English No Longer the World Language?

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Because of China’s growing economy and _________________, Chinese has become a language many people want to learn. In the United States about 50,000 students from kindergarten to eighth _________________ are taking Chinese, _________________ to only 5,000 in 2004. About 100 million people worldwide are studying Chinese as a second language.

The Chinese _________________ has started a number of Confucius Institutes to _________________ the Chinese language and the country’s culture. Currently there are such institutes in over 60 countries. 2,000 students have _________________ the program in the last two years.

In the Philippines people think that learning Chinese will allow them to get better _________________ in the future. As more and more Chinese travel to other countries as tourists or on _________________, people who can speak Chinese have an advantage over others.

In Panama one government official has even thought about making Chinese compulsory in _________________ schools, however it is so hard to get enough _________________ teachers to teach Chinese.

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The Chinese government has a started a number of Confucius Institutes to spread the Chinese language and the country’s culture. Currently there are such institutes in over 60 countries. 2,000 students have attended the program in the last two years.

In the Philippines people think that learning Chinese will allow them to get better jobs in the future. As more and more Chinese travel to other countries as tourists or on business, people who can speak Chinese have an advantage over others.

In Panama one government official has even thought about making Chinese compulsory in public schools, however it is so hard to get enough qualified teachers to teach Chinese.

In the future Mandarin Chinese might not overtake English as the world’s number one language but because China is expanding further it will become an important language.