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*Promoting sound learning and advancing the interests of education by
affording facilities to the teacher for the acquiring of a sound knowledge of his or her profession*

Chartered London Teacher Status Registrations Soar

The Chartered London Teacher status initiative has been more successful than we could possibly have predicted. To date, nearly 40000 London teachers have registered (that's two out of every three eligible teachers) with the College. The initiative is part of DfES' London Challenge remit to improve recruitment and retention of teachers in London and to recognise and reward teachers who successfully exploit London's unique opportunities while mitigating the problems inherent in such a large and diverse city.



Those who fulfil the requirements are awarded Chartered London Teacher status and will receive the Fellowship of the College of Teachers by Professional Record along with a payment of £1000.

The take-up of this high profile government initiative is brilliant news for the continued development of the College. Any teachers who currently teach in state schools in the 33 London boroughs are strongly encouraged to sign up at www.clt.ac.uk as soon as possible.

More changes!

The end of the academic year sees Newsletter changing its style.

We hope you approve of what we have done and enjoy the impact of the first College newsletter in full colour. You will find all the usual contents inside, but we have added lots of other information as well.

We would greatly appreciate your comments on the changes, what we could do better and what else you would like to see included. It's your newsletter after all!

Contact details for the College and the Editor are on the back page.



Strengthening ties with Singapore

The College is increasingly working with countries in the Far East, and with Singapore particularly. It was therefore welcome news when, at the turn of the year, the CEO was asked to be a keynote speaker at the Second International Conference on Children and Youth with Challenging Issues – Bullying in Singapore on 19 and 20 June 2006. The Conference was also to be the launch of Coalition against Bullying for Children and Youth (CABCY) for Singapore. Speakers came from Australia and Singapore and there were delegations from Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia as well as representatives from the Singaporean Ministry of Education. Ray's keynote was 'Bullying in the Workplace' and in addition he ran a seminar on an update of what was happening in the UK in relation to bullying and sat on a panel and chaired another panel.

The Hon. Alastair Nicholson from Australia was present as a Guest of Honour from a similar organisation to CABCY. Until recently he was Chief Justice of the Family Court for Australia. He has invited Ray to attend his organisation's conference next year or the year following to do a similar keynote address. The timing has to be right as Australia is going through industrial relations reform with the unions re-thinking their position.

While in Singapore there was enough time to meet with three of the College's six other centres to discuss the development of their accreditation programmes. This led to another request – this time to the College, to act as sponsor to an English Speaking Conference by allowing the College logo to be used. So Singaporeans are getting used to seeing the College's Badge alongside those of university campuses such as the James Cook University.

Ray said "my hosts looked after me extremely well and I had a third year Psychology undergraduate as my chaperon to ensure I was in the right place at the right time. He had previously qualified as a professional photographer, worked as a Hewlett Packard consultant and was now training as a psychologist. He took some very good pictures and his IT expertise meant my PowerPoint presentations ran smoothly."



Even with a two hour delay before a 13 hour flight at Singapore Airport on the way home, it was a very successful visit at little cost to the College.