



**Balsamo Outreach for Learning and Teaching**  
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*Bill Balsamo*  
1943 - 2008

**"Providing outreach programs, basic nutrition and health education as well as teacher training seminars or workshops that are relevant and practical for educators."**

*From Peter Wanner*  
**Founder BOLT**  
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## The 7<sup>th</sup> BOLT/Dalat Language Teaching Conference

August 9-10, 2018



Balsamo Outreach for Learning and Teaching (BOLT) brought together five Keynote speakers for a 7<sup>th</sup> BOLT/Dalat Language Teaching Conference at Dalat University on August 9-10, 2018. BOLT would like to acknowledge Tat Thang, Giang Chau, and Tuong Van for their on-site support and organization of this conference. The first day of the conference consisted of dual presentations provided during five sessions for teachers to attend during various seminars and workshops.

Dr. Christopher Fulton's presentation titled 'Why and how English language teachers in secondary schools and universities in Hong Kong and Macau used mobiles for teaching and learning' in an inspiring presentation of possible ways to incorporate use of mobile phones inside or outside class to enhance class involvement. He discussed some applications that are available for gathering consensus of opinions or beliefs on discussion topics gathered through a survey method.



Dr. Peter John Wanner's presentation titled 'Language Development Techniques that concentrate on Listening and Oral Skills' discussed different strategies teachers can use to improve listening and comprehension. Furthermore, he discussed how these skills are associated with speaking skills of students. He showed a direct correlation between Listening Comprehension and Speaking abilities evident in productive vocabulary of the students in English as a Foreign Language Class at Tohoku University, Japan.

Adjunct Professor Pong Chongchit's presentation titled 'Making Business English Fun and Informative' introduced ways to incorporate business vocabulary into the high school or first year of college classroom. He discussed ways to involve the students more and help them to develop stronger vocabulary skills.



The second day of the conference, delegates did tours of Dalat and visited some of the beautiful falls and tourist spots of the city. Dalat is a city that has vast opportunities to see agricultural production with incorporation of organic farming throughout the province. The area is well known for its coffee and the Dalat Wine is developing into a distinguished taste that many visitors love when visiting Dalat. The night market is also a must see where you can visit stalls and get various products of Dalat.

Overall, the 7<sup>th</sup> BOLT/Dalat Language Teaching Conference was another well attended event with 150 teachers from various district high schools inside and outside Dalat. If you have a chance to join or present at future conferences in DaLat, please come as August is usually a time when many educational institutions are not conducting classes.





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