

Summary of Professional Development Responses:

Respondent Profile:

Survey was sent to about 65 people, with 12 responses (just under 20%). (Representative)

Key responses:

- General feeling that traditional style PD sessions are preferable.
- Teacher's conventions are viewed as a useful venue.
- Sessions with an expert presenter, in a workshop format are most preferred.
- Prefer sessions if given are recorded and posted on a website, rather than linking by video conferencing due to problems with equipment access and reliability

Content:

- More about contemporary China and its culture
- Using culture to carry and promote language growth
- Assessment of Chinese language
- Vocabulary growth
- Application of YCT/HSK in the Chinese classroom

Individual suggestions:

- Sessions on using multi-media technology
- workshop on useful on-line resources, in particular children's stories
- teaching Chinese to speakers of other languages in an English setting