

## ANN QIU GATHERS IDEAS FROM HENDERSON AND SLATTERY



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Ann Qiu is the founder of iSkool Learning Company, the first organization that serves self-directed learning in mainland China. She is interested in creating a new educational system, moving toward a democratic approach appropriate in the information age. She earned her MEd and MSc in e-learning research in the UK. After working in the e-learning business for years, she began to set up home-based schools and facilitate the home schooling movement in China in 2007 in order to keep children learning positively. She regards this as the key to moving toward educational changes in the public schools in China, where learning is still quite regimented. When she read a New York Times article by Thomas Friedman praising the schools in Shanghai, she wrote an in-depth response that was published, "The Real Shanghai Secret," exposing some of the abuses Friedman was not allowed to see.

Ann was a featured speaker at the International Self-Directed Learning Symposium, chaired by Dr. Lucy M. Guglielmino, FAU Professor Emeritus. She traveled to FAU Boca Raton to visit the Karen Slattery Educational Research Center for Child Development and A.D. Henderson University School as well as a number of FAU faculty members, gathering ideas and information and exploring development of a partnership to share environmental education approaches in the elementary schools.

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