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Yale-China Brings Chinese Teachers to New Haven

New Haven, CT — After over a century of bringing Yale graduates to teach in China, the Yale-China Association announces that it is bringing teachers from China to the U.S. This new initiative places talented alumni of universities in China at American public schools to teach Chinese language and culture. Two Yale-China Teaching Fellows, Ms. DENG Haihui and Ms. LONG Chuan, began teaching this school year at two New Haven public schools: Cooperative Arts and Humanities High School and Metropolitan Business Academy.

This innovative program, the Yale-China Chinese Teaching Fellowship, enables alumni of select universities in China to serve American communities and their public schools. Each participating city and school will receive talented teachers from China who will elevate Chinese language and cultural understanding in their schools and communities. Students of these new teachers have already responded well. “Students have been asked to speak “only Chinese” to the visiting Fellows and many have already accepted the challenge,” said Jessica Haxhi, Supervisor for World Languages at New Haven Public Schools.

For over a century, the Yale-China Association has selected Yale graduates to serve two-year teaching assignments in mainland China and Hong Kong. “The Yale-China Chinese Teaching Fellows will continue to build on this tradition in the United States and expand a web of cross-cultural understanding and partnership,” said Leslie Stone, Director of Education at the Yale-China Association.

This program will not only bring teachers from China into local public schools, but also enable American students from participating schools to take part in service-learning trips to China in the future. On these trips, they will spend time with Chinese students from Yale-China’s partner institutions and gain an exceptional window into the lives of their Chinese counterparts. These programs will create extraordinary one-on-one ties between students and teachers on opposite sides of the globe.

About the Yale-China Association

The Yale-China Association (雅禮協會) inspires people to learn and serve together. Founded in 1901 by graduates of Yale University, we foster long-term relationships that improve education, health, and cross-cultural understanding in China and the United States. Please visit our website (<http://www.yalechina.org>) for more information.

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