

United Nations Language and Communications Programme



Javier Zanón is the head of the United Nations Language and Communications Programme (UNLCP). He came to UNHQ as Coordinator of the Spanish Language Programme in 2001. He earned an MA in Educational Psychology and a PhD in Psycholinguistics from the *Universitat de Barcelona*. Mr. Zanón has been both a lecturer and academic director of the Master of Arts programme in Teaching Spanish as a Foreign Language at *Universitat de Barcelona*, and was Academic Director of the Cervantes Institute in Chicago, USA. In addition, he has been teacher and teacher trainer in Spain, Morocco, Mexico, the United States, and Portugal. He has authored a number of Spanish language teaching books and materials and has served as Learning Manager at the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. Mr. Zanón describes himself as a firm believer in cultural and linguistic diversity as a tool to fight discrimination and inequality. His favourite quote is: "The intellectual health of the planet is dependent on multilingualism." (D. Crystal)

Chinese Language Programme

Full-time Teachers



Yong Ho has been the Chinese Language Coordinator since 2002. He is a native of Nanjing, China, and taught English in China before coming to the United States. He earned a PhD in Anthropology - Linguistics at Columbia University in 1992. Before coming to the UN he served as the Director of Curriculum and Language at the China Institute and taught at the New School. His publications include *Aspects of Discourse and Structure in Mandarin*; *Beginner's Chinese*; *China: An Illustrated History*; *A Children's Dictionary of Chinese*; *A Chinese-English Dictionary of 500 Most Frequently Used Words in Chinese*; and *Intermediate Chinese*.

Part-time Teachers

Ben Wang holds an MA from Seton Hall University, USA. He has been a part-time Chinese language teacher for several years and has distinguished himself as a lecturer in Chinese language, literature, theatre and as translator of Chinese literature.

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