

***Discover China* showcased in Shenyang**

Over 1000 Chinese-teaching professionals from over 50 countries attended the 10th Annual Symposium on Chinese Language Teaching, held in the northern Chinese city of Shenyang this year. Held over three days from August 15th to the 17th, Chinese teaching professionals were given the chance to see the newest cutting-edge developments in the material of Chinese teaching available, along with the opportunity to network with many other professionals and academics in the field of Chinese language teaching.

Macmillan Publishers and their partner, the Foreign Language Teaching and Research Press, were proud to present their showcase titles the *Discover China Series* along with their *Tiantian Zhongwen Graded Readers* and *Character Dictionary*. The emphasis on the communicative approach to Chinese learning, presented in a structured and practical manner attracted many language teachers to the Macmillan/FLTRP booth and feedback overall was very positive. These language professionals, who are looking for more practical and modern material for their students, were not disappointed when they browsed the contents of *Discover China*.

Besides the successful showcase of the Chinese learning titles, a seminar on the benefits of the communicative approach to teaching Chinese was also presented with many examples drawn from the *Discover China Series*. This seminar attracted a huge attendance, with people having to stand outside the conference room to listen in.

In addition to the *Discover China Series*, the *Tiantian Zhongwen Graded Chinese Readers* and *Macmillan/FLTRP Chinese Character Dictionary* also drew plenty of attention. Many teachers felt the readers were a very good supplement to their advanced level students' course material. They also felt the dictionary would be a helpful tool for beginning Chinese students trying to memorize the most common Chinese characters and learn their stroke order.

This event was a huge success for Macmillan and FLTRP, and for the teachers, who will reap the benefits of learning about teaching Chinese in a modern communicative approach.