NEWSLETTER VOLUME English Education Center

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ALC NET ACADEMY WAS UPGRADED

- ♦ THE SELF-LEARNING SYSTEM ROOM WILL CLOSE
- TALK!TALK!TALK!PROGRAM WILL START SOON

REPORT FROM AN S3 CLASS

ALC Net Academy was upgraded!

You can access to ALC Net Academy2 outside the university!

Son campus http://alc2serv.eec.ehime-u.ac.jp/anet2/ Soft campus https://alc2serv.eec.ehime-u.ac.jp/anet2/

We have upgraded the ALC Net Academy so that it corresponds to the new TOEIC test. This system is an effective way for students who want to try to take the TOEIC.

In addition, there are two more courses for medical and engineering students to learn science technical and medical English.

> Why don't you try to improve your English skills anywhere and anytime?



Self-Learning system room will close

The Self-Learning System room on the 3rd floor will close from Nov. 7th due to renovation. It will newly open on the 2nd floor in April.

Talk! Talk! Talk! program will start soon!

This program will start from Nov. 12th. Students can take 30-minute conversation lessons with a native speaker. You can choose from various topics and timetables. You can choose as follows:



- INTRODUCTION OF A NEW LECTURER
- MEMORIES OF MY SUMMER VACATION
- INFORMATION



Report from an S3 class

We have four different type S3 classes for students who want to study more practical English. Let's see one of them!

TEACHER : Tzehaie Ogbamichael **THEME : Business English**



Class Contents

The aim of this course is to prepare students who plan to work in the business field. In addition to learning how to compose e-mails, faxes, letters and reports, if students are ambitious, we may even cover basic exercises in negotiation, presentation and research. Students are also advised to read the newspaper and discuss business topics in class. Upon completion of this course students should be able to transact business in English with little problem.

Comment From a Student

Tzehaie's English S3 is a really exciting, intelligent and high-quality class. I wasn't interested in business or politics before, but now, reading a newspaper is my daily routine!! One more important thing I got from this class is COURAGE. Students are demanded to talk in class. Little by little, I am learning to speak without fearing making mistakes, because the instructor and my classmates always listen carefully. I'm sure my English skill will improve and I'll like English more. Thank you, Tzehaie and S3 members!!!



Little by little one goes far!

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Introduction of new books

New books have arrived at the Student Support Room! Why don't you check them out? There are about 1000 books that students can borrow. There are various types of books that will satisfy your curiosity, such as Manga (Cartoons). Manga, which you might have read during your childhood, is easy to understand and will be helpful for learning basic and useful phrases. There are DVDs that you can watch in the room as well.



Wednesday	Soren Kerr	10:30 - 11:00
	Sam Barclay	15:00 - 15:30
Thursday	Willem de Goei	16:30 - 17:00
Friday	Kevin Chavis	10:30 - 11:00
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Please come to the EEC office to sign up!

Adam Serag

Introduction of a new lecture

My name is Adam and my hometown is Brisbane in Queensland, Australia. Queensland is a state of Australia, occupying the north-eastern corner of the mainland continent.



It is bordered by the Northern Territory to the west, South Australia to the south-west and New South Wales to the south. To the east, Queensland is bordered by the Coral Sea and Pacific Ocean. The state is Australia's second largest by area, following Western Australia, and the country's third most populous after New South Wales and Victoria. Brisbane in the Australian state of Queensland is the third most populous city in Australia.

I have been living in Japan for almost 6 years working towards my PhD in Computer Science at Kagoshima University and teaching English at the faculty of medicine and various English schools. I just arrived last week here in Matsuyama and started my new job at Ehime University.

I am committed to education as a lecturer and researcher. My primary research interest is the development of computational models of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the technologies used in Computer-assisted language learning (CALL) instruction including software and Internet-based activities.

I enjoy water activities and surfing, bush walking, social mountain biking, traveling, jogging, and reading. I love Japanese food and culture so much so that I think I was Japanese in a previous life!

Information

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GTEC TEST will be held on Dec. 4th, Thursday. First-year students must take this test. If you get a high score on the GTEC, you can apply for English credit exemptions. Details will be put up on the notice board at the end of the second semester, so please have a look and remember to apply for it.

ENGLISH GANG is a reading group for enthusiastic English learners. Members study the NHK radio program called "Let's Practice" during lunch break every Friday. Come and join us!

The EEC Office will move in the end of November to a *new* office on the 2nd floor.

Memories of my Summer Vacation



Kanako Katayama



Last August, we had a really hot worldwide event in Matsuyama here. Who had expected we would have "WORLD CUP" in this kind of rural area?! For myself who have played baseball for 10 years, I had just been enthusiastic. As the national softball team got the victory just before it, it was also right on the charts then. I guess you also heard about it everyday on the local news or even nationwide one. Did you go to Botchan stadium and see some of it or passionately all of it? I hope you did and

enjoyed it. They must have done their best. I also did my best there as the only local volunteer interpreter. The world cup gave not only the most brilliant gold medal to JAPAN, but valuable memories to me. From the



early morning to the midnight, I helped 14 umpires, TCs and scorers communicate each other not only on interpreting but on office work and negotiating. Those people were from all over the world. We always communicated in English. Each English had an original accent, pronunciation and dialect. We Japanese had to get used to all of them and occasionally guess non-native poor English. For me, the most difficult was I had to interpret various spoken English into honorific Japanese simultaneously. It was more difficult than doing Japanese into honorific English. I had helped so many foreigners understand Japanese and did Japanese tell what they wanted to tell their selves. But I had never tried that SIMULTANEOUSLY. I couldn't help being ashamed myself. What helped me was the kindness of everyone's trying to understand my poor interpretation. That really made my days. I'm proud of what we did there. Seriously, that made it a success. Keeping in touch with them even now is what motivates me up. Next is international universities' baseball tournament. Hope to work there with some of you.

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