

International Mandarin Language Teaching Seminar 2010 'Mastering the Rhythmic Patterns of Chinese'

The Mandarin Department at Julia Gabriel Centre for Learning will host a one-day interactive seminar led by linguistics expert Professor Wu Jie Min from Zhe Jiang University, China.

This seminar will help:

- **Mandarin teachers** apply useful techniques in the classroom to help students master the rhythmic patterns of Chinese and increase their comprehension, expressive communication skills and ability to memorise vocabulary effectively.
- **Parents who speak Mandarin** to enhance their child's confidence and enjoyment of the language, by reinforcing what they learn in school with useful ideas and techniques at home.

Participants will be shown how to help young children discover language in an enjoyable and relaxed way, increasing their interest and motivation to learn.

Professor Wu Jie Min will discuss and illustrate:

- The different patterns of reading and how they affect - brain activation, speech articulation, language cognition, emotions, ability to express meaning, physiological activation
- The important features of the pattern of rhythmic reading – pause / prolongation, rhythm, stress, tone, intonation, keynote

Participants will be shown how to employ poetic rhythm to help children master the reading patterns of nursery rhymes up to seven characters, to help them enjoy learning Hanyu Pinyin and to increase their ability to communicate expressively.

About Professor Wu Jie Min

Professor Wu Jie Min is an expert in Linguistics from Zhe Jiang University, China, and Director of the National Mandarin Modernising Association.

Professor Wu Jie Min is a prolific writer on the topics of education and linguistics and has published numerous textbooks and articles. She is the recipient of many awards including 'The Chinese Book Award' and 'The University Social Science Achievement Award of China'.

Professor Wu Jie Min travels extensively to speak at international conferences. Most recently, she was invited to Germany, America, Malaysia, Vietnam, Czechoslovakia and Singapore.

'Mastering Rhythmic Patterns of Chinese', created by Professor Wu Jie Min especially for teachers of Mandarin, has been applied in Chinese language teaching throughout China and worldwide with much success.

Date: 6th February 2010
Time: 9am - 4pm
Venue: YWCA Fort Canning Lodge

**Schedule of Seminar:
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6th February 2010**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Programme</u>
8.00am - 9.00am	Registration
9.00am - 10.30am	Seminar topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Optimum language learning begins in infancy • Rhythmic Reading and Expressive Reading
10.30am - 11.00am	Coffee Break
11.00am - 12.30pm	Seminar topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The disciplines of the pattern of rhythmic reading
12.30pm - 2.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm - 3.50pm	Seminar topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The three elements that form the pattern of rhythmic and expressive reading • Strategies for lively and enjoyable Mandarin teaching
3.50pm - 4.00pm	End of seminar

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Registration Form

Date : 6th February 2010
 Venue : YWCA Fort Canning Lodge
 Seminar Fee : S\$ 95.00 for one day package (including GST)
 Early Bird Discount : Register and make full payment before 15th January 2010 to enjoy 10% discount.
 Group Discount : 10% discount for 4 or more participants who register at the same time.
Only one discount package is applicable per person

Part A: Particulars

Name of School / Centre: _____

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No.	Name (Please underline surname)	Designation	Remarks
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Part B: Payment Details

Cheque No.: _____ Amount Paid: _____

Please complete the registration form, along with a cheque made payable to Julia Gabriel Communications Pte. Ltd., and send to: #04-00 Forum, 583 Orchard Road, Singapore 238884 (Attention Li Xiao Mei).

Registration is on a first-come-first-serve basis and will only be confirmed upon receipt of payment. Please register early to avoid disappointment.

Registration closes Wednesday 27th January 2010.

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