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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to provide a professional reference for Mr. Tan Huynh. I was the head of the ACAMIS committee in planning the 2018 ACAMIS ELL Conference at the International School of Tianjin. It was my job to secure a keynote speaker for the conference. I learned about Tan through a colleague who followed Tan's work online, through his blog, Empoweringells.com. Tan's reputation for presenting cutting-edge ideas at workshops around Southeast Asia, including EARCOS and ELLSA preceded him. Tan's working style and ethic made him incredibly easy to work with during the planning process of this conference.

Tan's keynote speech was superb. He spoke about how different shifts in language instruction have occurred and the importance of teaching in meaningful ways. This is mainly through teaching language from within subject content, and collaborating with classroom teachers. His keynote gave us valuable insight into what it takes to create a successful co-teaching partnership.

Speaking from personal experience as an ELL student, as well as his current teaching practice, Tan spoke about how we, as teachers, need to learn how to design our instruction that includes everyone in the classroom. Tan's presentation set the tone for our two-day conference, which was aimed at helping mainstream classroom teachers support language learners from within their classroom. Tan is a dynamic speaker, with a wealth of experience to share and a lot of practical resources for participants to take back to their school. Tan made his presentations and resources available digitally to attendees, as well as connecting with them through Twitter, live at the conference. Participants commented that it was packed with great teaching approaches and ideas.

Tan is highly informed on the new and different approaches to teaching language learners in the classroom. His experience working in the International school community from the classroom level provides a highly relevant perspective to audiences. Tan's breakout session on learning language through content was both insightful and enjoyable, and he brings a dose of humor to his presentations. His research-based strategies help all educators become teachers of language and is a well-connected, trusted resource on the subject of English language learning.

In conclusion, it is my pleasure to give Tan Huynh my recommendation as a keynote speaker. He will deliver valuable information in an inspiring manner. Please feel free to contact me should you need any further information.

Kind regards,  
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