



## **Basic Chinese – teacher’s guidance notes**

This presentation and set of activities is designed to introduce your students to some basic Chinese. It includes:

- General knowledge about Chinese
- Useful words and phrases

The PowerPoint (PPT) file includes many embedded sound files so you will need to have media player and set of speakers to be able to play and hear the sound files. It also includes a links to a language learning website so ideally you will have internet access when delivering this session. If you are not able to do a PPT presentation, you can colour print off the pictures and put them on the board using blue tac to carry out the activities in the lesson plan.

### *PowerPoint file: Basic Chinese*

The PPT file serves as a mini document providing a brief introduction to Chinese language. The teachers especially those who are not Chinese specialists can run through the slides and offers information about Chinese language: its history, characters vs. pictures, pinyin, tone etc. in the 1<sup>st</sup> part (slide 1-7) and gives a taste of Chinese language in the 2<sup>nd</sup> part (slide 7-21) by listening to the sound files and trying out the little tests. The last part (slide 22) gives a link to the BBC Chinese learning site and this can be an additional resource for the students and teachers to learn Chinese in depth.

### *MP3 Sound files*

The MP3 files saved in this section of the toolkit are the same audio files featured in the lesson PowerPoint. To play the audio clips in the lesson, either click the speaker icons in the PPT slide show, or play the relevant MP3 files in a separate media player. Each audio clip will begin after a short pause. The MP3 files can also be downloaded onto mobile phones or iPod etc. so students can listen to and get familiar with the language outside the classroom.

### *PDF: Useful words/phrases*

The PDF contains a list of the useful words and phrases under the 6 topics in the PowerPoint file. It can also be printed off and used as a little phrase book to remind the students of what they have learned.