

Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project

HKLNA-PROJECT NEWSLETTER

Flowers bloom in the most arid of soils.

TOP News

Three segments of the HKLNA-Project's Showtime series have now been completed, not including the Introduction. EARTH's lunar New Year's greeting is finally ready for public viewing. The Tsong Kit website for Chinese language beginners has made significant forward progress, and EARTH's Viewpoint™ is up and running again!

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

First, the good news. The HKLNA-Project's Director is now on better speaking terms with some of his staunchest adversaries in the Education and Manpower Bureau. The bad news is that little of what has recently been discussed has anything to do with the HKLNA-Project.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The members of ProZ.com have been amazingly supportive of the Tsong Kit website for Chinese language beginners. Since April 9, 2006 we have reviewed more than 55 questions and nearly completed three chapters of Cantonese written grammar.

The Applied Linguistics Association of Australia, in conjunction with the Language Planning Research Network, will be hosting a colloquium on [The Public Face of Language Planning](#). EARTH would like to think that it has contributed impetus to the need for such a discussion. Similar discussions will also be held at the [Sociolinguistic Symposium 16](#) in Limerick, Ireland. Hopefully members of the Hong Kong linguistic community will attend. EARTH wishes everyone at the meetings its very best.

WEB Additions and Maintenance

- **Tsong Kit for Chinese Beginners** - The grammar sections of [Part 2](#), Chapters 6 and 7 are complete, and Chapter 8 is very near completion.
- **Chinese New Year's Greeting Card** - Adobe Systems™ has apparently given up on finding a way to remove the hideous borders that Explorer™ and Firefox™ place around optimized, linked, ImageReady™ slices. Certainly, EARTH™ can wait no longer. This year's Chinese New Year's [greeting card](#) has finally been posted. For best viewing, use Apple Computer's Safari™.
- **EARTH's Viewpoint™** - After more than a year's hiatus Earth's Viewpoint™ is up and running. This month's article is about Hong Kong's notorious [renovation termites](#). If you have ever wondered why Hong Kongers are so rude and boisterous, this article offers at least one very good explanation. Who can be held most responsible? No one other than the Hong Kong government, who fails to provide tenants with adequate legal mechanisms to protect themselves in their own living environments.

