Regional English Language Office (RELO)

Regional English Language Office
U.S. Embassy, Beijing
China
Dual Meanings of RELO

Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy

- **Regional English Language Office**
  covers Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, and Mongolia

- **Regional English Language Officer**
  applied linguist, professional teacher trainer, diplomat…
What does RELO do?

• FOUR Programs
• THREE types of grants
• TWO ___?
• ONE Center
RELO Programs

• The English Language Fellow Program
• The English Language Specialist Program
• The E-Teacher Scholarship Program
• The English Access Microscholarship (Access) Program
English Language Fellow Program
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More on ELFs

• There are 9 Fellows in China this year.
• Some of the institutions Fellows have worked with:
  ❖ Beijing Normal University
  ❖ Sichuan Normal University
  ❖ Xinjiang Normal University
  ❖ Wenzhou University
  ❖ Jilin University, etc.
  ❖ Beijing Foreign Studies University,
  ❖ Beijing Institute of Education
  ❖ Tianjin University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, etc.
English Language Specialist Program

• curriculum projects
• teacher training seminars
• textbook development
• English for Specific Purposes
• program evaluation
English Access Microscholarship Program

Provides supplementary English language study to non-elite, economically disadvantaged youth ages 14 to 18.
English Access Microscholarship Program
E-Teacher Scholarship Program

Offers online, graduate level classes to English teaching professionals outside of the United States through a few U.S. universities.

- Building Teaching Skills through the Interactive Web
- Teaching English to Young Learners (TEYL)
- Critical Thinking in the English as a Foreign Language (EFL) Curriculum
- English as a Foreign Language Assessment
- English for Specific Purposes (ESP) Best Practices
- Methods Course I: Survey of Best Practices in TESOL
- Methods Course II: Developing EFL Literacy through Project-Based Learning
RELO Grants

• Co-sponsors/co-organizes symposia that bring professionals from around China and the U.S.
• Co-funds research projects
• Travel grants to conferences such as TESOL, RELC, etc.
Regional English Resource Center

- Located at the American Center for Educational Exchange (ACEE), Jingguang Center
- Books, audios, videos
- Journals, magazines
Regional English Resource Center
In Sum: What does the RELO do?

• Organizing and participating in teacher training seminars and workshops
• Advising on questions pertaining to English teaching
• Conducting needs assessments
• Consulting with host-country ministry, university, and teacher-training officials
• Facilitating workshops on EFL Methodology and best practices
In Sum: What does the RELO do?

Assists the English teaching community to develop the language competency of professionals and students through such activities and programs as training of trainers, teacher training, and offering consultations or assistance on issues concerning curriculum, assessment and materials development.
Two __?
If you are interested in finding out more about the RELO programs, please send E-mail to us at:

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Thank You!