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### **DLNSEO HIGHLIGHT**

#### [Increasing American Exports to China](#)

*(Language Magazine)*...Connie K. Ho

Another program under the NSEP is the Language Flagship Program, a national effort to build language programs that can assist graduate students in achieving fluency in a language critical to U.S. national security. Flagship students are enrolled in language programs at U.S. universities



and spend a year abroad. "Flagship students spend a capstone year abroad directly enrolled in overseas institutions and engaged in meaningful internships. One of the largest Language Flagship programs is in Chinese, with programs at 11 U.S. higher education institutions and the overseas capstone program at Nanjing University in China," explains Dr. Samuel Eisen, director of programs of NSEP.

### **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

#### [AFPAK Hands: Making a difference](#)

*(DLIFLC)*

Video. The AFPAK Hands program was envisioned as: creating language capable, culturally savvy leaders who could engage with the local Afghan and Pakistani population to form bonding relationships, that would eventually lead to productive reconstruction and revitalization of the war-torn infrastructure and economy of the nation.

### **STUDIES**

#### [Insurgency as Cultural Production: The Estonian Metsavennad and the Non-political Aims of Guerrilla Warfare](#)

*(Small Wars Journal)*...Alex Verschoor-Kirss

Even as the goal of the insurgent is oftentimes political, though, it is not exclusively political. Insurgencies may be waged for a variety of reasons, including economic necessity, religious obligation, or to fulfill a variety of cultural and social obligations. Pointing out that insurgencies fulfill cultural as well as political roles is not a mere definitional correction of the publically held understanding of what constitutes an insurgency. Rather it corrects a potentially deadly oversight on the behalf of those who seek to counter insurgencies with military force by gifting practitioners a clearer picture of the motivations of insurgents and the role they play in society.

### **DOMESTIC**

#### [Chinese is the third most-offered foreign language in U.S. schools](#)

*(NASDAQ)*

As Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping meets with US President Barack Obama today, China looms larger and larger in American life. A Gallup survey released by China Daily on February 8 reports that Chinese is now the third most-offered foreign language.

#### [Teachers Doin' It for Themselves](#)

*(Language Magazine)*...Kristal Bivona

With the new year brings the opportunity to end the lament over budget cuts, fiscal crises and the



political traffic jam that has arrested the reform of outdated and failed practices in education.

Instead, action and collaboration are where the focus is due. This is already budding in primary, secondary and post-secondary education. Two professional organizations, in particular, are taking initiative and fostering a transformation of the education systems through action and counterattack: the National Education Association (NEA) and the Modern Language Association (MLA).

#### [Hopkins establishes New China STEM Program](#)

*(Johns Hopkins)*...Ashley Emery

Hopkins has launched the China STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Medicine) program

to apply the Chinese language to growing academic fields for career purposes in partnership with Nanjing University. Beginning in the summer of 2012, this eight-week long summer program of study will take place in the Hopkins-Nanjing University Center for Chinese and American Studies. The China STEM program will offer undergrads, graduate students, professionals, post-doctoral fellows and researchers courses that seek to bridge the language barriers between Chinese and American scientists and engineers.

### **Do Elected Officials Have to Speak English**

*(TIME)*...Adam Cohen



Alejandrina Cabrera meets all the requirements for serving on the Na Luis, Ariz., city council – except one. Cabrera. Whose

first language is Spanish, speaks limited English – too little, it turns out, to legally run for elected office in Arizona.

### **Prince George's adds Chinese immersion at elementary school**

*(Washington Post)*...Ovetta Wiggins



The Prince George's County teacher lifted a foam object from an orange

bucket in her lap and waited for someone in the kindergarten class to identify its shape. Not in English. Not even in Spanish. Instead, the answer came in another language gaining popularity in American classrooms.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Defense Ministry to open language institute**

*(Korean Herald)*...Choi He-suk

The Ministry of National Defense will establish a language institution for training officers and non-commissioned officers in December. In addition to training members of the Korean military, the new institution will provide Korean language programs for foreign officers receiving training in Korea.

### **As English stops being the first language of most London children, is Britain ready for the great integration challenge?**

*(The Telegraph)*...Neil O'Brien

The chart below shows the proportion of pupils with English as an Additional Language (EAL in the jargon). Between 1997 and 2011 the proportion of EAL pupils in state primary schools rose from 7.8% to 16.8%.