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English Education Center NEWSLETTER

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52 INTENSIVE CLASSES

We are offering you two S2 courses for students who are interested in English.

677 Tomohito Hiromori

THEME Strategies for Success – Developing Reading and Writing Strategies

classroom Honkan 31

678 Kurt Goltz

THEME Short Stories

classroom Honkan 21

Please **register** at the counter of the **ENGLISH EDUCATION CENTER Office,** which is on the second floor of KYOTSUKYOIKU HONKAN.



BOOK REPORTS of GRADED READERS

More than two hundreds "GRADED READERS" have been read in the past three months.

Let us introduce "a Book Report" of the student who read one of GRADED READERS.

Title---- Alice in Wonderland

What is the Book About?---- This story is Alice's adventure. Alice ran after a Rabbit, and she fell into a hole. She met various characters there. The world was very strange and wonderful.

Who are the Main Characters?---The main characters are Alice, Rabbit, Cat, Hatter, Cards, Queen, and so on.

Did You Enjoy the Book?----I enjoyed it very much. I have read this book

You can watch DVDs, use English computer software, and look at English reference books in the STUDENT SUPPORT ROOM, next to the English Education Center office on the second floor of KYOTSUKYOIKU HONKAN.



FROM "ENJOY ENGLISH" CLASSES

"EIGO GAKUSHU "COURSES have already finished.

Four English courses were held.

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* JAPANESE CULTURE (Bruce Lander)
* PSYCHOLOGY TEST (Steve Fukuda)

*HIP HOP MUSIC (Steve Fukuda)





Comments from HIP HOP MUSIC CLASS



- ★ I enjoyed this class. I listened to much music I have never listened to before. So I could broaden my horizons. I could understand what the hip hoppers said.
- ◆I hope "EIGO GAKUSHU" classes will continue forever. These classes encourage students to be interested in English culture and language.
- ■Very interesting class. Before I took this class, I didn't care about lyrics, especially hip hop, because it's very fast and hard to understand. Now, I try to understand the lyrics. This class made me listen to hip hop music more. INTERESTING TOPIC, NICE CLASS!!

"TALK! TALK! TALK!" will end on Jan.22nd.

The following Foreign Lecturers have participated in "TALK!TALK!TALK!" this semester. A lot of students enjoy discussing various topics with them.



Melanie Taylor Nicholas Travers

Kurt Goltz

: Iain Campbell: Bruce Lander: Semin Poonja

Watch for the next spring's schedule on the bulletin board if you missed out this time.

Come and find books you are interested in!



Come and talk with the Foreign Lecturers!



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These past three years working at Ehime University have been a truly unique and wonderful experience. Coming to the campus, working with the staff of the English Education

Center, and sharing an office with the other foreign lecturers has always been a pleasure, and a lot of fun. I have learned so much from my colleagues and students. Over these 3 years, I have taught about 1175 Aidai students. I have enjoyed so many conversations with them and always wished I had more time to get to know them. From late April, I will be starting a new career as an interpreter/translator in Sado Island, Niigata. After living in Ehime for over 6 years, I know I will come back from time to time, so if you see me around, please say hi to me! Thanks for so many good memories!

From Melanie Taylor



My experience over the last three years living in Matsuyama and working at Ehime University has been one of the most gratifying of my life. It has been a joy to work with such talented and

exceptional colleagues, and I have learned much from them that I will take with me wherever I go. I have enjoyed working with the students of Ehime University and feel confident that many of them will meet with great success in the future! My future will be in Fukuoka beginning next year as my wife and I will have our first child there next summer. I would like to thank everyone for their support and friendship over the last three years! I wish you all the best! From Michael Guinn

I still have a few months to go at Ehime University, but I'm already sad at the thought of leaving. It has been an unforgettable

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experience working here. My job has been to teach the students, but so often they were the ones teaching me about Japan, and the experiences of a young person in this country. I know too little about them still, but enough to feel hopeful for their futures.

From Nicholas Travers

INFORMATION FROM ENGLISH GANG

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We are reading aloud the NHK Radio English Conversation Program "Let's Practice" during the lunch break on Fridays.

You are always welcome!

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WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

From Foreign lecturer Steve Fukuda

In the previous edition of this newsletter, Mark told us that he didn't really have a 'JIKKA'. Being a military brat, the same applies to me. A military brat is a child whose parent or parents are serving in the military. A military family is forced to move frequently. They move all around the world, living in military bases in various countries. I usually found myself in a new school or country every three years or so. For me the thought of living in one house my entire life and seeing the same faces in elementary and junior high school seemed unnatural. Tiger Woods, Jessica Alba, Stevie Fukuda, and Elton

Woods, Jessica Alba, Stevie Fukuda, and Elton John are military brats as well.

You won't believe it, but I was 0 years old when I first rode in a military helicopter. My parents were living in Naval Air Facility Atsugi, or Atsugi base, at the time, and there was no hospital for my mother to give birth, so she was sent to Yokosuka Naval Base by helicopter. Excited being in a helicopter, I wanted to enjoy the view from the helicopter, so I tried to jump out of my mothers' womb (mother's story!). However, we arrived safely on the hospital roof, where I was born. (On the roof! My mother always wanted me to be on top of

Three years later, we had to move again. This time it was to Pearl Harbor Naval Base in Hawaii, where I spent my days as a kindergartener. I don't remember much except for the pictures of me climbing palm trees and dropping coconuts on the tourists below (Look out below! Ouch!). Before we had a chance to settle down, my family was to be stationed in Detroit, Michigan. Detroit is the birthplace of many famous people, such as Eminem, Madonna, and Stevie Wonder (no relation!). We were shipped back to Japan in the summer of '87. Where, you say? Sasebo Naval Base in Nagasaki. Three years later, we had to move to Guam. I only spent two years there. We moved to Yokosuka in the summer of '92 where I joined a 'bousouzoku'. Sorry, I'm just kidding! Actually, I spent the 4 years at Nile C. Kinnick High School. Kinnick High has some famous alumni, such as the J-pop singer Crystal Kay and the Star Wars actor Mark Hamill. After graduating, I wanted to go to college in Hawaii, so I started doing construction work for three years to save up some money.

As you see, I really can't say I have a 'JIKKA'. Interestingly, my passport says that I am from Ohio which is my parents' house, but I have never been there. I do envy people who grow



things!)

up in one neighborhood, but also feel I had many interesting and valuable adventures that others will never have the opportunity to experience.

I love all the places I have lived in and all the people I have met in my life, which is something I would never trade.

