Pathways to Student Success: The New UHM Chinese Language Flagship

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The Chinese Language Flagship at UHM has gotten off to a strong start this semester. This multifaceted program brands itself as being innovative, and innovations call for creativity and problem solving. Since August, this Flagship Program has been doing just that—as we continue to build a team of dedicated teachers and staff, recruit students, develop and implement new curricula. This presentation will discuss some details of how and what the program is doing now, and what we envision for the near and distant future. Additional aspects of Flagship such as national initiatives that relate directly and indirectly to Flagship will also be highlighted. In addition, there will be time for discussion about collaborations within and beyond the university community. Getting the word about Flagship out to the public is a critical part of our mission. Now that EALL has two Flagship programs, it is a good time to brainstorm ways to leverage this strength to gain increased recognition for all students and faculty in the department.

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Dr. Spring has played a leadership role in defining and disseminating information about Chinese Language Flagship programs both nationally and internationally. She has also developed models for collaboration between the Language Flagship, Confucius Institutes, state Departments of Education, and faculty and students in university-level Chinese programs and in other academic department and units across campuses.

The talk is open to the public, and light refreshments will be served. For further information, please contact DongKwan Kong (dongkwan@hawaii.edu) or Julie Jiang (ljjiang@hawaii.edu).