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New TOEIC Test Materials Available!

If you are thinking about taking the TOEIC test, we now have two new materials in stock.

“公式TOEIC Listening & Reading 問題集 9” is the official TOEIC Listening & Reading test material, so you can experience the same test as the real thing. It would be the perfect preparation for the TOEIC test, with plenty of explanations.

“公式TOEIC Listening & Reading Part 7 速読演習” is designed for those who have trouble finishing Part 7 of the test, the reading comprehension section. It introduces useful training methods for speed reading.

These materials are available in the Student Self-Learning Room on the 2nd floor of Aidai Muse. We hope you will make use of them.

New Year, New Goals!

Jane WATANABE (Assistant Professor)

Happy New Year, everyone! It's the year of the Rabbit in the Chinese Zodiac. They say that the year of the Rabbit is a lucky and exciting year for all of us! The New Year is a perfect time to look back and reflect on what went well in our lives the past year and move forward with a renewed hope and excitement. Have you already set your resolutions?



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When making resolutions, I think it is important to create a set of relevant and achievable goals and ask ourselves: What do you want to achieve? What's the motivation behind your goals this year? How is this goal relevant to your life?

In my case, this year, I plan to:

- 1) Organize** – It's time to get rid of the stuff I haven't used in years. It's also a wonderful opportunity to donate and see what things I can trade with friends.
- 2) Commit to a healthier lifestyle** – I plan on signing up for a gym membership this year and prioritizing my health. It's always good to invest in one's health.
- 3) Use money wisely** – I need to be more mindful with my expenses. I'll start with mak-

A Farewell Message from a Memorable EEC Teacher

JOSEPH NATTRESS

The time has come for me to leave Ehime University. It's a time of mixed emotions. I'm excited for new adventures, and also sorry to leave Matsuyama and the many wonderful people I've met here. I've really enjoyed my time teaching here at Ehime University and working with all of my students in the EEC.



ing a list before shopping and try to stick to it. I think having a list of what we need to buy beforehand can save us time and money.

4) Travel – My travel plan this year is to explore Shikoku Island more. The meaningful experiences we get from travelling teaches us a better understanding of the world and ourselves. It teaches us patience and flexibility especially when things don't go our way.

5) Spend quality time with loved ones – The pandemic has made me realize the importance of spending quality time with our loved ones. This doesn't need to be grand or expensive – movie nights at home, weekend walks in the park or just being there for them.

I hope these list can inspire you in making and achieving your own resolutions. Remember, always try to keep your resolutions achievable, relevant, and inspirational. All the best!



NewYearWiki.Com



I'd like to thank all of you that worked so hard to learn English in my classes. I appreciate the hours you spent studying and practicing your English skills. I was happy to watch so many of you improve in each quarter, even though the circumstances didn't allow us to work together in the same classroom.

I wish you all the best!

Upcoming Events

Ehime Univ. Entrance Exams

- 1) Feb 25 - 26
- 2) Mar 12

Spring School Holiday

Feb 17 - Apr 9

Graduation Ceremony

Mar 24

Entrance Ceremony

Apr 6

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**Summer SEA Program Reports**

For the first time in three years, the SEA (Study English Abroad) program, in which students study abroad during summer vacation, was held. Here are the reports from the students who participated in the program in Wales, UK, in the summer of 2022.

**Wonderful Experiences in Wales****Ryosuke IZUMI (Faculty of Science)**

Hello! My name is Ryosuke Izumi. I belong to the faculty of science. I joined a short programme* in Bangor University, and I had irreplaceable experiences there. So let me talk to you about them.

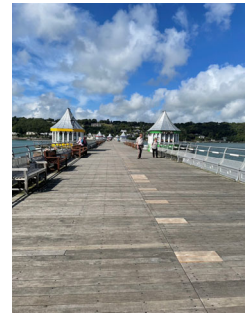
First of all, I learned it is important to challenge myself on things I never experienced. I had a chance to meet the vice-chancellor of the university, and he said, "If you have chance to do anything, don't be afraid of failure and try it. This would lead your life useful for something even if you fail." I was impressed with this comment and then his words gave me an opportunity to try things that I want to do.

Another, I was feeling the warmth of the people. After the COVID-19, our lives were restricted, which didn't enable us to



Famous Bridge in Bangor
Called "Menai Bridge"

meet face to face. But in this programme, I felt the kindness of people. I could meet with the locals and the people in the same programme. Whoever I met were very kind and made an impression.



Bangor Pier

This programme doesn't only make us improve our English skills, but also feel the culture and people's warmth. It was a wonderful programme for me! If you want to challenge something new or change yourself, I absolutely recommend you to join this programme and go to Bangor in Wales!

(*"Programme" is the British spelling of "program.")

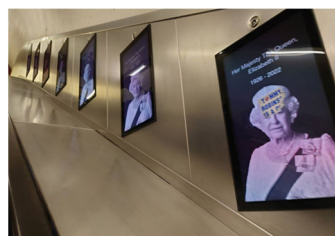


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A Very Unique Experience**Yudai ISHIMOTO (Faculty of Collaborative Regional Innovation)**

Hello, my name is Yudai Ishimoto. I belong to the faculty of Collaborative Regional Innovation. I went to Bangor in the U.K. last summer. I studied English and foreign culture and so on. Especially, I really enjoyed sightseeing in London. This is significant to me, because it had a great impact.

September in England was so tough because Queen Elizabeth II died. A lot of people were shocked. After her death, a lot of things changed. In particular, flag at half mast, a large number of posters of the Queen were put up. The news about it

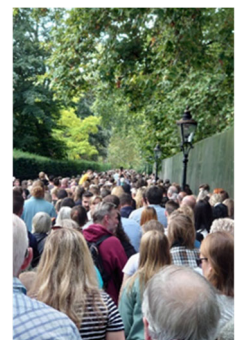


Electric Bulletin Boards in
the Subway

were constantly on TV. Especially, I was surprised that all the electric bulletin boards in the subway had posters of her.

There was a mourning mood in London. I went to Buckingham Palace. There were a lot of people and mass media. I couldn't move because of the crowd and traffic jam. I felt she was loved by the people in the U.K.

I had a lot of purposes in this study abroad. For example, studying English and my major, and watched many sightseeing places. I did it all. In addition, I felt and thought there was a difference in culture and customs through the death of Queen Elizabeth. It was a very valuable experience. I appreciate people who helped me. Thank you.



Crowd Heading
for the Palace