

Conference Name: The Seventh Shanghai Forum for Emerging Researchers in Applied Linguistics

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This report addresses four key aspects of the Seventh Shanghai Forum for Emerging Researchers in Applied Linguistics: the main objectives, a brief introduction of speakers and presentations, highlights of the conference, and my personal reflections.

The forum aimed to address educational linguistics and the development of foreign language disciplines, featuring keynote speakers such as Prof. Wei Li, Dr. Andy Gao, and Prof. Shen Qi, who presented new ideas in areas like language policy, assessment, and pragmatics.

A particularly impactful presentation was by Prof. Wayne E. Wright and Sovicheth Boun, discussing the implementation of mother tongue multilingual education (MLE) in Cambodian public schools for indigenous minority students. Their research highlighted the importance of using students' mother tongues in early education to improve access and reduce dropout rates.

This talk served as a reminder of the need to consider students' backgrounds and learning characteristics, which can often be overlooked in teaching practices.