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ABSTRACT

This poster describes the activities of Teachers Helping Teachers (THT) in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan, Central Asia. The THT SIG assists fellow educators in and around Asia by providing teacher-training workshops. THT seminars are held at both central locations and in the regions of the countries, in an effort to train and support in-service instructors at the primary, secondary and tertiary level. The workshops are grouped around a seminar theme each year, with the aim of exhibiting practical and teacher-friendly approaches to language education, informed by current research in the field. In Central Asia, THT organizes teaching seminars every September that are tailored to the needs of instructors there. Subtopics covered in the poster include the distinctive teaching and learning contexts of the two countries, the main challenges confronted by teachers in those societies, key elements of the teacher training undertaken, partnerships with language teaching associations and universities, what to expect from a THT seminar, and a note about how Japan-based instructors

can advance their careers while helping the professional development of their fellows. The presenter hopes that the poster and resulting discussion will inspire more Japan-based language instructors and researchers to avail themselves of opportunities in Central Asia.

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