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Background -

The Harvard East Asian Program is sponsored by the Boston Children's Museum and the Harvard University Language and Area Center for East Asian Studies. Located at the Boston Children's Museum, the program brings together specialists in East Asian Studies and in education to provide quality educational services and resources for elementary and secondary school teachers.

Goals -

The Harvard East Asian Program promotes the teaching about Japan and China in elementary and secondary schools. The program offers teachers training workshops in content and methodology, conducts school programs, and maintains a comprehensive list of local resources. The program works in collaboration with Chinese and Japanese community groups and with other educational and civic organizations to encourage multicultural and global education.

Services A

- -Courses and in-service workshops on teaching about Japan and China for elementary and secondary school teachers.
- -Programs in the Japanese Home
- -In-school programs.
- -Development of interdisciplinary curriculum units on Japan and China for elementary and secondary schools and community groups.
- -Consultation on Japanese and Chinese curricula and programs.
- -Evaluation of existing curriculum materials on China and Japan.
- -Annotated topical bibliographies for elementary and secondary schools students and teachers.
- -The film, Rebuilding An Old
 Japanese House, a documentary
 of the reconstruction of the Kyono-machiya.

Special Events

- -Japanese and Chinese festivals.
- -Educational conferences and seminars on selected topics.

Resources -

- -Kits from the Kit Rental Department of the Boston Children's Museum. Each includes artifacts, activities, and written materials.
 - -Echoes of China: China and Her Land; Chinese Architecture; Chinese Celebrations; Chinese Games; Fine and Folk Arts of China; Jia: Chinese American Families; Travels with Marco
 - -Traditional China.
 - -Japanese and Chinese Calligraphy.
 - -Japanese Culture.
 - -Japanese Family.
- -Circulating library of written and audiovisual materials on display in the East Asian Study in the Resource Center of the Boston Children's Museum.

Exhibits -

The Japanese Home Exhibit, the Kyo-no-machiya, is a 150-year-old artisan's house from the silk-weaving district of Kyoto. Special tours and activity programs for school and community groups can be arranged.



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Who We Are ...

The Harvard East Asian Program is sponsored by the Boston Children's Museum and the Harvard University Language and Area Center for East Asian Studies. Located at the Boston Children's Museum, the program brings together specialists in East Asian Studies and education to promote better understanding of Japan and China.

As an outreach program we are interested in serving many audiences: elementary and secondary school teachers, librarians, college students, business people and community groups.

Our services and resources include the following:

The Kyō no machiya An Authentic Japanese House

A two-story Japanese silk-weaver's house, shop and garden are on permanent exhibit at the museum. In addition to regularly scheduled public tours, the house may be reserved for private tours, classes and evening functions. An adjoining exhibit includes "Toshi's Story," a child's introduction to the Kyo-no-machiya; artifacts of Japanese daily life and a model showing traditional Japanese joinery techniques.

Rental Kits for Classroom Teaching

Bring China and Japan into your classes - or your own home - with one of our rental kits. Consisting of artifacts, activities, and written materials, the kits can be rented from the Kit Rental Department at the museum:

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- -Traditional China.
- -Japanese and Chinese Calligraphy.
- -Japanese Culture.
- -Japanese Family.
- -Japanese New Year.
- -Japanese Children's Day.

Festivals

Every year we invite the public to join in celebrating Japanese New Year, Girls' Day, Children's Day, and other Asian festivals. Throughout the entire museum children and adults participate in a variety of activities, demonstrations, and performances.

Resource Center

A circulating library of written and audiovisual materials including the film "Rebuilding An Old Japanese House" are available through the Resource Center of the Boston Children's Museum.

Browsers and borrowers alike are welcome to peruse our collection of teaching materials.

And More ...

Program staff are available to help you with any aspect of teaching about Japan and China.

Please contact us for further information and to be placed on our mailing list at:

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