Tan was the keynote as well as a breakout presenter at our annual BC TESOL Conference in Vancouver, B.C. in October 2018. Thanks to his presence on Twitter and his Empowering ELL blog, Tan is a familiar figure to many B.C. teachers and the conference was as sellout before the registration deadline. As well as presenting locally, Tan also travelled to Victoria, B.C. to work with teachers there. His presentations were engaging and enthusiastically received.

Tan was extremely accommodating in working through conference arrangements and learning about the B.C. context. His message and examples about the importance of co-planning in collaborative partnerships meshed with B.C.’s focus on valuing and responding to diversity through inclusive practices.

Tan is a dynamic presenter and his passion for supporting effective pedagogy with an ELL lens is practical as well as visible. We are hopeful that there will be other opportunities to have Tan return to support B.C. teachers before too long!

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