



Coventry City Council

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Public report

REPORT BACK ON CONFERENCE/SEMINAR

REPORT TO: Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee 8th December 2010

REPORT OF: Visit to Japan by Mrs Kusumika Chatterjee

TITLE: Japanese Association of Language Teachers (JALT) Aspects of Storytelling Conference

DATE: 14th October to 5th November, 2008

VENUE: Kochi, Okyama and Hiroshima Universities, Japan

1. Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to provide feedback on the attendance at a conference held in Japan.

The Scrutiny Board is recommended to note this report back.

2. Background

Final year M.A. student in Peace Studies at Coventry University.

3. Cost of attending

Conference Fees: N/A

Flights: £1200.00 (paid by JALT)

Additional Travel Expenses: N/A (paid by concerned Universities)

Accommodation: N/A (paid by concerned Universities)

Subsistence: N/A (paid by concerned Universities)

4. Benefits

It has helped me to gain a lot of experience in teaching English in a totally non-English speaking country.

Every year Hiroshima University students come to the Warwick University for three months. I am delighted that I am one of the visiting teachers who take these students for two sessions.

I am also proud to say that Dr. Fukazawa, head of Department of Education, Hiroshima University, asks for my contribution in the course.

List of background papers

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Description of paper: Report Back on Conference/Seminar

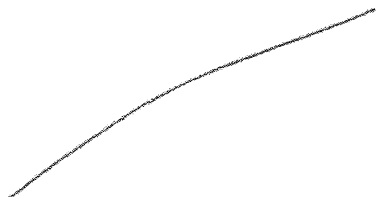
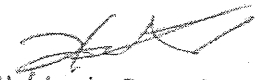
Location: CH60

Approved by Cabinet Member (Children, Learning and Young People) on: 22nd October, 2008

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS
AUTHORITY FOR ATTENDANCE

THIS FORM TO BE USED FOR COUNCILLORS (FOR ATTENDANCE BOTH IN AND OUTSIDE THE U.K.) AND FOR EMPLOYEES (OUTSIDE THE U.K. ONLY OR, IF ACCOMPANYING A COUNCILLOR, INSIDE THE UK)

1. Title of Conference	Japanese Association of Language Teachers (JALT) Aspects of Storytelling Conference
2. Organising Body	JALT, President : Professor Darren Lingley.
3. Location	Kochi, Japan
4. Date(s)	October 19 th to November 5 th '08
5. Councillor(s) recommended to attend	None
6. Employee(s) recommended to attend	Mrs Kusumika Chatterjee
7. Cost per person, including travel, etc (Note: If total cost is less than £100, formal Cabinet/Cabinet Member approval is not required)	There is no cost to the Council as Mrs Chatterjee's expenses are paid by herself and by the organisers. Her attendance is partly over the half term holiday. Her post with PAS is only 0.1. (Half a day). She will not be missing any PAS teaching during the week before and after half term as she has made arrangements to deliver this work early.
8. Is participation at this event as part of a group	YES/NO
9. If so, how many people IN TOTAL will be attending the event as part of that group	Number 1
10. Is there anyone travelling with the Member, officer or group in relation to whom any of the costs of travel, accommodation or any other expense will be paid for by a Member or officer. If "YES" please state number.	No
11. Source of Funding (FIS Code)	
12. What are the reasons for attendance and what benefits to the City Council are expected from attendance	Mrs Chatterjee has developed a international reputation over many years for her storytelling of Indian stories. She is very well known locally and has recently been involved in work on behalf of the Coventry Library Service to promote membership. She sometimes involves puppets as part of the storytelling process and her stories are also used a a vehicle for teaching various aspects of the English language.

	<p>This has been particularly successful when working with children with Special Educational Needs and those whose first language is not English (EAL).</p> <p>She has studied with storytelling Gurus in India and this has given her style a particular authenticity. She will also be visiting schools in Japan to speak on aspects of global education and multiculturalism. She will also be speaking at Kochi and Hiroshima Universities.</p> <p>Two Japanese students attending Coventry University attended a session with Mrs Chatterjee and recommended her to their Professor in Japan –hence the invitation to visit the Conference.</p> <p>She will be an excellent Ambassador for Coventry and deserves the recognition of her inspirational work in this area.</p> <p>Completed By/Signed: Owen Dutton, Head of Performing Arts Service.</p> <p>Date: 14th October '08</p>
<p>13. Is this conference part of an overall project involving further visits in the future?</p>	<p>YES/NO Not planned at the moment</p>
<p>14. Recommendation of Cabinet Member/ Cabinet/Chair of any other City Council Committee</p> <p>(a) Are you satisfied that there is a genuine reason for attendance and genuine benefit for the Council?</p>	<p>YES/NO <i>J. Blundell</i> <i>20th October 2008</i></p> <p>YES/NO</p>
<p>(b) Will Councillor attendance affect the decision-making processes of the Council?</p> <p>(c) Is attendance recommended?</p>	<p>YES/NO</p> <p>YES/NO</p> <p>Signed:  Date:</p>
<p>15. Cabinet Member's recommendation</p>	<p>YES/NO</p> <p>Signed: <i>J. Blundell</i> Date: <i>20 October 2008</i></p>
<p>16. Leader's recommendation</p>	<p><u>YES</u>/NO</p> <p>Signed:  Date: <i>21/10/2008</i></p>
<p>17. Person responsible for booking conference following approval of attendance</p>	<p>Name:</p> <p>Department:</p> <p>Telephone No:</p>