotland
- The Scottish Youth Parliament
- SELMAS
- Scottish College of Educational Leadership
- The Royal Zoological Society of Scotland
- The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
- The Scottish International Education Trust
- The Scottish Churches China Group
- Asia Scotland Institute
- Young Chinese Professionals
- PLUS committed individuals

PROJECTS

- **SCEN National Pupil Conference** *annual, in different parts of Scotland:*
  Inverness suggested.
- **SCEN Network Meeting** *annual*
- **SCEN China Youth Summits at Gleneagles** *when affordable; other venues such as Usher Hall and EICC to be explored.*

- **SCEN collaborative Conferences: e.g. with Confucius Institutes, Scottish International Education Trust, the Edinburgh Zoo, RBGE**

  Possible themes for 2015:

  - ❖ *with CISS and other Confucius Institutes for visiting headteachers from China, and for headteachers who have visited China*
  - ❖ *The Leadership of Languages 2015, engaging Local Authorities and Headteachers*
  - ❖ *Conference for Teachers of Chinese at all Levels*

- **SCEN Early Learning of Chinese Programme with CISS, University and Local Authority partners**

- **SCEN Languages Think Tank**

- **SCEN Chinese Language Teaching Club, convened by Dr Zhu Zhu**

- **SCEN Support for the Scotland China Business Forum, CBBC, The 48 Group Club (The Icebreakers), and for visiting delegations from China**

- **Discussion of the long-term role of SCEN, including succession planning**