

Invites You to Attend:

The ISEA's Award for Excellence in the Administration of Public Education

DATE: Thursday 11 March 2010.

TIME: 4.30 to 6.00pm (followed by refreshments)

PLACE: The Atrium Level 2, 35 Bridge Street, Sydney



The Award for 2009 recognises Ms Cheryl Ballantyne, pictured above, for her work as Manager of *The Bridges to Understanding: Western Sydney Region's China Strategy*.

The Strategy was initiated in 2006 with an agreement to pursue joint projects of cooperation between the Region, the Ningbo Municipal Education Bureau (China) and the University of Western Sydney. The objective of the Strategy is to promote inter-cultural understanding and reciprocal benefits to partner organisations. One feature of the program is the Ningbo Volunteer program where up to 10 graduates per year are selected by the Ningbo Education Bureau to spend 18 months in Western Sydney schools to support teaching and learning programs in Mandarin language and Chinese culture.

The Award will be to Cheryl by the NSW Director General of Education and Training, Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter

All NSW DET staff and colleagues are invited to attend this ceremony. For catering purposes please

**RSVP by COB 9 March 2010 to the ISEA Executive Officer by phone/fax 91815879 or
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