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INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE ASIA PACIFIC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR 2010

Dear IB School Heads and Programme Coordinators,

The 2010 Professional Development Calendar is now available for downloading and printing online at <http://www.ibo.org/ibap/workshops/documents/2010Calendar.pdf> . For those of you who are new to our community, the reason we produce this calendar is to serve you better by giving you a schedule with which to plan and budget for professional development as necessary.

In an effort to create a calendar that comprehensively addresses the long-term professional development needs of the dispersed IB Asia Pacific region, we take into consideration a variety of factors, such as:

- The costs to schools including staff time, travel, accommodation;
- The provision of a regular cycle of workshops in each of the 4 different sub-regions so that each region has equitable access: South-East Asia, East Asia, South Asia, and Australasia;
- The timing of events to suit the range of academic calendars that differ from country to country within the region;
- The needs of experienced and new IB practitioners in established IB World Schools and schools seeking authorization;
- The IB curriculum review cycle

We are conscious that the timely publication of the regional workshop dates can assist Heads and Coordinators in their professional development planning. To that end, we are providing date, city and course details. In some cases, specific venues will be announced once confirmed. Some venues or dates may change. For the latest information about workshops, please return to our website at <http://www.ibo.org/ibap/workshops>.

New this year: We are also providing an overview of the planned placement of workshops across the sub-regions in 2011, available at <http://www.ibo.org/ibap/workshops/documents/2010-11Overview.pdf> . You will note that, in response to your feedback, over the next 2 years almost every Level 1 workshop will be available in each sub-region: South East Asia, East Asia, South Asia and Australasia.

We would like to draw your attention a few updates and reminders:

- **Register early:** At the close of early bird registration (approximately 3 months prior to the scheduled event), we will review enrolment and determine whether to add a workshop to meet demand. At each venue we will reserve five extra rooms to add additional workshops where needed. We cannot add these workshops, however, if you do not register early.

- **Group 1 and 2 Language Workshops:** In December 2010 major subject guide revisions will be published for Group 1 and Group 2 language subjects. Teaching of the new courses will commence in August 2011. Level 2 or Level 3 workshops will not be offered for Group 1 and Group 2 languages in 2010, as these subject guides are being phased out. However, multiple workshops will be offered near the end of 2010 and throughout 2011 to support schools in implementing the new subject guides.
- **Generic Language Workshops:** In 2010 we will offer generic language workshops for Language A1, Language B and Language *ab initio*. Delivered in English, they will cover the general aspects of the subject guides and are designed to support practitioners for whom language-specific workshops are unavailable in the region. More generic language workshops will be offered in 2011 to support schools in implementing the new subject guides in 2011.
- **More Continuum Workshops:** In 2010, the number of Continuum Workshops targeting the needs of practitioners across the programmes will be increased. We will re-offer the popular Teacher-Librarians Continuum Workshop in 2010. Workshops for Special Education Needs and Second Language Support will be added to the 2010 calendar at a later date.
- **University Recognition Forum:** In 2009, we designed a two-day forum for career counsellors in authorized or candidate IB Diploma Programme Schools. The University Recognition Forum features IB global recognition personnel and regional university personnel who discuss Diploma recognition. We successfully piloted this course in May, 2009. It will be offered again near the end of 2009 and twice in 2010.
- **Increased the maximum registrants from one school:** For 2010, we have increased the maximum number of participants from one school in a specific workshop to five.
- **On-line Workshops:** More on-line workshops are being developed for 2010. For the latest on-line workshop developments, go to <http://tripleaworkshops.ibo.org/>.

In closing, we ask that you pay close attention to **4 important issues**:

- **Choosing the Right Level:** Workshops are designed for varying levels of participants' IB programme experience. In order to ensure that participants have the requisite level of experience to attend and benefit fully from the right level of workshop, coordinators and participants should check the ***Workshop Descriptions*** at: <http://www.ibo.org/ibap/workshops>.
- **New Subject Guides:** Prior to the official publication of new subject guides, the regional office cannot guarantee that they will be available (in draft form or otherwise) at subject workshops. Workshop leaders will make reference to whatever material is available at the time of the workshop in order to prepare participants for new course requirements.

- **PD Strategic Planning:** For assistance in strategic planning, please refer to the documents ***Professional Development: Unpacking the Standards and Practices*** at our website: <http://www.ibo.org/ibap/>
- **FAQ's:** Professional Development policies and procedures are clarified in our ***Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)*** document. The FAQ's assist coordinators in all facets of workshop registration, payment and logistics, and can be downloaded at: <http://www.ibo.org/ibap/workshops/documents/IBAPFAQs170907forWebsiteC.pdf>.

Regards,



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