

Waterbear Language Studio (WLS) and Earthbound Enterprises (EE) are twined as licensed companies in the CNMI. The connection is Jaime Vergara, (JV) current opinion columnist for the *Saipan Tribune* and erstwhile writer for the *Marianas Variety* who registered EE in the Marianas before joining the CNMI PSS teaching staff at San Vicente Elementary School 2003-2008.

(WLS)

The use of the images of the planet on the logos is intentional. We lovingly embrace earthrise consciousness married to the demands of earthbound commitments.

The contextual turn was articulated well by Astronaut Edgar Mitchell of Apollo 14:

(Earthrise)

*"Suddenly, from behind the rim of the moon, in long slow motion moments of immense majesty, there emerges a sparkling blue and white jewel, a light, delicate sky blue sphere faced with slowly swirling veils of white, rising gradually like a small pearl in a thick sea of black mystery. It takes more than a moment to fully realize this is Earth . . . home."*

The learnings of Earthbound are derived from Vergara's engagement with the global staff of the Institute of Cultural Affairs (ICA) 1972-1986 that had some

2,500 volunteers in its roster to promote a highly participatory and comprehensive approach to human development in every time zone around the world including 10 major locations in the Pacific. When the center no longer could hold, the global network had enough wisdom to dissipate into local and national offices.

There are ICA-affiliated offices scattered around globally with a center in Canada. Spin-offs going their own creative and innovative ways are the programs of the *Realistic Living Institute, Bonham, Texas, a daily Journal Reflection, and the Ecozoic Center, North Carolina,*

*and the Way of the Warrior, Indiana.*

The Waterbear and the Earthbound rely heavily on the same tradition and relates symbiotically to the mentioned offspring.

As an oral English teacher at Shenyang Aerospace University (SAU) 2011-2014, Vergara joined others who created the Waterbear Language Studio of Shenyang to assist those taking standard University and Graduate education tests, heading to English instructions outside of China, as well as provide language tutorial for those who wish to simply speak English. The sphere lines around the global orb symbolize the "network" of learners.

The current services provided in the CNMI and China combine the ecological concern of the first and the linguistic teaching of the second.

(EE)

The operation and management of the group is horizontally structured, faithful to its own technology of participation. There are no social structures to claim, or hierarchical strata to climb, only clearly defined participant's role and facilitator's function.

Efficacy of service is the defining context rather than the ascent upwards a pointed pyramid. Getting a job done rather than gathering brownie points is the focus.

An "oral English language immersion tour" in Saipan is packaged. A 15-day journey from destination and return for Chinese students is orchestrated. A 7-day version for tourists is a mainstay.

*Zhongguoren* residing in Saipan are also targeted for oral English learning, along with children of foreign personnel at the various island schools.

Individual programs of language tutorials (only in English and *Putunghua* for now), and guided tours of Saipan are offered, in conjunction with existing established services on island.

As the globe is in the CNMI, WLS & EE relates to a worldwide network. A partial and expanding list of consulting partners include -

*In China:*

(Alice) Feng Cai - pedagogy  
(Mariya) Ma He - English translation  
(Oliver Wang Zi Xu), teaching  
(Green) Wu Jia Wen - Hangzhou  
Zac Song Zhe - Shenyang  
(Richard) Zhang Kui - Taiyuan

*In the Philippines:*

Bill & Aida Granert - watershed  
Pete & Mimi Ocampo - CO/CD, NRM  
Vic Quiton - Community Development

*In Saipan:*

Ed Arriola - all-terrain vehicles  
Jun Dayao - graphics and layout  
Mirasol Dayao - accounting  
(Abi) Jiang Nan - scuba  
Joe Kaipat - NM islands  
Janet King - CNMI law  
(Avi) Liu Qui Xiang - hospitality  
(Cindy) Liu Xiaoyan - physical therapy  
(Chris) Liu Yunpeng - tours  
Gilbert Morales - accounts  
Lino Olopai - *Refaluwasch Olomwaay*  
Mark Rabago - history  
Jim Rayphand - disabilities  
Jayvee Vallejera - publishing  
Jaime Vergara - training  
Zhang Jian Cai - cuisine

*In the United States:*

Michi Atkinson - ocean cruise, HI  
Ben Ball - energy, TX  
Lisa Cabahug - biological research, SF  
Lynda and John Cock - reflective skills, NC  
Kristina Campbell - db management, NC

Susan Fertig - grant writing, MD  
Herman Greene - ecozoic civilization, NC  
Margaret-Beach Hacking, literature, PA  
Gordon Harper, quiet intelligence, WA  
Teresa Healy, brokerage, CA  
Jane Lee Eumi - Korea-China-America, CA  
Jailu and Jess Navarrete - medical, HI

*Let's Play Language*

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*Let's Romp on Planet Earth*

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