## The First National Chinese Language Conference Held in D.C.

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The National Chinese Language Conference was held in Washington, DC, April 17-19, 2008. Nearly 750 participants traveled from 44 states and seven countries, and they included policymakers, school board members, state or local education administrators, school principals and teachers, university faculty and parents.

The conference was hosted by the Asia Society and the College Board, with numerous sponsors such as the Office of Chinese Language Council International (Hanban), National Foreign Language Center, and Chinese Language Flagship Programs. It was the first large-scale national meeting of U.S. education leaders to promote Chinese language education and global competence among U.S. students.



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Ohio and The Ohio State University attracted special attention at the conference. First, most every aspect related to Chinese language the OSU President Gordon Gee and ODE Superintendent Susan Zelman delivered speeches at plenary sessions. Then, Eric Shepherd, professor of Chinese and graduate from OSU, staged professional performances of Chinese storytelling

(Shandong Kuaishu) that brought loud applauses

from the audience. Presented at the conference

were Galal Walker and Kun Shi of the OSU

Chinese Flagship Program, and the ODE World

Ryan Wertz.

The conference session topics covered aland culture education, ranging from curriculum development to licensure and development of qualified teachers. Presentations of many of the speakers and panelists are posted online at http: //askasia.org/chinese. The second National

Language Conference is planned to held around the same time





**National** Language CONFERENCE

next year in Chicago. (Report by KS and photos by Grace Norman.)

### (Captions to the photos)

- 1. President Gordon Gee of the Ohio State Univer-
- 2. Dr. Susan Zelman, ODE Superintendent of Public Instruction
- 3. Eric Shepherd performing Shandong Kuaishu 4. Audience of the National Chinese Language

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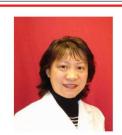


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