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This Monday I had the pleasure and opportunity of meeting the CEO of TCP, Inc., Mr. Ellis Yan. Mr. Yan's insights into the future of Chinese language learning convinced me that my choice to attend The Ohio State University's Chinese Flagship Program was indeed the correct one.

My greatest motivation in learning Chinese has been to understand a culture different from my own and bridge gaps in communication with my Chinese counterparts. My previous experience in marketing and advertising has created my career goal of working with Chinese in a marketer capacity. In 2008, I chose to attend OSU's Chinese Flagship Program based on its mission of preparing "global professionals". The Flagship Program has provided me

not only with cultural and language knowledge but also with a domain mentor in my major area of study. My personal belief is that the Flagship method of

teaching prepares me for a career working with Chinese in the Chinese culture. This represents a major split from the traditional Chinese language tracks that focused on China research from an outsider's perspective.

Mr. Yan's vision of the future Chinese language

training is that language and culture need to be learned in a complementary role. Those who are only able to speak Chinese, but lack professional focus are of little use to the future of international business. Similarly, those that have technical ability but lack language skill require extra guidance when visiting China. Hence, those who are eager to enter into a career in international business should commit to the paragon of the employee that possesses technical ability, language skill,

and cultural understanding.

Hearing this opinion come from one of the most successful businessmen in both America and China only underscores its importance.



我學中文的感受

By Casey Lister(劉克實)

AREA AUTO SALES SHOW IMPROVEMENT

Cleveland, OH (April 15, 2009) – According to figures released today by the Greater Cleveland Automobile Dealers' Association (GCADA), north-east Ohio car and light duty truck sales were up 4% in March over February. Although sales were down 25.5% over March, 2008, northeast Ohio once again outpaced national sales figures which were down over 35% for the same period.

"Notwithstanding another downturn in national sales numbers, we expected March sales to be an improvement over February, a trend we expect to continue," said Gary S. Adams, GCADA President. "Once again the Cleveland Auto Show did its job, showing consumers great product and great deals."

Adams also cited record incentives, the con-

tinuing growth of available credit, federal tax incentives to purchase new vehicles and a number of automaker consumer assurance programs as reasons leading to the jump in sales.

11 brands up Eleven brands posted gains in the region over March, 2008 and used vehicle sales increased nearly 5% over the same period. They included: Acura, Audi, Dodge, Hyundai, Jaguar, Kenworth, Kia, Lexus, Lincoln, Subaru and Suzuki.

Retail sales figures are based on vehicle registration reports from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Vehicle sales data includes the counties of: Ashland, Ashtabula, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshoc-ton, Cuyahoga, Erie, Geauga, Holmes, Huron, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Richland, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas and Wayne.

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為太太生日獻首詩, 劉天擎, 4/16/09。

Asian American Organizations Outraged by Texas Representatives Remarks

OCA, Asian American Justice Center (AAJC) and the Asian American Legal Defense Fund (AALDEF) express disappointment over Texas Representative Betty Brown's suggestion at a hearing on April 7 that Asian Americans adopt "names that are easier for Americans to deal with."

The hearing was to discuss Senate Bill 362 on restrictive voter ID requirements. An OCA member commented that that people of Chinese, Japanese and Korean descent often have problems voting and identifying themselves because they may have a legal transliterated name and then a common English name that is used on identification cards. Brown suggested that Asian Americans should change their names for manageability.

"Representative Brown's comments made clear that she lacks an understanding of Asian American cultures and that she in fact undervalues other cultures," said OCA Executive Director George Wu.

"It is unacceptable that Representative Brown believes that the burden should be placed upon individual voters to make it easier on poll workers to ensure that the voters get to exercise their right to vote, rather than expecting that the burden lay with the government to do its job correctly," said Terry Ao, director of Census & Voting Programs at the Asian American Justice Center. "Participation in the democratic process should unite all Americans; we should be seeking ways to encourage more voters, not inventing excuses

to deny citizens their constitutional right to vote."

Senate Bill 362 will have its greatest impact on voters who are poor, elderly, belong to racial minorities or have disabilities. Asian Americans are among those who will be disproportionately impacted by these laws. About OCA

Founded in 1973, OCA is a national organization dedicated to the social, political, and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans in the United States. Headquartered in Washington, DC, OCA is engaged in organizing its over 80 chapters and affiliates across the nation to develop both leadership and community involvement. OCA is online at www.ocanational.org.

About Asian American Justice Center AAJC is a national non-profit, non-partisan organization that works to advance the human and civil rights for Asian Americans, and build and promote a fair and equitable society for all and is a nationally recognized expert on voting rights.

About Asian American Legal Defense Fund Founded in 1974, the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) is a national organization that protects and promotes the civil rights of Asian Americans. By combining litigation, advocacy, education, and organizing, AALDEF works with Asian American communities across the country to secure human rights for all.

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