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A nation's treasure is in its scholars. Chinese Proverb

A billion here, A billion there

We thought we were doing some pretty big stuff. We had a network of 64,000, we have 3600 lectures, and we taught 2-300,000 students with each of our Just in Time Lectures. In addition we have 42 mirrored servers, and we are providing a DVD to over 800,000 medical students. Last year we taught over one million students. Not bad, but Professor Jesse Huang from Beijing just moved us into a whole new dimension.

Professor Huang (pumcjesse@yahoo.com.cn) pointed out we could work on a much larger scale.

He wrote:... CCTV introduction of Supercourse exposed the supercourse to at least 500 million Chinese who watch this program, one of the hottest CCTV program in China....

Yingyan sent us the program in the following website:

http://vsearch.cctv.com/plgs_play-cctvnewsprog_20090519_7042141.html. You need to skip the first 4 minutes and 26s and then you can see Jesse. There was a picture presented in the program of the Supercourse for the world to see.

That is a number that is almost incomprehensible, 500,000,000 or ½ Billion people. Jesse made the Supercourse available to almost 10% of the world's population.

The day before he wrote:

Dear Ron,

A/H1N1 flu PPT Chinese version has great impact on Chinese media.

Supercourse has been reported by a very prestigious magazine Liaowan (its impact is similar to Newsweek in China). Local CDC people download the PPT and use it for training, they told me.

Jesse

This is amazing, we reached over ½ a billion people by TV and Magazine with the Supercourse. Also, we helped train those at the Chinese CDC.

Jesse and his team has been a wonderful supporter of the Supercourse.

Perhaps we should change the name of the Supercourse to Super China Course Please visit our Chinese Supercourse (www.supercourse.cn). Jesse, you did wonderful work

Each generation will reap what the former generation has sown. Chinese Proverb

Teachers open the door. You enter by yourself. Chinese proverb

Higher Education and the Supercourse

It is our responsibility as educators and health scientists to improve teaching of Global Health to all students in Higher Education.

The primary focus of the Supercourse has been to improve teaching about global health to Public Health, Medical and Nursing students. However, this is way to limited, as global health impacts so many other disciplines. Please forward this newsletter to faculty and graduate student friends in History teachers, Sociology, Psychology, Engineering, Agriculture, Philosophy, Spanish, Chemistry, etc. about the Supercourse and Global Health. It is time to improve the teaching of global health across all disciplines.

We have collected over 3500 lectures on Global Health and Prevention from global leaders (www.pitt.edu/~super1/). Most undergraduate and graduate students receive less than 1 hour of teaching about global Health in 4-6 years. This is a shame as health affects so much in our society, economics, environment, sociology, psychology, social welfare, aging, etc.

Also, these disciplines have a profound effect in determine Glocal (global to local) health. With the Supercourse lectures we hope to “globalize” discipline that are inter-connected with global health. It our social and global responsibility to teach all students more about global health.

Please forward this to faculty and graduate outside of your discipline who might be interested in t global health. These can be in many disciplines. We would like to create a multidisciplinary discussion group as to how to bring top caliber global health materials to all students in all disciplines. One idea would be to identify the best lectures that those in economics might want on say global health and economics, or those in European history, on the plague. We would appreciate your thoughts.

Please write to us at ronaldlaporte@gmail.com

世上无难事，只怕有心人

Literally: You must persevere to accomplish seemingly impossible tasks.

Moral: Everything can be done with enough perseverance.

Birthday Facts

Epidemiologic fact: Birthdays are good for you. Statistics show that people who have the most live the longest

Yes it is nearing the time. I have received a lecture presents, some of the are even in Turkish. It is very kind.

Remember that there is a cosmic link between people born on the same day.

For May 29, Melanie Brown of the Spice Girls, John F. Kennedy, Latoya Jackson of the Jacksons, Patrick Henry, a famous American States person, and Ron LaPorte an almost 60 year old.

Ron, Eugene, Faina, Mita, Rashid, Ali, Kawkab, Francois, Nabil, Abdel, Najeeb, Nicholas, Soni, Ismail, Ian, Vint, Gil, Francois

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