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## THIS IS THE NEWSLETTER MADE BY S3 CLASS MEMBERS!

### MESSAGE FROM TOBY— the teacher of S3 Class

Hi everybody! This semester I am teaching an elective class at Aidai called "English in Ehime". We have been talking about how Japanese students can use English in Matsuyama now and in the future. The English Education Center at Ehime University is one place in Matsuyama where English is used a lot, so as a project, we made this newsletter for you. Enjoy!



### "Yarinaoshi Eigo Juku" & "Step Up English"



Are you poor at English? Do you want to speak English well? If you think so, please join this class. It started on May 11<sup>th</sup>. This course is taught by the Japanese teacher, so you can feel comfortable to ask questions. You can still apply

for this class. Please try!

#### Schedule

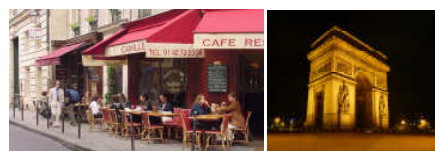
Every Wednesday 17:00~18:00 Since May 11<sup>th</sup>  
 In M32 (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Aidai Muse)  
 Application: Sign-up at the EEC office

### Study Abroad Stories

Should we go study abroad to learn English? First, try to think about the purpose you want to learn English. Unless you only need English for reading in the library, or finding some material for your report, studying abroad is a great experience, and an enjoyable way to learn English: visit somewhere, meet someone new and maybe write some stories about yourself. You don't need to think only about the study you are doing, but also you can experience it as an adventure. Keep your humor, dare yourself, be enthusiastic, and you can have an interesting story for your friends or your future children one day when you come back to your country. I don't have a story now, but this is my friend's story: ...

#### A romantic story

##### from Paris.



It was the start of the third week of our traveling around Europe with my family. I was getting desperate: how I missed my soul mate back home. I was in Paris, in the lovers' city and I just needed to buy something cute and adorable for her. I was at the top of the Eiffel Tower when I saw it: a small Eiffel Tower figure with a boy and a girl sitting on it and holding a heart. I saw us as that small couple and I just needed to buy it. But my mother convinced me to buy somewhere else; 'cause on the tower is the most expensive place to buy souvenirs. I listened to her. We went down, and I searched all over the city for the same figurine, but could not find it anywhere... We got back to our camper and were planning to leave, when I said: No I still need that small statue. So I ran back to the Eiffel Tower, explained the ticket vendor the situation I am in and she was so impressed that she let me through for free and I did not have to wait the queue. Finally I bought 2 of them – one for me and one for my girlfriend. When I gave it to her, and told her the story she said: "And you did everything for me..." and started crying.

Now after 4 years, we are not together anymore, but we are friends. As I come to visit her, I still see the small Eiffel Tower statuette with the lovers on it in her most precious place at home.

Now, why don't you make a plan to study abroad one time and tell me your stories? Have a fun time!

### TALK!TALK!TALK!

Do you know "TALK! TALK! TALK!?" It is an activity that you can talk with a native English teacher in English. If you want to improve your English speaking skills or get the opportunity to communicate in English, one activity takes 30 minutes and only six people can attend.



Please come to this activity. But, you need to sign up in the English Education Center before you attend this activity.

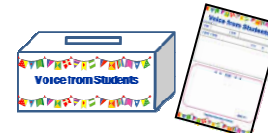
### Voice from Students

Do you know "Voice from Students"? Or, do you have any messages for the EEC? If you don't know about that, or you have messages, post your letter to the box of "Voice from Students"!

With "Voice from Students", you can ask the EEC to buy English books and DVDs which the self-study room doesn't have. If you have some comments for the EEC, send a letter! The staff of the EEC will answer your letter. And if it is possible, the EEC will meet your request!

How to post a letter is very easy. There are sheets that you can write messages on and a mail box in the self-study room. Of course, you may send it anonymously.

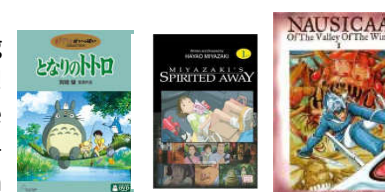
Let's make the self-study room better together!!



### Let's Learn English through Ghibli

Do you know the Student Self-Learning Room? The room has a lot of things to do in order to improve your English skill. For example, you can enjoy watching many DVDs and reading comics in English. You can find Hayao Miyazaki's works such as My Neighbor Totoro, Spirited Away, Kiki's Delivery Service, Castle In The Sky, and Nausicaä of The Valley of The Wind. They are famous, aren't they?

If you watch the movies after reading these comics, you can enjoy more! Maybe you remember a little of these stories, so you can enjoy the differences between Japanese and English words.



### Poster Session for Study Abroad

Do you want to study abroad? If so, Ehime University gives you many chances. There are various programs. For example, you can go to the UK, Indonesia, Canada, the Philippines, New Zealand, and Hawaii.

### New Intensive Course in English

This program is available to English Professional Course students. You can study English at the University of Hawaii from Aug. 1-19, 2011 or Feb. 6-24, 2012. Ehime University can pay 100,000 yen for each student as a subsidy. If you are interested in the program, don't miss it!

# Welcome to EHIME UNIVERSITY!!!

We interviewed our new teachers!!

## **ASHLEY PEACE**

- From: America ●Hobby: Writing poetry ●Free time: Watching TV, Drinking a lot of tea, Sleeping a lot
  - Has been to countries: England, France, Italy, Greece
  - Family: Father, Mother, Younger brother ●About Japan: Safe country
  - Favorite (1) Japanese culture: Tea Ceremony, Cloth (Ex: Kimono)  
(2) Japanese words: お茶, やっぱり  
(3) Japanese singer: monkey magic, Greeeen, EXILE
  - About Japanese people: Japanese people study English very hard.
- She has lived in Japan for two and a half years. And she has taught English in Ehime for three months. But, she has one problem, which is that Japanese students don't laugh at her jokes. Therefore, everybody should laugh at her jokes more and more. In addition, please come in her office anytime. She is waiting for you.



## **MIKE DELVE**

Mike is from the UK. There are 5 people in his family, including his parents and 2 brothers. He likes football, and would like to cycle around Shikoku. When he was in the UK, his impressions of Japan were that it was a very traditional country, people were polite, and he thought Japanese ate sushi a lot. In England, people go to the park and the beach on sunny days, but some Japanese people don't go out and they cover their skin, he thinks. He likes Matsuyama because the city isn't so big. So he can relax. He says he can't speak Japanese well. But now he practices Japanese in EPIC. He is friendly but shy. He is planning to stay here for 3 years. I hope he has wonderful days here.



## **SARAH FAHERTY**



Sarah Faherty is from London. Do you know Wembley Stadium? She said this is a famous place in London which most Japanese don't know about, and at the stadium, there have been big games of football. She taught in France just after she graduated from her university, and then, she arrived in Japan 5 years ago. The first place in Japan which she came to is Matsuyama!!

Her hobby is jogging. She is going to take part in the marathon of Shodoshima. So, cheer her! She said Matsuyama is a good place and likes the sea and mountains of Ehime. She gave us, who are learning English, a piece of advice. Watch movies and dramas in English. Through them, you can feel relaxed and keep your motivation to study English. She said "Don't be shy. And, talk with teachers when you have free time. And, use the great opportunity to speak English in Aidai!" Let's talk to her, of course when she has time!!

## **KRISTIN ARMITAGE**



Let's get to know about Kristin!

She is from Australia, and has been living in Japan for 18 years. Her favorite places are Emiful, Sogo Park, Mitsukoshi, Starbucks, and so on. Matsuyama is her husband's mother's hometown, and her husband is half Japanese and half Australian. She has a son, age of 8, and spends time with him in her free time. In the future, she hopes to build a house.

Kristin is a very active woman. She goes to the gym 3 or 4 times a week, and her hobby is dancing salsa. She has been to many countries so far. Furthermore, she wishes she could go to Italy to learn Italian cooking someday. If you talk to her, you can have a good time. For she has a sense of humor!

## **INFORMATION**



### **"English Gang" is waiting for you!**

We are reading English conversation skills in a group.  
Activity schedule: 12:30-13:00 every Friday  
at the Student Chat Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Aidai Muse)  
All students and staff members of the Univ. can join.



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