ENCOUNTERS II – 2013
Online Refresher Language Program for non-background teachers of Chinese

What is Encounters?

Encounters is a recent Chinese course in digital mode for modern adult learners, produced by Yale University. The design and quality of the course is impressive, which is why we have decided once again to provide it and an online tutorial as a refresher language program for non-background teachers of Chinese.

You don’t have to have studied Encounters Book 1 to be ready for Encounters Book 2!
Encounters Book 1, which we offered in 2012, started from the very beginning of Chinese learning and developed to the beginning of Intermediate level. Book 2 continues at Intermediate level rising to Advanced level. It is ideal material to update and refresh the language of teachers who are, themselves, L2 users of Chinese.

Encounters Book 2 centres around a dramatic series on video following a group of interconnected lives set in China. The people are adult Chinese and non-Chinese and their social situations and their language are absolutely modern. In the Book 2 movie, stories of the main characters keep unfolding with surprises, joy and hope. Sample topics in Book 2 range from eating at a friend’s house or eating out, to discussing living and studying situations, to planning a trip or social activity. It is fun and engaging in content and a terrific way to refresh your Chinese language, from intermediate to advanced. The progression of the course also makes it accessible to learners at different levels of language competence.

How do I participate?

If you are new to the Encounters course
When you register with CTTC, you get
• Encounters Student Book 2 (hard copy) with Notes and Exercises & video screenplays
• A 10-digit code which provides access to the audio-visual media that accompanies the book.

Once you have your materials you can just watch the videos and read the Student Book by yourself, OR
• Join the CTTC online tutorials, where you can chat (in Chinese) to a tutor and classmates about the story, check answers to exercises, and ask questions.
• A CTTC Professional Development Certificate will be issued to those who participate in at last 80% of the tutorials over the whole year.

If you did Encounters Book 1
• As you already have an account, you will not need to re-register for Book 2. All you need to do is login and go to the “Edit” tab of your “My Account” page. Scroll down to the “Web Media Access/Permission” area and enter your new 10-digit Book 2 code in the appropriate field.
• As for last year, you can just watch the videos and read the book by yourself, or do that and register for CTTC online tutorials.
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When will it start? How much does it cost?

The program will run in term time from 19 February – 3 September, 2013. Tutorial sessions can be joined synchronously from 4.00pm – 5.00 pm Eastern Australian Time every second Tuesday during Terms 1 to 3, or asynchronously any time within each two-week period. The cost is AUD$140 per person for access to the online dramatic series and associated language exercises, the tutorial, the CTTC learning site and Student Book 2.

To register fill out the form over page

For inquiries, please email education-cttc-info@unimelb.edu.au or phone (03) 8344 8534.
REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and tick boxes as appropriate.

Title  □ Dr  □ Mr  □ Mrs  □ Miss  □ Ms
Given Names  Surname
Position  School
Postal Address  Suburb
Postcode  Telephone Number  Facsimile Number
Mobile Number  Email Address

The total amount payable is $140 (including GST).

Please select your payment method

□ Cheque enclosed or following shortly (made payable to the University of Melbourne)
□ Invoice request (will be sent via email to the nominated participant). Please note that registration is not confirmed until payment is received.

□ Credit card -  □ Visa  □ Mastercard
Cardholder’s Name:
Card Number  Expiry Date  Signature

This registration form acts as a tax invoice for GST purposes when fully completed and payment is made.

Please return this form and payment to:
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