

Conference Updates

2012 marks the fifth anniversary of the NCLC. Our theme this year is “State of the Field: Proficiency, Sustainability, and Beyond” and we are committed to emphasizing the growth of the Chinese language education field in the United States and the importance of building programs that are sustainable over the long term and that offer opportunities for students to develop high levels of language proficiency. A few planned highlights for this year’s conference include:

- Speeches by senior representatives from the U.S. Department of State and Embassy of the People’s Republic of China to the U.S. on bilateral initiatives to foster greater exchange and understanding between the U.S. and China.
- A “State of the Field” panel with key leaders and pioneers in the Chinese language field highlighting the growth of Chinese language programs over the last five years, key successes, and new directions for the future.
- U.S. premier of the “I Sing Beijing” gala concert showcasing a cutting-edge musical education program bringing U.S. and Chinese operatic and classical musicians together, led by virtuoso Tian Haojiang.

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The 2012 National Chinese Language Conference has opened a Request for Proposals. The NCLC provides a high-profile platform for sharing new ideas and best practices in the field of Chinese language teaching and learning.

The 5th annual NCLC is organized by Asia Society and the College Board, and will be held in Washington, DC, April 12–14, 2012. The conference will focus on program sustainability, Chinese language proficiency, and language learning in the context of global competence. All proposal submissions are due by **December 15, 2011**. Please link here for more information and to submit your proposal: <http://sites.asiasociety.org/nclc2012/program/present-a-session>