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Hello Adoption Friends,

As we head into October and our minds are on pumpkins and seeing the colorful fall leaves, I wanted to share with you some news and information that I hope will be helpful for you on your adoption journey as well as let you know that registration is now open for our October adoption webinars. The topics in this edition of the ThinkingOfAdopting.com Newsletter include:

1. Sweepstakes to Win Trip to China
2. Adoption Today Magazine Article on the Hague Convention
3. Registration now Open for ThinkingOfAdopting.com October Webinars

1) **Sweepstakes to Win a Trip to China**

RosettaStone (the well known language training software company) is offering a sweepstakes to win a free trip for two to China. Wow! Wouldn't it be great if you could somehow use this trip to help with your adoption travel or go back and visit the country of your child's birth? The fine print says no purchase is necessary and sweepstakes ends on November 22, 2006. To learn more or register go to:

<http://www.rosettastone.com/en/syia>

2) **Adoption Today Magazine Articles on the Hague Convention**

Want to learn more about the Hague Convention (a multi-national treaty on adoption) and how it might affect adoption when it is implemented? Adoption Today magazine has two very good articles on the treaty in its October/November 2006 issue: "The Hague Convention" by Meghan D. Hendy and the "Hague Treaty" written by Trish Maskew that you might want to read. According to the articles, the purpose of the treaty is to protect children, adoptive parents, and birth parents that are involved in international adoption, and is applies to adoption only between countries who have signed the treaty. For those in the United States, the Hague Convention will apply to adoption with China, Guatemala, India, Colombia and the Philippines, and will likely not take effect before late 2007. If you haven't heard of Adoption Today magazine, it's available by subscription only. Their web site is: <http://www.adoptinfo.net>

You can also learn more about the Hague Convention by visiting the following web sites:

<http://www.jcics.org/Hague.htm>

<http://www.hcch.net>

http://www.travel.state.gov/family/adoption/convention/convention_462.html

3) **Registration now Open for ThinkingOfAdopting.com October Webinars**

I'm happy to announce that registration is now open for ThinkingOfAdopting.com's October 2006 webinars. October webinars include:

- **"Adopting the Orphanage Child: Overcoming Orphanage Life" with Dr. Todd Ochs** - Dr. Ochs is an international doctor as well as a father to 5 children. Four of his children are adopted from China. This is a good course for anyone who is considering adopting from China or waiting to adopt from China. (Sunday 9pm Eastern time 10/15/06)
- **"Healing Hannah: Attachment from a parent's point of view" with Dawn Choate** - Dawn Choate - a mother of four including two children adopted from China. Dawn will discuss the attachment challenges she faced with one of her daughters, including describing her daughter's symptoms, how she ultimately realized she was facing an attachment challenge, and how she found the resources

needed to overcome them. This is a great opportunity for both pre and post adoptive parents regardless of the country you are adopting (or have adopted) from. Dawn was recently featured in Adoption Today magazine. (Wednesday 9pm Eastern time 10/25/06)

- **"Thinking Of Adopting: An Introduction to International Adoption" with Robin Bartko** - This five session webinar will give you an overview of the international adoption process, including focused sessions on the process, the home study, how (and when) to select an adoption agency, and sources of international adoption information. This webinar will include downloadable questions for you to ask when you are interviewing adoption agencies. If you have not picked an adoption agency and/or a country to adopt from yet, this is a very informative course that you will find very helpful. (Begins Thursday 9pm Eastern Time 10/26/06; class size is very limited)

You can learn more or register at:

http://www.thinkingofadopting.com/html/adoption_telecourses.html

Help Spread the Word

As always, if you find the telecourses and webinars on ThinkingOfAdopting.com useful, I'd certainly appreciate if you would help spread the word. Please feel free to pass this information on to anyone who you feel would be interested. I'd sincerely appreciate your help in getting the word out.

My best to you on your adoption journey. If there is anything I can do to help you, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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