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EEC Newsletter休刊のお知らせ

英語教育センターの季刊紙 EEC Newsletterは、今号をもって休刊することになりました。

2005年1月に創刊し、外国出身の教員による自由題での英文エッセイ、学生による留学体験記、英語関連の各種アクティビティの紹介など、多種多様なコンテンツを英語で発信してきましたが、3月末の英語教育センター閉鎖に伴い、約18年続いた英語情報紙の発行を休止することになりました。

なお、今号を含むこれまでの全52号は、4月以降も引き続きアーカイブとしてWeb上で閲覧いただける予定です。リンク先URLは現段階では未定ですが、“EEC Newsletter”でぜひ検索してみてください。

長らくご愛読いただき、ありがとうございました。

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Fun Regional Words

Travis BLACKBURN (Assistant Professor)

Have you ever said a word that only you and your local friends know, but your friends from other places do not? These regional words are used or originated in specific locations around the world. These words show that you are from the area since other people there would know them since they are part of the regional dialect. Every country and language have these regional words. However, let's focus on the United States and look at some fun and exciting regional vocabulary.



“Coast” of Oregon

Did you know that you can tell where someone is from in the United States by how they say cola? Well, in the Upper Midwest and the Northwest United States, the drink is called a “pop,” while in the Northeast and California, it is called “soda.” Yet, in the Southeast, they call it “coke” after Coca-Cola!

However, most regional dialects are spo-

Farewell Messages from Memorable EEC Teachers

RONALD MURPHY

Hello everyone. This is my 'Sayonara' message to Ehime University, as I soon will retire. I came to Japan in 1991 never thinking that I would still be here in the 2020s. My life here has been very satisfying, and Ehime University's and its English Education Center's office staffs have contributed to that satisfaction. I deeply appreciate all the support I have received in my time here, my many colleagues – past and present - and I will leave with great memories, but lamenting the dismantling of the EEC. Thank you again to EVERYONE, and best wishes. Keep in touch!



IAN DOWNER

It's finally time for me to say goodbye after a wonderful five years teaching at Ehime University. Over this time, it has been a great pleasure to see many of you grow in confidence and improve your skills in English.

Learning a second language is a long-term project that can be very challenging at times. However, with enough time and consistent effort, I know that you will be able to experience the lifelong benefits that come with learning a second language. Thank you very much to my fellow colleagues at the EEC for all your help and support. Kia ora!



“Poor-boy” or “po-boy”



Summer SEA Program Reports

Here are the reports from students who joined the SEA program during summer holiday in 2023. They both went to Bangor University in Wales.



Memorable Experience

Sayori WATANABE (Faculty of Law & Letters)

Hello, my name is Sayori Watanabe. I belong to the faculty of law and letters. I participated a short-term study abroad program in Bangor University. This experience had many positive effects on me.

First, I learned the importance of proactive communication. When I don't understand or hear something in a conversation, I have the courage to ask, which has helped me to better understand and enjoy the conversation. I was very impressed by a woman I met on a weekend trip to London who told me, "Your English is nice, and you should have more confidence."

Also, at Bangor University, I was able to study fields I had never studied in Japan, such as



Picture of the town of Llandudno

media studies and Welsh history, and all my learning was for me ground breaking. Every day I learned something new, my knowledge increased, and I realized the "joy of learning." This was the beginning of a change in my attitude toward learning. For this reason, I am grateful for the professors I met at Bangor University.



With Prof. Adrian

This experience was very important for my personal development. By meeting many people, I realized the difference in values and the warmth of people, and realized how wide the world is. Although it was a short period of time, I gained a lot of inspiration and learning. Thank you for all the encounters.

EEC Newsletter will not be published

The EEC Newsletter, a quarterly publication of the English Education Center, will cease publication with this issue.

Since its first issue in January 2005, our newsletter has provided a wide variety of content in English, including free essays by faculty members from abroad, reports on students' study abroad experiences, and introductions to various English-related activities. However, with the closure of the EEC office at the end of March, we have decided to discontinue the publication of the English newsletter after 18 years.

All 52 issues, including this issue, will continue to be available on the web as an archive after April. The link to the archive has not yet been determined, but please try searching for "EEC Newsletter".

Thank you very much for reading our newsletter for a long time.

Editor & Publisher

Irreplaceable Experiences in Wales

Mai TAKANAGA (Faculty of Law & Letters)

Hello, my name is Mai Takanaga. I belong to the faculty of law and letters. I attended a three-week language placement at Bangor University in Wales. In the classes, as well as practical lessons to develop the four English language skills, there were other opportunities to learn about the Welsh language and history, and so on. In addition, we visited many places on field trips. On the weekend, I went on a trip to London and Liverpool with my friends and enjoyed sightseeing.

I was particularly impressed by Caernafon Castle. The castle was the model for "Laputa: Castle in the Sky" and registered as a World Heritage Site. From the top of the castle, I could see a beautiful view of the sea.



Caernafon Castle visited on a field trip

Visiting Llandudno also left a lasting impression. This is the holiday resort that was the

model for "Alice in Wonderland". It is a very beautiful town with luxury hotels along the coast, and we saw many objects of Alice's character in the town. Also, we enjoyed afternoon tea in a luxury hotel there.



Alice's character object in Llandudno

Wales is a very natural and peaceful place. My host family lives with many animals and I was able to accompany them on walks. The beautiful sea, sunsets and stary skies I saw there were unforgettable.

I was able to acquire not only language skills but also communication skills, autonomy and many other things during this study abroad experience. I believe that wonderful encounters and experiences in Wales will be an asset for me in the future. For the three wonderful weeks that wouldn't trade for anything, many people supported me who I consider treasures in my journey.