



Asia Education Foundation (AEF) is a joint activity of Asialink at The University of Melbourne and Education Services Australia. Established in 1992, the Foundation advocates for and supports Asia literacy in Australian schools. AEF collaborates with all education jurisdictions, schools, universities, peak professional associations and business. It receives core funding from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

AEF supports the achievement of the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians and the development and implementation of the Australian Curriculum and new teacher and Principal professional standards.

AEF WEB PORTAL

The AEF web portal provides access to services and resources for school leaders, teachers, students and parents committed to engaging with Asia.

- Keep up with developments in the Asia priority of the Australian curriculum
- Find units of work and classroom resources
- Use engaging Asia skills film clips in your classroom
- Learn how leaders engage with Asia on a whole of school basis
- Read the latest news about Asia
- Find out about AEF programs that can support you to include Asia in the curriculum
- Sign up for:
 - www.asiaeducation.edu.au
 - Fortnightly AEF E-News
 - Asia EdNet Discussion Group



STUDY PROGRAMS TO ASIA

Study Programs to Asia are offered to primary and secondary educators to:

- Strengthen their engagement with Asia
- Provide experience of vibrant Asia
- Experience parts of Asia off limits to tourists
- Meet people with different world views
- Develop links with schools and institutions.

Study Program destinations for 2012 include Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Programs are designed to support the Australian Curriculum (Arts, Geography, History and Languages) and other focus areas (Business Educators, Community Service, School Leadership, Sustainability and Values and Beliefs).

The AEF also works with jurisdictions and sectors to deliver customised group study programs.

THE AUSTRALIA-ASIA BRIDGE

The Australia-Asia School BRIDGE (Building Relationships through Intercultural Dialogue and Growing Engagement) Project aims to:

- Increase knowledge and understanding between Australia and Asia through school-to-school partnerships
- Use innovative technologies to connect students, teachers and school communities with Indonesia, South Korea and China

Partnerships between schools enable

- Professional learning about web 2.0 technologies and intercultural understanding
- Online student engagement

LEADING 21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS: ENGAGE WITH ASIA

The Leading 21st Century Schools: Engage with Asia Program is a partnership with all peak primary and secondary Principal's associations. It supports school leaders to:

- Identify starting points for Asia literate curriculum change through audits of curriculum, staff expertise and resources
- Implement the cross-curriculum priority, Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia, in the Australian Curriculum
- Access high calibre Asia literate resources to raise awareness within their school communities about the importance of Asia literacy
- Network with colleagues for support and sharing of progress.



AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM STRATEGY

The AEF provides resources to support schools to implement the teaching of the Australian Curriculum, for example:

- A list of Asia-related literary texts to support the teaching of English
- A comprehensive audit of the Australian Curriculum for Asia-related content.

The AEF works in collaboration with the *Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)* to:

- Develop curriculum that reflects the cross-curriculum priority of Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia and the general student capability of intercultural understanding
- Provide input into subject-specific curriculum materials in development



ASIA LITERACY AMBASSADORS

The Asia Literacy Ambassadors – Partnering Businesses and Schools project establishes and supports partnerships between businesses and schools to stimulate student and school community demand for Asia literacy.

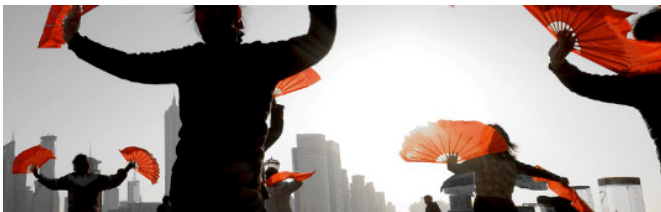
Skilled professionals are matched to secondary schools across Australia, to assist school communities to better understand the diverse career and life opportunities available to employees who are knowledgeable about Asia, who speak an Asian language and can effectively engage with the people and cultures of Asia, off-shore and domestically.

ASIA SKILLS: WORK AND LIFE OPPORTUNITIES

Access 20 inspiring videos with accompanying resources of dynamic Australians discussing how Asia skills have enriched their lives and careers.

- Use these videos with students
- Show Australians using their Asia skills in a wide range of workplace settings including hospitality, the arts, health, government, growing and exporting, media, marketing, sport, development and aid agencies, fashion and design.

“Asia skills set you apart!” says Adam Liaw, MasterChef 2010 Winner and film subject.



BECOMING ASIA LITERATE: GRANTS TO SCHOOLS

Becoming Asia Literate: Grants to Schools is a key element of the National Asian Languages and Studies in Schools Program (NALSSP), managed by the AEF. Grants have provided \$7.24 million to Australian primary and secondary schools through annual competitive funding rounds in 2009, 2010 and 2011.

Grants assist schools to promote the teaching and learning of Asian languages and/or the studies of Asia related to one or more of the four NALSSP target countries: China, Indonesia, Japan and Korea.

EDUCATION ALLIANCE

Australia’s Education Alliance for Asia Literacy currently comprises 24 national organisations representing education, business and community sectors. Comprising leading officials from government, Catholic and independent systems, the Alliance aims to increase knowledge and understanding of Asia literacy strategies occurring nationally, share key research and opportunities, and exchange and leverage synergies with the AEF’s services and the systems across Australia.

BUSINESS ALLIANCE

The Business Alliance for Asia Literacy is made up of major corporations, peak bodies including the Australian Council for Trade Unions and the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Australian Industry Group and the Business Council of Australia which represent over 400,000 Australian businesses. The Alliance, as representatives of leading Australian businesses and industry organisations, calls on schools, on school communities, on education systems and on Governments to ensure that:

- Asia skills and Asian languages are a core part of Australian curriculum
- Delivery of this is adequately funded
- Senior students are given incentives to take up Asia studies and Asian languages
- Teachers are equipped and available to teach Asia skills.



THE AEF NATIONAL FORUM

The annual AEF National Summit brings together thought leaders from across Australia, representing jurisdictions, sectors, school leaders and teachers.

Featuring renowned experts in the field of Asia literacy, the National Summit is a forum for discussion, discovery and sharing, contributing to the development of policy and practice in the implementation of the Australian Curriculum and its specific focus on the cross-curricular dimension of Asia and Australia’s engagement with Asia.

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

The AEF works in partnership with government, education jurisdictions and schools, university and professional associations to develop and deliver projects and programs to achieve Asia literacy.

THE AEF ADVISORY BOARD

The AEF Advisory Board consists of senior representatives of key education bodies and stakeholders from across Australia. It provides input into the AEF’s triennial and annual strategic plans and monitors progress in relation to their implementation. Their intelligence and insight guides the AEF regarding education generally and Asia literacy nationally and internationally.