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Dear (Trisha , fyi, our December letter)

Thank you for your interest in joining the "Florida Chinese Competition 2007," which will be held at the Reitz Union on the University of Florida campus. Cheng-mei Rothschild and I look forward to seeing you and your students on March 30th and 31st.

Enclosed is our schedule for the two-day event, as well as the student application form and meal choice form for the hosted meals. As you know from Cheng-mei, we must limit the participation to no more than 10 students from each school. Please collect your students' application forms and their registration fees of \$20 per student (the check should be made out to: "University of Florida Foundation") and mail these back to me. Also, please indicate your meal choices for the teachers' reception and dinner on Friday evening, and for the box lunch for Saturday. I would appreciate having these by January 31.

Upon receiving your applications, Cheng-mei and I will work out the room assignments for each event (Writing, Reading, Speaking, at the four levels). At that time I will also send you the "group code number" to make your reservations at the Holiday Inn University Center, 1250 West University Avenue, which conveniently located across the street from the UF campus. We have booked a block of 60 rooms for the competition. Each room has two double beds and sleeps up to four persons. We negotiated a flat rate of \$90 per room regardless of the number of occupants (if your school has a tax-exempt number, supplied when making your reservation, your rooms will be exempt from the 9.25% room tax). If you would like further information about the hotel's facilities, please call 352-376-1661 or visit their web site at <http://www.holiday-inn.com/gnv-university>.

I will send you further details and maps after receiving your applications in January. Meanwhile, please feel free to contact me at cchenna@aall.ufl.edu if you have any questions or, if your questions concern the content of the events, please contact Cheng-mei at RothschildL@Bolles.org.

Cordially yours,

Cynthia L. Chennault
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Co-chair, Florida Chinese Competition 2007

Enclosures: Schedule, Student Application Form, Meal Choice Form

SCHEDULE – “Florida Chinese Competition 2007”

FRIDAY, March 30

- 3 pm on....** **Check-in at Holiday Inn University Center, 1250 W University Ave., 352-376-1661.**
- 5:15-7 PM** **Teachers’ reception and dinner.** Saigon Legend restaurant, 1228 West University Avenue, a few steps from the Holiday Inn.
Special Guests: Consul Weiping Zha, Director of Education, Consulate General of the Peoples’ Republic of China (Houston); and Trisha Conroy, President, “World Language Advocates”
- 5:30-7:30** **Students and chaperones’ dinner.** Mr. Han’s Restaurant, 6944 NW 10th Place, lower level banquet room. Please note you must provide your own transportation and that it takes 10-15 minutes to reach the restaurant from the Holiday Inn. Buses and cars: please use the lower level parking lot, at level of the banquet room (a.k.a. “night club”). Buffet dinner.
- 7:30-8:30 pm** **Sign-in registration for teachers & students**
(probably in hotel lobby; I have not yet determined exactly where)

SATURDAY, March 31

--Breakfast is not hosted; available at Holiday Inn restaurant or at the Reitz Union food court.

- 8:15-8:30 am** **Late sign-in, Reitz Union Auditorium**
- 8:30 am** **Reitz Union Auditorium: Opening address by Consul Weiping Zha, Director of Education, Consulate General of the PRC in Houston**
- 9:00-9:45 am** **READING—all levels (rooms to be assigned)**
- 10:00-10:45 am** **WRITING—all levels (rooms to be assigned)**
- 11:00-11:40 am** **SPEAKING- all levels (rooms to be assigned)**
- 11:45-1 PM** **Box Lunch & Cultural Performances**
- 1:PM-3:30 PM** **CHINESE CULTURE JEOPARDY**

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