

IB ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL WORKSHOP AGENDA

DP Geography (Level 2)
King George V School, Hong Kong
2 – 4 October 2009, Friday - Sunday

Workshop Leader

Trevor Cole

Trevor Cole has a BSc Hons in Geography and Environmental Science and has been teaching IB Geography since 1988 and an IB examiner since 1990. He has worked in SE Asia, West Africa, Italy and is currently the Head of Upper School and IB co-ordinator in Sandford International School in Ethiopia. He has led workshops in all IB regions over the last 10 years and is currently the Deputy Chief Examiner. He is a team leader for the current paper 2, marks extended essays and is the principal moderator for Internal Assessment. He has also been involved in the curriculum review process for the new program.

All participants are requested to bring with them the following:

- A copy of this Agenda
- The new Subject Guide (on the OCC) for 1st examinations 2011
- In order to facilitate an exchange of ideas and resources, the following items would also be useful: tried and tested fieldwork exercises, extended essay's, teaching strategies and ideas, a list of useful resources, including Internet sites, periodicals, texts and videos/CDs/DVDs.
A copy of your planned 2 year sequence for teaching the subject.
- Laptops, CD or Flash disks– to facilitate an exchange of materials.

Meanwhile, if you have any questions which you would like to discuss during the workshop, do not hesitate to contact me at: trevcole1@mac.com

I look forward to meeting you all.
Trevor Cole

Page 3 * 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.

Please note: session topics are subject to change based on needs of the group

Friday, 2 October

0830 - 0900

Welcome & Introduction

0900 - 1000

Session 1: Introductions

- Survey of participants' needs
- Overview of the workshop agenda
- IBO: structure and key personnel
- The importance of Geography as a subject – promoting the subject in the face of changing trends.

1000 - 1030

Morning Break

1030 - 1200

Session 2: The new curriculum model and assessment System

- Aims and driving principles behind the new syllabus
- Assessment summary- differences between the old and new Guide
- Assessment details HL and SL - essential information
- Assessment objectives and command terms
- Examining two suggested schemes of work

1200 - 1300

Lunch

1300 - 1430

Session 3: The Core and Paper 1

- Interpretation and approaches to teaching the core
- Assessment information
- Sample lesson which links with HL Extension
- Sample exam paper
- Script marking exercise to become familiar with exam structure and style as well as the mark-schemes and mark bands

Afternoon Break

1500 - 1630

Session 4: TOK

- Geography and the Learner Profile
- Group Work - Integrating TOK into Geography teaching

1630

End of Day 1

Saturday, 3 October

0830 - 1000

Session 5: The Higher Level Extension Paper 3

- Discussion of content
- Teaching strategies and resources
- What to do with SL students, share ideas
- Teaching strategies to help students improve essay writing
- Script marking exercise to become familiar with exam structure and style as well as mark schemes and mark bands.

1000 - 1030

Morning Break

1030 - 1200

Session 6: The Higher Level Extension Paper 3

- Group presentations of teaching strategies for a particular part of the syllabus.

1200 - 1300	Lunch
1300 - 1430	Session 7: Internal Assessment – Fieldwork <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Internal assessment: purpose and requirements ▪ Designing appropriate fieldwork ▪ Devising fieldwork questions ▪ Choosing appropriate methods of information collection and Presentation ▪ Timing of fieldwork and report writing ▪ Student samples and application of assessment criteria
1430 - 1500	Afternoon Break
1500 - 1630	Session 8: Practical Fieldwork <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Planning an on campus IA ▪ Sharing fieldwork ideas
1630	End of Day 2
<u>Sunday, 5 October</u>	
0830 - 1000	Session 9 : The Optional Themes and Paper 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Selecting themes ▪ Teaching HL and SL together and separately ▪ Integrating map work, geographical skills ▪ The relationship between chosen themes and fieldwork ▪ Sample exam paper ▪ Script marking exercise to become familiar with exam structure and style as well as the mark schemes and mark bands
1000 - 1030	Morning Break
1030 - 1200	Session 10: OCC and WIKI site <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Geography Wiki site, how to use, how to post resources ▪ OCC 'Ask the expert' post questions <p>Lunch</p>
1300 - 1430	Session 11: The Extended Essay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Examples of past essays ▪ Supervising an essay ▪ Using the criteria and subject guide ▪ Considerations and Approaches ▪ Practice marking of an EE
1430 - 1500	Afternoon Break
1500 - 1600	Session 12: Networking and Resource sharing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strategies for 'popularizing' Geography (cont. from session 1) ▪ The exchange of ideas, reviews of useful books, software ▪ Discussion of any issues related to the old syllabus which 2nd years are completing. ▪ Keeping in touch
1600	Workshop Closes and Award of Certificates*