

## USER'S GUIDE

1. This textbook can be used for courses in advanced Chinese or Chinese culture.
2. Each lesson comprises three major parts: texts, language points, and exercises. The first part consists of three texts: a main text, a ministry 小故事, and a knowledge 小知识 section. Accordingly, there are three vocabulary lists. Language points provide practice using words, sentence patterns, and idioms. The ten-plus sections of exercises provide an ample source of classroom practice and homework assignments.
3. When doing certain exercises, students may need to use a Chinese dictionary (hard copy or online). In those exercises requiring translation from Chinese into English 中译英, interpretations are supplied only for those words likely to confuse students.
4. English translations of the texts are included in the appendix.
5. Sections of the exercises—including debate, composition, storytelling, and topical research—require students to do research on the Internet. These research projects, although brief in nature and limited in scope, will challenge students to check information and resources in Chinese and English, and to report their findings in Chinese.