

Deirdre Chetham

mailto:dchetham@fas.harvard.edu

Executive Director

Harvard University Asia Center



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Mr. Chetham,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

John Ziemer

mailto:ceaspubs@fas.harvard.edu

Executive Editor

Harvard University Asia Center



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Mr. Ziemer,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

Holly Angell

mailto:yhangell@fas.harvard.edu

Program Administrator

Harvard University Asia Center



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Ms. Angell,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

Perri Chinalai

mailto:chinalai@fas.harvard.edu

Program Coordinator

Harvard University Asia Center



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Mr. Chinalai,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

Jorge Espada

mailto: jespada@fas.harvard.edu

Program Coordinator

Harvard University Asia Center



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Mr. Espada,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto: hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

Jon Mills

mailto: jdmills@fas.harvard.edu

Manager

Harvard University Asia Center



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Mr. Mills,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto: hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

Phyllis Swann

mailto:pswann@pd.state.gov

Grants Specialist

US Department of State



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Ms. Swann,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

Connie Stinson
mailto:cstinson@pd.state.gov
Senior Grants Specialist
US Department of State



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Ms. Stinson,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

Allison Doorbar

mailto:allison.doorbar@jwtworks.com

Managing Partner
JWT Education



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Ms. Doorbar,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

Koh Hey Kyung

mailto:hkoh@iie.org

Program Officer and Project Manager
Institute of International Education



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Ms. Koh,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349
H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

Todd M. Davis

mailto:tdavis@iie.org

Director

Institute of International Education



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Mr. Davis,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

Chalintorn Burian, Ph.D.

mailto:chalintorn@bkk.iie.org

Director

Institute of International Education



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Dr. Burian,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

Marina S. Ottaway

mailto:mottaway@ceip.org

Senior Associate

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Ms. Ottaway,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

Daniel Brumberg

mailto:dbrumberg@ceip.org

Visiting Scholar

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Mr. Brumberg,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

Amy Hawthorne

mailto:ahawthorne@ceip.org

Associate

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Ms. Hawthorne,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

Edward C. Chow

mailto:echow@ceip.org

Visiting Fellow

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Mr. Chow,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

James Gibney

mailto:jgibney@ceip.org

Executive Editor

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Mr. Gibney,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

Veron Hung

mailto:yhung@ceip.org

Associate

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Ms. Hung,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

Shanthi Kalathil

mailto:skalathil@ceip.org

Associate

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Ms. Kalathil,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

Pei Min Xin

mailto:mpei@ceip.org

Senior Associate and Co-Director

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Ms. Pei,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

George Perkovich

mailto:gperkovich@ceip.org

Vice President for Studies

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Mr. Perkovich,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

Michael Swaine

mailto:mswaine@ceip.org

Senior Associate and Co-Director

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Mr. Swaine,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

Jon Wolfsthal

mailto:jwolfsthal@ceip.org

Deputy Director and Associate

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Mr. Wolfsthal,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

Jessica Tuchman Mathews

mailto:jmathews@ceip.org

President

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Ms. Mathews,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

Robert Kagan

mailto: kagan@ceip.org

Senior Associate

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Mr. Kagan,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto: hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

Thomas Carothers

mailto:tcarothers@ceip.org

Senior Associate and Director

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Mr. Carothers,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

Sandra Polaski

mailto:spolaski@ceip.org

Senior Associate

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Ms. Polaski,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

Martha Brill Olcott

mailto:molcott@ceip.org

Senior Associate

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Ms. Olcott,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

Moisés Naím

mailto:mnaim@ceip.org

Editor, Foreign Policy

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Mr. Naím,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

David Rothkopf

mailto:drothkopf@ceip.org

Visiting Scholar

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Mr. Rothkopf,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

Anatol Lieven

mailto:alieven@ceip.org

Senior Associate

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Mr. Lieven,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

Scott Vaughan

mailto:svaughan@ceip.org

Visiting Scholar

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Mr. Vaughan,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

Carlos Lozada

mailto:clozada@ceip.org

Managing Editor, Foreign Policy

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Mr. Lozada,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

Karen DeYoung

mailto: kdeyoung@ceip.org

Visiting Scholar

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Ms. DeYoung,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto: hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

John Audley

mailto:jaudley@ceip.org

Senior Associate and Director

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Mr. Audley,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04

Mark Strauss

mailto:mstrauss@ceip.org

Senior Editor, Foreign Policy

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace



Hong Kong, 03/09/24

HKLNA-Project -- The beginning of a solution

Dear Mr. Strauss,

Twelve years on the ground in East Asia has taught me that the world is not yet ready for a universally shared common language. In the simplest of terms there are too many people learning English to provide adequate training to non-native speakers and insufficient *real* demand to help them sustain what they have learned after having been trained. Moreover, there are too few people learning the languages of non-English speaking peoples to provide a sufficiently strong foundation for good cross-cultural communication and understanding. As a result the overall quality of the English language has suffered, East Asian languages have been neglected, and understanding between peoples of East Asia and the West has been impaired. The obvious solution to this problem is to remove the *artificial* demand for English language created by East Asian governments and the language's global proponents. Unfortunately, those who are in the best position to remove this excess demand and consequent poor quality oversupply are the least inclined to do so.

In order to start the ball rolling I have created the Hong Kong Language Needs Assessment Project.

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/index.html>

Although dedicated almost entirely to Hong Kong, the project has important implications for the rest of East Asia, where I hope someday to move it forward under a different name. The purpose of the project is to assess the *real* use and need of the English language in Hong Kong and eventually other East Asian societies and thereby provide policy makers and individual citizens with the information they require to make proper choices with regard to English language training and learning. The first important stage of this project is research, and it is to this end that the following proposal was developed and money, or alternatively employment, is now being sought

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/current/hklna/documents/proposals/030828-1.pdf>

Please consider the project and research proposal carefully and think about ways

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan

Shatin • New Territories

Hong Kong • China 04

that you, your organization, or others whom you know, might best contribute to the HKLNA-Project's ultimate success.

I am looking forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

橋 守

R. A. Stegemann
HKLNA-Project Director

East Asian Research and Translation in Hong Kong

<http://homepage.mac.com/moogoonghwa/earth/>

mailto:hsmr@pacific.net.hk • tel/fax: 852 2630 0349

H2-30 Sunshine City • No. 18 On Luk Street • Ma On Shan
Shatin • New Territories
Hong Kong • China 04