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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
November 2010

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Asian Youth Forum 14 Vietnam ‘Social Responsibility’



BOLT co-sponsored and strongly developed the first International Asian Youth Forum in Vietnam at the University of Foreign Language Studies, The University of Danang (UFLS-UD) and Hue University, College of Foreign Languages (HUCFL). Both of these colleges contributed strong support by providing use of their facilities and helping organize activities for AYF14.



BOLT wants to strongly recognize Rector Bao Kham of Hue University, College of Foreign Languages (HUCFL) and Rector Dr. Tran Hoa Phue of University of Foreign Language Studies, The University of Danang (UFLS-UD) for their active role in initiating the development of this important program. Likewise, without key people such as Dean Hung Ngu of the English Department at UFLS-UD and Mr. Lai Quoc Loc, Deputy Director for International Cooperation, at HUCFL, this program could not have been implemented. Besides the people mentioned above BOLT also wants to acknowledge all the other staff and faculty who participated in making AYF14 a success.

Three plenary speakers introduced and presented key concepts in regard to Social Responsibilities. The presenters and titles are as follows:

Dr. Dinil Pushpalal: Tohoku University **Living Well Within the Limits of Nature**

Ms. Truong Thi Ai Nhi: HUCFL **Social Responsibility in the University Setting**

Dr. Dinil Pushpalal: Tohoku University **Consumable Resources and Social Conflicts**

Dr. le Thi Giao Chi: UFLS-UD **Students as Global Citizens- The Triple Bottom Line**

80 students and 7 advisors began their journey in Danang, Vietnam spending one day while everyone gathered together to take a half day to travel to Hue for the first two days of lectures and activities at HUFLC. The students stayed in the university dormitories and ate most of their meals on campus living with and getting to know international delegates better as there was at least one international delegate in each room there. The last five days the students stayed in three hotels near UFLS-UD with seminars held at the university. The seminar activities and interactive organized events were more intense and provided many opportunities to get an even better understanding of each other and their culture during the final leg of their journey.



BOLT would like to especially thank two very active BOLT members for their participation as advisors throughout the conference as follows:

Ms. Shirley Magnolia Koh Wanner

Director Cicero Danseco

Without the continual work and effort of the above people leading up to the conference, it would not have been successful. With the strong impact of AYF14 in Danang and Hue, it is highly likely that BOLT will try to initiate another AYF conference in December of 2017 at Dalat University and it might be possible to have it become a yearly event in the future.



Fifth BOLT/Dalat University Language Education Conference

BOLT co-sponsored its 5th BOLT/Dalat University Language Education Conference on August 12, 2016 at Dalat University with six international presenters as follows:

Mr. Peter John Wanner
Mr. Michael Christopher Carroll
Ms. Shirley Magnolia Koh Wanner
Mr. David Allen Gann
Mr. Jeffrey Stewart Morrow
Ms. Keunyoung Pak
Mr. Pieter Austin Gardiner



Dr. Peter Wanner started out the sessions presenting to a small group of Tertiary teachers (30 people) in a small lecture room on blended learning representative through Student and Teacher Evaluation followed up later with another lecture representing methods and technique implementation in the Secondary classroom. The secondary classroom teachers had their lectures in a large auditorium because the number of participants was much larger (100 people). The series of lecture type seminars involved strong interactive integration of the teachers doing workshop activities that was highly praised.



Mr. Michael Carroll, a strong supporter and regular presenter over the years, discussed ways to engage stronger student interest in the classroom. He presented ways to actively enhance the skills of the individual students effectively in large classes. Furthermore, he presented another presentation on the strong effect of role play in the class to enhance student perception and furthermore provide a role for students to follow.



Mr. David Gann gave two presentations, one for implementation at the Tertiary Level and one for implementation at the Secondary Level. He presented on how to implement and develop critical thinking skills of the students in the English language classroom. His example of doing an activity such as a simple card trick illuminated the audience as to how simple it is to develop critical thinking with simple activities.

Mr. Pieter Gardner did two presentations on how to use rhyme through rhyming and chants. These two forms can be implemented in both levels of language education classes.





Mr. Jeffrey Morrow presented the use of Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL). This form of learning is strongly geared towards language education in companies, but there are many applications in the secondary and tertiary language classroom setting as well. His presentation was very informative as he discussed his findings of implementation of this method in various Asian contexts where it is employed.

Ms. Keunyoung Pak discussed methods for improving student speaking levels to what are considered global competency. She defined this term and gave some examples of specific classes designed for helping students at the Junior High School level of most quickly developing Asian country language education programs.



Ms. Shirley Magnolia Wanner presented on ways to improve fluency through tongue twisters. Tongue twisters sometimes may be seen as useful to separate out students who are fluent with clear pronunciation compared to other students in Asian classroom contexts. She introduced ways to implement use of tongue twister exercises in regular classroom lessons at both the secondary and tertiary level.



In addition to the 7 presenters, there were also four observers who attended the conference. Some of the observers came to get an idea of what to prepare for and how to present at possible future conferences. The observers came from China and Philippines. The observers who came were as follows:



Mr. Sebastian Sumicad
Director Cicero Danseco
Ms. Ni Zeng
Ms. Jie Sun

The fifth anniversary of BOLT and Dalat University to co-sponsor and continue to provide further language education learning opportunities to secondary and tertiary level language educators in Dalat was a large success.



Project (HUG) Help Unlimited for Grade-schoolers with the help of friends in the Philippines were able to distribute computer desk tops donated from Japan. It was able to reach two Public Schools located in far side of the country, Paolbo, Calabanga, Cam Sur and CONCEPCION, ILOILO, of which one was the victim of the Typhoon Yolanda in the year 2014, where in students and teachers alike have to cross a river in order to rent computers. Our warm thanks to our friends, **Mr. Willian Tadeo** and **Mr. Roldan Lozano** in coordinating with the turnovers and taking the journey themselves in delivering the computers. We also would like to give our warmest thanks our friends in Japan who made their unselfish donations.

PAY IT FORWARD!!!



Upcoming Conferences

The 4th BOLT/ UFLS-UD Language Education Conference

Theme: TOEFL Education/ Blended Learning in Language Education

Date: December 17-18, 2016

Location: University of Foreign Language Studies, The University of Danang (UFLS-UD), Vietnam

Abstract Submission Deadline Past: 4 International Submissions Accepted--

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THT/Hue University Language Education Conference

Date: March 21-24, 2017

Location: Hue University, College of Foreign Languages (HUCFL)

Abstract Submission Deadline: January 15, 2017

See details for submission for this affiliate conference at <http://balsamooutreach.org>

The 6th BOLT/Da Lat University Language Education Conference

Theme: TBA

Date: August 11-12, 2017

Location: Dalat University, Vietnam

The 5th BOLT/UFLS-UD Language Education Conference

Theme: TBA

Tentative Date: December 16-17, 2017

Location: University of Foreign Language Studies, The University of Danang (UFLS-UD), Vietnam

Abstract Submission Deadline: June 30, 2017

Abstract Confirmation Acceptance: July 31, 2017

See details for submission at <http://balsamooutreach.org>

17th Asian Youth Forum (AYF17) with BOLT/DALAT University Sponsors

Theme: Sustainable Environment

Tentative Date: December 18-24, 2017

Application Deadline for Delegates: March 31, 2017

Applicant Qualification: Ages 18-25

Application Fees: More Details TBA

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