Global Cities Education Network Symposium
Shanghai, China
November 9-13, 2015

Meeting goals:

1. **Issue of focus - Systemic pursuit of equity:** How are GCEN cities implementing strategies and system-level supports to provide all students with an excellent education?

   Case study: The challenge for Shanghai remains a relentless focus on equity and expanding a large system to accommodate more students and provide a high quality and genuine opportunity for all students. Shanghai continues to focus on educating all students, especially those from economically and socially disadvantaged backgrounds, to reach excellence.

   a. How are Shanghai and other major cities in China providing increased access to public schools in major urban areas given rising populations? How is Shanghai developing quality alternatives for all students? How are they providing pathways for all students to succeed?

   b. Given the additional struggles children from economically and socially disadvantaged background face including disruption of home life, poverty, language and cultural issues, what are the strategies Shanghai and other urban school districts are implementing to support student success? Where are the successes and challenges?

2. **Working groups**
   a. **Professional Learning and CTE/VET:** Report on individual goal progress, reflect on collaborative activities and consider next steps.
   b. **21st Century Competencies:** Update on the white paper and activities of the working group.

3. **Sharing Results from Interim Evaluation**
   a. Interim results from evaluation conducted in spring 2015 to be discussed.
GCEN Symposium participants arrive Sunday, November 8th in Shanghai.

**Monday, November 9**

7:30am – 8:30am  Breakfast served at hotel

8:30am – 9:00am  Travel to Shanghai Normal University

9:00am – 9:45am  **Welcome, Introductions, New Members, Overview of the Meeting**  
Facilitator: Minxuan Zhang, Center for International and Comparative Education  
   • Tony Jackson, Asia Society  
   • Ziqiang Zhu, Shanghai Normal University  
   • Su Ming, Shanghai Municipal Education Commission

9:45am – 10:00am  Group photo and break

10:00am – 11:00am  **Shanghai’s Efforts to Advance Equity**  
   • Minxuan Zhang, Center for International and Comparative Education

11:00am – 12:00pm  **Presentation: Most effective strategies to support equitable educational attainment based on research**  
   • Jal Mehta, Harvard University

12:00 – 12:30pm  Box lunch and depart

12:30pm – 4:00pm  **School Site Visits focused on Equity and Educating all Children**  
(There will be two options to chose from.)

4:30pm  Return to hotel/team time  
Dinner on your own

**Tuesday, November 10**

7:30am – 8:30am  Breakfast at hotel

8:30am – 9:00am  **Travel to Shanghai Normal University**
9:00am – 9:15am  **Welcome, Overview of the Day**  
- Tony Jackson, Asia Society

9:15am – 9:30am  Introductions from new GCEN teams

9:30am – 10:30am  **Debriefing school visits on equity**  
- Tony MacKay, Facilitator

10:30am – 10:45am  Organizing Afternoon Learning: Selection of Small Group Discussion Topic

10:45am – 12:15pm  **Panel discussions**  
- Panel 1: Strategies to Support Low-Performing Schools - Model Schools
- Panel 2: Strategies to Support Specialized Populations - Equipping Teachers

*How do GCEN cities systemically pursue equity at a system level? What policies, practices and supporting elements are in place?*

12:30pm - 1:30pm  Lunch (Banquet hosted by Shanghai Normal University)

1:30pm – 2:30pm  **Designing for Equity: User-Oriented Design**

2:30pm – 4:00pm  **Small Group Discussion:** Top Challenges and Solutions to Support Equitable Education Systems (continued)

4:00pm  Team time, office hours

4:30pm  Return to hotel; continued team time, dinner on your own

**Wednesday November 11**

7:00am – 8:00am  Breakfast at hotel

8:00am – 8:30am  Travel to Shanghai Normal University  
(If traveling to Hangzhou, check-out of hotel and bring luggage on bus).
8:30am – 11:30pm  **Working Group Meetings**
- City teams will meet by working group (Professional Learning or CTE/VET)
  - Report on their individual goals – progress updates to be provided by each team
  - Discuss next steps on collaborative activities after the summer meetings
- Conference participants not on city teams are encouraged to form conversation groups on issues they would like to discuss with colleagues.

11:30am – 11:45am  Break/Lunch Served

11:45am – 12:15pm  **Presentation: Update 21st Century Competencies Working Group**
- Alexis Menten, Asia Society and Christina Russell, Policy Studies Associates
- Timeline and Expected Outcomes

12:15pm – 2:00pm  **GCEN Lessons: Review of the Interim Evaluation, Discussion and Next Steps**
- Interim Evaluation Results to be shared by Policy Studies Associates
- Discussion and Feedback

2:00pm  Closing reflections and depart for Hangzhou

2:00pm – 4:30pm  Travel by bus to Hangzhou

4:30pm – 5:30pm  Check-in to Shangri-La Hangzhou

5:45pm  Dinner banquet and night show on West Lake
- Hosted by Hangzhou Education Commission
Thursday November 12

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**GCEN Symposium Participants**

Friday November 13th

*Note: Only 21st Century Competencies working group members*

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**21st Century Competencies Working Group Participants**

Saturday November 14th

All remaining 21st Century Competencies working group members and Asia Society staff depart Shanghai.