Submissions must be received by:

May 21st, 2010
5:00 p.m.

The University of Virginia is pleased to announce its first annual (and first ever) Asia Lesson Plan Challenge.

Eligibility: Entrants must be employed either full- or part-time as teachers in a Virginia public school division, teaching any grade or subject in K-12.

Criteria: 1. Content must clearly and cogently address one or more of the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOLs) related to South Asia or East Asia and/or to their role in contemporary U.S. affairs. (A complete list of eligible SOLs is included in the submission materials.)

2. The complete submission package must be received by the deadline.

3. Teachers may submit entries as individuals or as teams. Each individual or team may only submit one lesson plan for each region of Asia, i.e., one for South Asia, and one for East Asia. Prizes will be awarded to individuals or to teams, but not to separate individuals within teams.

4. Winners must consent to having their plans posted on the Asia Institute K-12 website for open source use by other schools and teachers.

5. Entries will be judged on their adherence to the SOLs (20%), originality (20%), level of student engagement (30%), accuracy (10%), and overall quality (20%).

Prizes:
- Best overall: $250 cash prize
- Runner up: $150 cash prize
- Best South Asia: Classroom set of books or maps
- Best East Asia: Classroom set of books or maps
- Honorable Mentions: National Geographic Society Giant Asia Map for 1 day at your school

For submission materials and more information, visit:
http://artsandsciences.virginia.edu/asiainstitute/outreach/challenge.html

Have a great idea for teaching about South or East Asia? You could win a $250 cash prize!