January 15, 2018

Dear Teachers,

The Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education (SPICE) is offering a very exciting professional development opportunity for middle school teachers: a seminar series on teaching about East Asia. The seminar at Stanford University is designed to address the Common Core Standards and to offer a comprehensive overview of East Asian geography, history, and culture.

The postmark deadline for applications is January 31, 2018, and space is limited to 20 teachers from local schools. The seminar series will begin on February 14, 2018.

Each teacher who participates in and completes the seminar requirements will receive a $250 professional stipend and an excellent selection of books and extensive complimentary teaching materials about East Asia.

A complete application includes the 1) Application Form (completed by you) and 2) Applicant Reference Form (completed by your Department Chair or Principal). Please find these forms attached.

Information about the Seminar:
Seminar topics cover the Silk Road, ancient China, Chinese dynasties, feudal Japan, Japanese art, and the role of religion in East Asia. Extensive complimentary books, curriculum resources, and teaching materials will be distributed at each seminar. The seminar series includes (1) lectures by Stanford scholars, (2) curriculum presentations by the Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education (SPICE), and (3) curricular applications for the classroom.

The seminar is divided into four full-day Wednesday sessions totaling 30 hours from February through April 2018. An additional follow-up session will take place on a later date in 2018; this will be an opportunity for teachers to share their experiences in integrating Asian studies into their curricula. Participants will be provided with textbooks and other instructional materials, which will be used during the seminar sessions and as resources for teachers in their classrooms. Participants are expected to complete assigned readings outside of the sessions in preparation for seminar discussions and activities.

We are unable to provide reimbursement for substitutes or for transportation costs to Stanford University. Parking permits for the scheduled seminar dates will be provided. Space is limited to 20 local teachers.

***Applications must be postmarked by January 31, 2018***
2018 Seminar Schedule
Full-day Wednesday sessions: 8:30 am–3:30 pm
February 14, March 14, April 18, and May 16 (breakfast and lunch are included)
Follow-up session: 8:30 am–12:00 pm
Date TBD (breakfast and lunch are included)

Participant Responsibilities
• Participate in and prepare for each session of the 30–hour seminar on East Asian geography, culture, history, politics, and literature
• Complete reflections on ways to incorporate seminar content and materials into relevant courses
• Implement appropriate content and materials from the seminar into relevant courses and share acquired knowledge, skills, and materials with colleagues
• Participate in a follow-up session to share experiences in integrating Asian studies into curriculum
• Arrange travel to Stanford University and attend all sessions

Participant Benefits
• Quality lectures and curriculum demonstrations about East Asia from leading experts in the field
• $250 professional stipend (upon completion of all seminar requirements)
• Optional three credits from Stanford University Continuing Studies
• Free books and extensive complimentary curricula and other teaching materials

To apply, please submit the Application Form and Applicant Reference Form via post by January 31, 2018 to:

Jonas Edman
SPICE - Stanford University
616 Serra Street
Encina Hall, C332
Stanford, CA 94305-6055

Please contact Jonas Edman at 650.725.1480 or at jcedman@stanford.edu for more information or visit our web site at http://spice.stanford.edu.

Seminars are conducted by Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education (SPICE) in conjunction with the National Consortium for Teaching About Asia (NCTA), with support from the Freeman Foundation.
2018 EAST ASIA MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER SEMINAR
APPLICATION FORM

Postmark Deadline: January 31, 2018

Please submit this application form along with the Applicant Reference Form (completed, signed, and sealed by your Principal or Department Chair) to: Jonas Edman, SPICE, 616 Serra Street, Encina Hall, Stanford, CA 94305-6055

Name: _______________________________________________________________________

School Name and School District: ____________________________________________________________________________________________

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Name of Principal and Department Chair: _________________________________________________________________________________________

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School Mailing Address: __________________________________________________________________________________________

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School Phone: _________________________ Home: ____________________________

FAX: _________________________________ E-mail: ______________________________

What grade level(s) do you currently teach?

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What courses do you currently teach? How many years have you taught those courses?

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What topics or themes do you currently teach about Asia?

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Please explain specifically why you are interested in participating in this seminar (use back of paper if necessary)

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