Background & Purpose of the Program

On May 12, 2008, the 7.9 magnitude earthquake struck China’s Sichuan Province, killing nearly 70,000 people and leaving 5 million homeless. Some 3,400 primary schools need to be rebuilt in Sichuan and neighboring Gansu and Shaanxi provinces. According to state media, the Chinese government estimates it will cost $147 billion to rebuild the cities after the massive earthquake. This devastating news has touched the hearts of many people around the world.

The Confucius Institute at Arizona State University has been actively involved in supporting and organizing meaningful activities related to schools and children affected by the quake. Among the long-term humanitarian projects to aid the Sichuan schools is a new Adopt-a-School Program.

On June 13, 2008, Mr. Tom Horne, Superintendent of Public Instruction at the Arizona Department of Education, sent out a letter to all public schools in Arizona to urge participation in this effort. Please refer to the attached file for the letter sent by Superintendent Horne. The goals of this exciting program are to help Sichuan rebuild its schools and to develop strong ties between young people in Arizona and Sichuan. This unique opportunity is part of our mission to promote cultural understanding and prepare students to interact in a global environment. We are encouraged by the partnership with the Arizona Department of Education and the tremendous support from Arizona schools and teachers.

We are looking forward to your participation and working with you on this project. For more information or for an application, please contact Jingning Zhang at Jingning.zhang@asu.edu (480-415-7421) or Fannie Tam at fannie.tam@asu.edu (480-965-7179).
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Name of School__________________________________________________________

Address________________________________________________________________

Name of Lead Teacher ____________________________________________________

Email Address___________________________________________________________

Contact Number _________________________________________________________

Information on Class(es) participating in the program

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Proposed Activities for 2008-2009

Please describe your vision and goals of participating in the Adopt-a-School program. How will this program benefit your students and the students in Sichuan?

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Please describe the activities you are planning to offer (e.g., book donation; art or creative writing activities to offer hope and support; fundraising).
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Agreement
This application qualifies our school and the lead teacher for consideration in the “ Adopt a School” program at the Confucius Institute at Arizona State University. If our school is selected, we will complete the proposed activities listed on page one of this application and fill out bi-annual questionnaires to inform the ASU Confucius Institute on the progress of our activities.

Please sign below and mail the application to Fannie Tam, Center for Asian Research, Arizona State University, PO Box 87102, Tempe, AZ 85287-1702

Principal of the School

Printed Name _________________________ Signature _________________________

Phone ________________________________ E-mail ______________________________

Lead Teacher of the Program

Printed Name _________________________ Signature _________________________

Phone ________________________________ E-mail ______________________________

Confucius Institute, Center for Asian Research
Arizona State University
PO Box 87102, Tempe, AZ 85287-1702
Dear District Superintendents and Principals;

On May 12th at 2:28 p.m. local time, an 8.0 scale catastrophic earthquake hit the Sichuan Province, China, causing over 69,019 deaths and leaving approximately five million people homeless. The epicenter was about 60 miles west-northwest of Chengdu, capital city of Sichuan Province, where ASU’s partner institution Sichuan University (SCU) is located. Although the quake impacted Chengdu and SCU at a very modest level, many of the surrounding towns were completely destroyed and almost 7,000 classrooms are reported to have collapsed, killing more than 11,000 children and teachers. We are partnering with ASU and Sichuan University through our department’s international schools initiative to start an adopt-a-school quake relief effort to help communities rebuild schools and also to offer support for students and teachers.

I encourage you to consider how we can show support and help Arizona’s sister province Sichuan. Support can include, but is not limited, to fundraising efforts that involve our students in meaningful activities, connecting with classrooms or schools in and around the affected areas through “virtual” exchanges, projects that involve art or creative writing projects to offer hope and support to young people in the area. In addition we are also eager to assist other initiatives being undertaken at Arizona State University.
ASU Quake Relief Efforts:

ASU responded immediately to help with quake relief in multiple ways, including the following: 1) On May 15th President Crow appealed to the ASU community for donations through the ASU Foundation, Sisters of Sichuan Fund; 2) ASU Chinese Student and Scholar Association (CSSA) raised over $10,000 USD, which was donated through the China Red Cross; 3) ASU Confucius Institute supported fundraising benefits organized by its partner school, the Chinese Contemporary School of Arizona (CCSA) and the Arizona Chinese United Association; 4) ASU Confucius Institute initiated a project for local elementary school students to submit drawings and letters which will be compiled and presented to children in Sichuan; 5) ASU Libraries are partnering with the University of Pittsburg Libraries for a book donation drive; and 6) last but not least, ASU is working to create “Adopt a School,” K-12 partnerships between China’s Sichuan Province schools and us.

Thank you for your support in this worthwhile endeavor. I cannot wait to see all the good will that is generated from our schools. Please contact Professor Madeline Spring, Director of the Confucius Institute at ASU if you are willing to help. Professor Spring’s e-mail address is: MKSpring@asu.edu.

Sincerely,

Tom Horne