



GKE Senior Vice President Florence McGinn presented as a keynote speaker at Singapore-based Conference 2000, **NEW LEADERS, NEW SCHOOLS, A NEW FUTURE**, a gathering attended by over 1,350 school principals, vice-principals, academics, and senior management personnel from educational institutions in Singapore and other APEC-member countries. Conference 2000 in Singapore was designed to focus on four areas: the use of information technology in a learning society, improvement of teaching systems, reforming educational management systems, and the enhancement of cooperation and exchange of people and expertise in education.

Florence McGinn, a former US Commissioner on the Congressional Commission on Web-based Education, a former Microsoft-sponsored Technology and Learning National Teacher of the Year, and recipient of the Princeton University Distinguished Secondary Educator award, presented on technology-assisted learning projects that emphasized empowering leadership, innovation, academic excellence, and cutting edge technology. Accompanying Florence McGinn were GKE Exemplary Students, Emily Judson and Douglas Gorton, innovative student leaders of award-winning pilot projects.



The Conference Organizing Committee indicated in its Conference Proceedings that it had selected "keynote speakers of extremely high calibre" to provide introduction to "the latest thinking and ideas in educational management and leadership."



Ten, international, keynote speakers were selected. Philip Yeo, Chairman of the Singapore Economic Development Board and Deputy Chairman of the National Science and Technology Board, spoke as a recognized pioneer of Singapore IT industry. He addressed the topic of new leadership for a knowledge-based economy. Joining Philip Yeo and Florence McGinn as keynote speakers were IBM Professor of Psychology and Education at Yale University, Robert Sternberg, and senior partner with Educational Renaissance Planners, Alan November.



While in Singapore for Conference 2000, Florence McGinn, met with interested school leaders, made additional presentations at sites such as the Singapore Anglo-Chinese Junior College, and assisted in the dedication of cutting edge computer lab classrooms at ACJC.

Florence McGinn is a national and international education industry advocate. She has presented at venues that include Australia's Change and Challenge Conference, NECC, TechSpo, the international AMC Conference, SchoolTech, and venues in China, Japan, Italy, and Korea, on Shanghai television and on NJ Network television, and for the US Dept. of Education, for the NJ Dept. of Education, for the NJ State School Board, and for groups including AT&T, NJASA, PBS, National Teacher Training Institute, and IBM. Florence McGinn is the United States National Tech&Learning Teacher of the Year 1998, a former United States Commissioner on Web-based Education in the Clinton administration, the recipient of many awards including Princeton University Distinguished Secondary School Educator, numerous Best Educational Practices awards, and a National Association of School Curriculum Development award, as well as a recipient of grant support from agencies such as AT&T, Lucent Technology, Johnson & Johnson, Microsoft, US Department of Education, Macromedia.

This project is one of many GKE and GKE-facilitated projects.
With K-12, university, and corporate strategic partners,
GKE designs and integrates value-added, technology-assisted
learning interactions that are customized to suit
compelling regional and international education industry needs.