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Featuring Damon Anderson, US Embassy Regional English Language Officer, and English Speech/Drama Reading Contests

Thursday, September 24, 2009, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Ball Room (3rd Floor), Marco Polo Wuhan 159 Yan Jiang Avenue, JiangAn, Hankou Dress code: Business attire

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Damon Anderson has been in the U.S. Foreign Service as a Regional English Language Officer (RELO) for almost 25 years. Twenty of those years have been in the field overseas working with Ministries of Education, universities, and schools at all levels helping teachers and future teachers to gain new insights into teaching English as a foreign language. He has worked with teachers presenting at conferences, giving workshops, lectures and seminars in 96 countries around the world. Mr. Anderson spent four years in Washington, DC in the Department of State's Office of English Language Programs, where for two years he was the Chief of the Programs Branch, managing the Regional English Language programs overseas, and then two years as the Chief of the Materials Branch and Editor of the professional journal, English Teaching FORUM. Mr. Anderson has his MA in Applied Linguistics and Teaching English as a Foreign Language. He has done postgraduate studies in neuro-linguistics. Before joining the Foreign Service, Mr. Anderson was the Director of the intensive English program at Arizona State University, where he also lectured in the English Department and the Cross-Cultural Communications Department. Prior to coming to Beijing to open the RELO Office, he served as the Regional English Language Officer based in Jakarta and covered 7 countries in southeast and east Asia.