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## Cha Hua Hui 茶話会 as Cooperative Teaching, Learning, and Growing with Chinese

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## Outline

1. Who are we?
2. How did we start?
3. How have we been doing?
4. Problems and remedies
5. Implications
6. Suggestions

## 1. Who are we?

- Mixed group:
  - students (non-Chinese major)
  - Professors (non-Chinese major)
  - house maker
  - native speakers (occasionally)
- Age range: 22-62

## 2 How did we start?

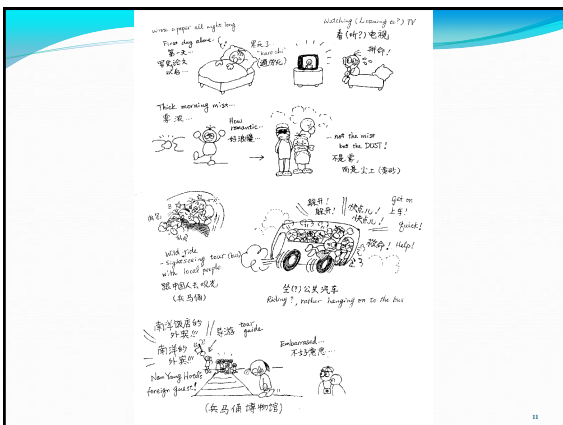
- Interested in Chinese language and culture
- No access to formal Chinese language instructions
- Strong motivation to study
- Schedule conflicts

## 3. How have we been doing?

- Meet at 3-4 weeks interval
- Share studying experiences, strategies, and information
- Practice conversations
- Experience the target culture



No.	date	contents
1	April 3	Study background, needs, goals, methods
2	May 1	Cultural event: cha
3	May 29	How to take advantage of internet
4	June 19	How to improve listening comprehension
5	July 31	Singing Chinese songs (speaking, focus on pronunciation without tones)
6	August 3	Special guest: native speaker
7	August 23	Language exchange, current words
8	September 4	Cartoons
9	October 9	Learning strategies
10	November 2	Special event: party with a native guest
		To be continued



## 4. Problems and remedies

- Leadership
- Structure of the meeting
- Keeping motivated

Organizing special events, etc.



### 5. Implications 1

- Foreign language can be learned informally, in relaxed atmosphere, while enjoying the culture
- Difference in age, background, learning styles – learning from each other

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### 5. Implications 2

- Various resources

Media: Internet, TV, radio, DVDs, CDs, movies...

People: members and friends

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### 5. Implications 3

- Embracing different interests, concerns, and goals

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## 6. Suggestions

- Scheduling: be very flexible
- Contents: variation – formal to very informal (textbooks, literature, calligraphy, songs, radio, TV, movies, newspapers, cartoons, animations, etc.)
- Leadership and friendship
- Organizing fun events

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## 7 Conclusion

Keep trying and learning  
under  
all circumstances

Thank you very much for your attention!

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