Led by Prof. Eunice Tang, Prof. Cecilia Chun, and Dr. Paul Sze, a delegate of 27 ELED students, graduates and faculty staff members went for a four-day visit, from 27-30 December 2011, to Guangdong University of Foreign Studies (GDUFS), English School attached to GDUFS, and Teaching and Research Institute.

The aims of the study tour were to provide students an opportunity to observe English teaching practices at primary and secondary levels in China, understand their national English curriculum and assessment, and attend talks from renowned scholars and expert teachers on English teaching in China. The study tour also included sharing sessions with serving English primary and secondary school teachers, demonstration lessons by Prof. Tang, Prof. Chun and the graduates, and performance of the ELED students in the New Year variety show of the English School of GDUFS.

The study tour was highlighted by presentations from scholars and officials. Prof. Huhua OUYANG and Ms Joan Lu from GDUFS delivered talks on “Appropriating CLT in a Chinese danwei institution” and “Dynamics of becoming English teachers: stories from the novice” respectively. Mr. Lu Zhong Gaan and Ms. Hey Chen From the Teaching and Research Institute shared their experience and views on “ELT curriculum and teacher development in China”. Their presentations were informative and inspiring.

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