

IB ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL WORKSHOP AGENDA

DP Geography (Category 2 & 3)

German European School, Singapore

Friday – Sunday, 26 - 28 February 2010

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Ann is an IB Assistant Examiner in Geography and has marked both May session Extended Essays and HL Paper 2 components for 6 years. In addition, from 2007, she has been a Team Leader for May Paper 2 which involved moderating other examiner's marking and re-marking papers for grade awards and Enquiry upon Results. In 2009, she added November Paper 2 marking as well.

All participants are requested to bring with them the following:

- A copy of this Agenda
 - A copy of the NEW Geography syllabus (first examination in 2011)
 - In order to facilitate an exchange of ideas and resources, the following items would also be useful: tried and tested fieldwork ideas, extended essays, teaching strategies and any useful resources (texts, DVD's etc)
 - A copy of your planned 2 year sequence for teaching the subject
 - A flash drive or blank cd for exchange of materials
 - Training shoes or walking sandals for fieldtrip to Bukit Timah
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Please note: session topics are subject to change based on needs of the group

Friday, 20 November

0830 - 0900

Welcome & Introduction

0900 - 1000

Session 1: Introductions

- Getting to know one another
- What are the main questions that need answering in 3 days?
- IBO key personnel in Geography
- The importance of Geography as a subject/choose Geography

1000 - 1030

Morning Break

1030 - 1200

Session 2: Geography

- Geography and Internationalism
- Geography and the IB Learner Profile.
- Geography and TOK. Integrating TOK into Geography teaching

1200 - 1300

Lunch

1300 - 1430

Session 3: 2009 Geography Syllabus Content

- Overview of new syllabus in detail
- Command terms
- Core and Optional themes (including selection)
- Case studies

1430 - 1500

Afternoon Break

1500 - 1630

Session 4: New syllabus and Paper 1

- Resources, including Wiki and OCC
- Teaching Outlines and unit planning
- Assessment and Sample marking for Paper 1

1630

End of Day 1

Saturday, 21 November

0830 - 1000

Session 5: Teaching Strategies

- Exercise
- Report back to group

1000 - 1030

Morning Break

1030 - 1200

Session 6: Extended Essay

- Powerpoint and Handout
- Assessment criteria
- Guidelines / timelines

1200 - 1300

Lunch

1300 - 1430

Session 7: Extended Essay (continued)

- Topics continued – good and bad
- Exemplars
- EE marking exercise

1430 - 1500	Afternoon Break
1500 - 1630	Session 8: Fieldtrip Fieldtrip to Bukit Timah Nature Reserve (Biodiversity in primary rainforest) or bus tour to potential urban fieldwork sites in Singapore. Two trips on offer and both will run (combined with the Level 1 workshop)
1630	End of Day 2
<u>Sunday, 22 November</u>	
0830 - 1000	Session 9: Internal Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IA Aims and Objectives • Essential information • Suggestions for Topics • Devising appropriate fieldwork • Exemplars and sample marking
1000 - 1030	Morning Break
1030 - 1200	Session 10: Paper 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper 2 explained • Writing an IB Geography essay • Sample marking for Paper 2
1200 - 1300	Lunch
1300 - 1430	Session 11: Question writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing questions for Paper 1 • Sharing ideas • Writing questions for Paper 2 • Sharing ideas
1430 - 1500	Afternoon Break
1500 - 1600	Session 12: Paper 3 and Conclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper 3 explained • Sample questions and answers • Check of questions to be answered
1600	Workshop Closes and Award of Certificates*

* An official "IB Certificate of Attendance" is awarded to participants who have attended all sessions of a workshop. Please ensure that travel arrangements do not preclude candidacy for a certificate.