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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTS *IMAGES AND IMAGERY:
EXPERIENCING CHINESE POETRY ON OCTOBER 15, 2009*
ON THE MICHAEL J. GRANT CAMPUS**

Brentwood, NY – In celebration of Cultural Diversity Month, Suffolk County Community College will present, *Images and Imagery: Experiencing Chinese Poetry* on Thursday, October 15th from 2:00 – 3:15 p.m. in the mezzanine of the Van Nostrand Theatre on the Michael J. Grant Campus in Brentwood.

Professor Wenwei Du from Vassar College will give a lecture on Chinese culture as reflected through language and poetry. One aspect of Chinese poetry which has had significant influence on modern Western poets, is its use of concentrated images. This presentation will use Tang Dynasty poetry to illustrate the beauty and art of Chinese literature and linguistic culture.

The audience may be encouraged to produce their own English versions of the sample poem prior to hearing published translations. The audience's participation is a process of reproducing the poem's imagery and imagination in the mind. Thus, Chinese poetry is appreciated and understood not as an abstract concept but as a concrete image.

Dr. Wenwei Du teaches Chinese language and culture at Vassar College. He is currently serving as vice president of the Chinese Language Teachers Association of Greater New York (CLTA-GNY) and the president of the association of Chinese Oral and Performing Literatures (CHINOPERL). He has been a speaker in the Speakers in the Humanities Program sponsored by the New York Council for the Humanities.

This event is free of charge and is open to the general public. For more information please call (631) 851-6328.

About Suffolk County Community College

Suffolk County Community College (SCCC) is the largest community college in the State University of New York (SUNY) system, enrolling more than 23,000 students at its three campuses in Selden, Brentwood and Riverhead. SCCC offers the Associate in Arts (A.A.), Associate in Science (A.S.), and Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degrees, as well as a variety of certificate programs. Offering the lowest college tuition on Long Island, a highly respected Honors program, extensive extracurricular activities, championship athletic teams, and numerous unified transfer programs, SCCC is a first-choice college for Long Island students. Visit us online at sunysuffolk.edu.

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