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## TESOL RETURNS TO HONDURAS

### HELTA FOUNDED NOVEMBER 2015

San Pedro Sula.

An opportunity for sharing professional expertise with like-minded teachers and pursuing professional development, HELTA- The Honduran English Language Teacher's Association celebrated it's first annual Professional Development Workshops Conference from November 19 to the 21st 2015, marking the return of TESOL to Honduras and the inauguration of HELTA.

There were 14 international presenters from China, Greece, Trinidad & Tobago, Mexico, Portugal, Mauritius, the USA, Panama, Brazil and Moldova, including some 22 national presenters from different provinces throughout Honduras.

The event would not have been possible if it were not for the sponsorship and collaboration of the following entities: the embassy of the United States of America, the Alumni Engagement & Innovation Fund, Centro Cultural Sampedrano, Clarion Suites Mediterraneo, Gran Hotel Sula, Pearson Education, Oxford University Press, Britannica Digital Learning, Macmillan Education, Santillana.com, Education USA, Secomar- International Representatives for DeFreitas & Associates and Pro Mas.

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## REGIONAL CONFERENCES

- El Progreso hosts the first HELTA regional conference 07 May 2016.
- Choluteca will host HELTA regionals on the 21 May 2016.
- Look out for June 2016 Regionals in Catacamas & Comayagua
- Regionals for July 2016 possibly SPS & Danli



## HELTA 2016 LA CEIBA HERE WE COME!

**La Ceiba** is a port city on the northern coast of Honduras in Central America.

It is located on the southern edge of the Caribbean, forming part of the south eastern boundary of the Gulf of Honduras.

With an estimated population of over 200,000 living in approximately 170 residential areas<sup>[2]</sup> (called colonias or barrios), it is the fourth largest city in the country and the capital of the Honduran department of Atlántida.

La Ceiba was officially founded on

August 23, 1877. The city was named after a giant ceiba tree which grew near the old dock, which itself finally fell into the sea in late 2007. The city has been officially proclaimed the "Eco-Tourism Capital of Honduras" as well as the "Entertainment Capital of Honduras". Every year, on the third or fourth Saturday of May, the city holds its famous carnival to commemorate Isidore the Laborer (Spanish *San Isidro Labrador*). During this time, the city is host to approximately 500,000 tourists.

*"HELTA 2016: We are ready and would like to see you at La Ceiba, August 19-20, Campus CEUTEC! Request the Call for Proposals at [hondurastesol.proposals@yahoo.com](mailto:hondurastesol.proposals@yahoo.com)*

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## MEET OUR PRESIDENT: GRAZZIA MENDOZA

Grazzia Maria Mendoza, M.Ed., M.A.  
HELTA Honduras TESOL President

Grazzia Maria Mendoza Chirinos has a Master's in International Education and a Master's in TESOL. Active in ESL since 1992. Has done curriculum development for all levels. 10 years' experience in the Higher Education context teaching English for Academic Purposes as well as for Specific Purposes.

Volunteer in varied projects related to EFL. US Department of State Alumna for programs such as the E-teacher program, SIT World Learning Programs, SUSI Exchange. Accredited US Embassy teacher trainer since 2008. Trainer in Honduras, Central America, Mexico, South America and the United States for TESOL International Association since 2007.

Her work with TESOL International Association includes: Presenter since 2007; in 2012 invited guest speaker to discuss the work of Honduras in EFL/ESL. Chair of the International Award Committee 2012-2014. Assistant Editor for the CALL Interest Section Newsletter for the last 5 years. TESOL International proposal reviewer since 2009. Recently appointed Chair-Elect 2016 for the EFL Interest Section.

Honduran representative for the Regional TESOL affiliate group for Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean Basin since 2010 and currently HELTA-Honduras TESOL President which is a TESOL International recognized affiliate.

Strongly interested in promoting professional development for teachers in Honduras in both the public and the private settings. At present works in Zamorano University in the English Area developing curricular changes, new programs and promoting experiential and student-centered instruction. She is the English Area Coordinator.





*HELTA Honduras TESOL our national and international presenters were showered with much appreciation by Centro Cultural Sampedrano.*

## TEACHERS TREATED TO AN INTERNATIONAL FUSION OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE

Centro Cultural Sampedrano, SPS.

CCS was the host for our 1st Annual HELTA Honduras TESOL Professional Development Conference.

Participants were eager for the opportunity to sample a wide variety of PD Workshops ranging from : Peer Instruction for Peer Learning to Students as a Resources, Biliteracy for ALL Citizens, Innovation in Education in the Americas, Mindfulness in Education, Dual Immersion Models, Cooperative learning vs Group Learning, Listening Empowerment through Musical Tasks, Practical Strategies for Material Design as well as Bilingual Education Integration in the Honduran Education System.

There were 14 international presenters from China, Greece, Trinidad & Tobago, Mexico, Portugal, Mauritius, the USA, Panama, Brazil and Moldova, including some 22 national presenters from different provinces throughout Honduras.

Workshops were dynamic and productive , with a duration of no more than an hour and a half and as short as 45 minutes with candidates having the chance to ask questions and interact with other teachers.

The main purpose of HELTA Honduras TESOL is to make quality training available to teachers who may not have access to resources provided in private institutions.

Our goal is to serve our country and ensure that our nation's children receive the best possible bilingual education regardless of their financial standing in life.

If you would like to be a part of our association please look for us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/PDENGLISTEACHERS](http://www.facebook.com/PDENGLISTEACHERS) or you can write to us at our email: [hondurastesol@yahoo.com](mailto:hondurastesol@yahoo.com)

We look forward to hearing from you all.

***“Schools as we know them are obsolete. They aren’t broken. They are out-dated.”***

**Dr. Sugata Mitra,  
TEDprize Winner,  
#TED 2013**

## WHAT IS TESOL?

TESOL stands for **Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages**

and encompasses what used to be called TEFL (*Teaching English as a Foreign Language*) and TESL (*Teaching English as a Second Language*). Generally,

TEFL emphasises aspects of teaching English in countries where English is not widely used in daily life, such as Russia, China, France and Brazil. The term TESL tends to emphasise the needs of learners who will use English in their daily lives, in addition to their mother-tongue. In many countries, such as Zambia and India for example, English is used as an official language in government, in business, in newspapers, TV and radio as well as being the main medium of educational instruction in schools and colleges, as well as universities. The acronym TESOL encompasses both TESL and TEFL and is very widely used around the world. Good teachers of English, whether they are TESOL, TEFL or TESL-qualified, adapt their teaching methods, their expectations of students, their teaching materials and their classroom activities to their local environment and the needs of their learners.



## REGIONAL CONFERENCE: EL PROGRESO, YORO

This regional training will be set up as a mini conference.

Three presenters, national and international will deliver training on May 7 from 8am – 3 pm.

There will be two mini-plenaries, one at the beginning of the day and the other one at the end of the day. Additionally, participants will have access to 90 minute workshops, in two blocks, which revolve around the following topics: (a) Inclusive Classroom Teaching (Peer Collaboration), (b) Icebreakers for small and large groups (c) Student-centered activities to enhance speaking skills, (d) Web 2.0 tools to enhance EFL skills and Collaborative Writing Strategies, (e) Critical Thinking Skills Development, and (f) Making English Learning Enjoyable through simple activities.

## TEACHER TRAINING : 21ST CENTURY TOOLS



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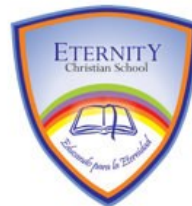
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### REGIONAL PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE 2016: EL PROGRESO, YORO

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and learn with  
us:

- ✓ International & Local speakers
- ✓ Developmental Characteristics of Young Learners
- ✓ Inclusive Classroom teaching through Peer Collaboration
- ✓ Critical Thinking Skills Development
- ✓ Collaborative Writing Strategies to enhance Writing Skills...and so much, more!



**VENUE:** ETERNITY CHRISTIAN  
SCHOOL & INSTITUTE

**DATE:** MAYO 07

**TIME:** 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM