

## The 7<sup>th</sup> Chinese Teachers' Professional Development Seminar Successfully Held at the Tourism Confucius Institute at Griffith University

On 6 November 2016 the 7<sup>th</sup> Gold Coast Chinese Teachers' Professional Development Seminar was hosted by the Tourism Confucius Institute on the Gold Coast campus of Griffith University.

The Tourism Confucius Institute (TCI) asked for discussion topics from local teachers and then invited keynote speakers and arranged the seminar according to their interests. The TCI invited Ian Perry and Caitlin Goldston, teachers from the Gap State High School and members of the *Proficiency through Reading and Storytelling* (PTRS) team from the MLTAQTCI Network, to be the keynote speakers. During their speech, they analysed the theoretical foundation and framework of PTRS utilising vivid examples and teaching videos featuring Chinese vocabulary, sentences and context teaching. Then came the Q&A session during which relevant videos and websites were shared. Additionally, Ms Debbie Li, a teacher at Varsity College, was invited to introduce *Accelerative Integrated Methodology* as practiced by herself and her colleagues. Ms Debby Chang Farell from Emmanuel College was also invited to share her *Lazy Teacher's Guide to Teaching Chinese Methodology* with the seminar participants.

More than 40 Chinese language teachers from Gold Coast schools and colleges and social institutions attended the seminar. They gave high praise to their host and the presenters, and said they gained much useful information that they hope to use in their teaching.

