Language in Society and the Classroom: Preserving Heritage and Supporting Diversity

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Canadian Embassy, Tokyo

"I am always sorry when any language is lost, because languages are the pedigree of nations."
(Samuel Johnson)

"Those who know nothing of foreign languages know nothing of their own."
(Goethe)
Symposium Theme: "Language in Society and the Classroom: Preserving Heritage and Supporting Diversity"

The purpose of this symposium is to bring together scholars from around the world with members of the general public to exchange views and develop a vision of how to promote multilingual education, intercultural understanding through language education, respect for linguistic diversity and linguistic heritage, and the preservation and revitalization of minority and endangered languages. The symposium theme spans and connects this rich mix of issues with the aim of raising awareness of the links between language, identity, and human rights, and encouraging the quest for harmony and mutual understanding within and among communities and nations. **The working language of the symposium is English, but some presentations may include other languages with English summaries or translations provided.**

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**Morning Session**

8:15 - Registration

9:00 - 17:30 Exhibits: Organizations and publishers promoting linguistic and cultural diversity

9:00 - 9:10 Welcome: Frances Fister-Stoga, University of Tokyo, Japan, and Director,
Linguapax Asia, "The Linguapax Vision and Mission"


9:40 - 10:10 **Featured Speaker: John C. Maher**, International Christian University,
Japan, “Rethinking Multilingual, Multicultural Japan”

10:10 - 10:50 **Featured Speakers: Tasaku Tsunoda**, University of Tokyo, Japan, and
**Mie Tsunoda**, Tsukuba Nihongo class organizer, Japan, "Attempt to Revive the Warrongo Language of Australia"

10:50 - 11:10* Coffee break, exhibits

11:10 - 12:30 **Colloquium 1: Heritage Language Education and Language Preservation**

**Chair: William Gater, formerly Lecturer at the University of Tokyo**

- **Olenka Bilash**, University of Alberta, Canada, "Reversing Language Shift in a Cree Community in Canada" (20 min.)
- **Vesna Mikolič**, University of Primorska, Slovenia, "Language Diversity and Preservation in the Slovene-Italian Cross-Border Area" (20 min.)
- **Jelisava Sethna**, Gakushuin University, Japan, "Preserving Slovene as a Heritage Language in Argentina" (20 min.)

Discussion (20 min.)

12:30 - 13:45* **Lunch Break.** A variety of Japanese and ethnic restaurants are located nearby.
Afternoon Session

13:45 - 14:15  Featured Speaker: Hideo Oka, University of Tokyo, Japan, "Issues in Bilingual Education with Special Reference to the Japanese Context"

14:15 - 14:25  Break

14:25 - 15:40  Colloquium 2: Bilingual and Intercultural Education
   Chair: Gregory Strong, Aoyama Gakuin University, Japan
   David Carless, Hong Kong Institute of Education, "Cultural Influences of East and West: Influence in the Classroom and Influence on Policy" (15 min.)
   Franz Schimek, Vienna Board of Education, "Language Learning for Europe" (15 min.)
   Mike Bostwick, Katoh Gakuen, Japan, "Does Early Foreign Language Learning Come at the Expense of One's First Language and Cultural Identity?" (15 min.)
   Kip Cates, Tottori University, Japan, "Language Education, Global Issues and International Understanding" (15 min.)
   Discussion (15 min.)

15:40 - 16:00*  Coffee break, exhibits

16:00 - 16:30  Featured Speaker: Charles Mann, University of Surrey, UK, "Issues of Language Diversity and Languages of Education in Africa: Illustrations from Nigeria"

16:30 - 16:40  Break

16:40 - 17:50  Colloquium 3: Diversity and Harmony in Teaching and Learning
   Chair: Robert L. Rosser, University of Maryland University College, Japan
   Rosa María Cortés Gómez, Sophia Junior College, Japan, "Tutoring Immigrants in Japan: The SJC Volunteer Program" (15 min.)
   Melvin R. Andrade, Sophia Junior College, Japan, "Helping Immigrant Students in the United States Learn English in Mainstream Classrooms: The SIOP Approach" (15 min.)
   Kazuko Matsumoto, University of Tokyo, "Languages in Contact in the Pacific An Observation of Palauan Orthography" (15 min.)
   Donna J. McInnes, Soka University, Japan, "Satyagraha and Language: Building the Foundation for a Peaceful, Non-violent Future" (15 min.)
   Discussion (10 min.)

17:50 - 18:05  Closing Address: Agustí Colomines, President, Linguapax Institute, Barcelona, "The Defense of Languages, the Defense of Human Heritage"

18:05- 18:10  Remarks: Leo Yoffe, Second Secretary Academic, Canadian Embassy

18:30  Reception: To be held at Budoya restaurant (German Culture Center). Prior reservation is required at registration. Wine courtesy of Mr. Bernard Srajner of the Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia, private cellar. Beer courtesy of Mr. Leo Yoffe of the Embassy of Canada.

* Drinks are allowed only in the lobby area. Please refrain from smoking and eating on the premises. Thank you.
Registration & Reception: Admission to the symposium is free. As seating is limited, pre-registration by June 1 is advised. On-site registration is also possible on a space available basis. For an auto-reply registration/reservation form, send a blank message to <registration-form@linguapax-asia.org>. Please provide the following information: (1) family name, (2) given name, (3) affiliation, (4) position, (5) address, (6) phone/fax number, and (7) which session you will attend: morning, afternoon, or both. Send the requested information by e-mail to register@linguapax-asia.org or fax 0463-84-2504 (+81-463-84-2504), 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. JST. If you wish to attend the reception (3,000 yen), please make a reservation when you pre-register. See our Web site FAQ for updates.

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