

## A SCRIPT – REMEMBERING EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES

“Today, I am going to show you some tricks that will help you learn and remember the names and locations of East Asian countries. As I point to the countries on the transparency, please follow along on your map.”

- a. **China** [*point to the country outline on the transparency*] is the most populous country in the world. If dropped, it would break into pieces just like a piece of fine porcelain china. Now, point to China on your map... [*checking*]. Remember, China is large and China can break into pieces.
- b. **Hong Kong** is an island located off the coast of mainland China [*point to Hong Kong on the transparency*]. This piece was reattached to China in 1997. **Macau** [*point to Macau on the transparency*] is another piece that was attached to China in 1999. **Taiwan** [*point to the island on the transparency*] is a piece some people would like to see ‘tied on’ to China. “My goal” **Mongolia** [*point to Mongolia on the transparency*] is to be *on top* of China.
- c. **Japan** is an archipelago of islands east of China. The islands of Japan are in the shape of the letter “J.” Next in the alphabet is the letter “K.” **North Korea** and **South Korea** are across the Sea of Japan to the west of “J” [Japan].
- d. Now review. Everyone point to the location of Taiwan... [*Check*]. How many pointed here? [*show correct location on the transparency*]. Good. Now point to Japan. Remember, Japan is “J”- shaped [*show*]. How many got both correct?
- e. The next country is **Thailand**. Thailand is shaped like a necktie [*point to the country on the transparency*]. Note the knot and the long, flowing tail. Thailand “ties together” four other countries. From west to east (left to right) the student **Must Label Very Carefully** [**Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia**]. [*Point to each country on the map. Check for student accuracy*].
- f. Thailand also “ties” Myanmar to **Malaysia**. Malaysia is divided into two parts. Each part has a smaller nation tied to it. **Singapore** is a small island south of Malaysia [*point to Singapore on the transparency*]. **Brunei** is near the bay in the second part of Malaysia [*point to the transparency*].
- g. The end of East Asia is **Indonesia**. Get it? “End” of East Asia is “Ind”onesia.
- h. East of Indonesia is **East Timor**.
- i. “Fill” in the space that remains with the **Philippines**.

When most errors have been eliminated, have students put their names on their papers and fill in the names of the countries on the map. When they finish, collect the papers and check for accuracy.