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Longing for The Season



The Joy of a Canadian Winter - by Danielle Kurihara

Canadian winters have a terrible reputation! They are interminable (5 months), snowy (two meters) and can be bitterly cold (-25 to -40). Indeed so they are! We clean snow and ice off our cars in freezing temperatures, we drive and walk in snowstorms, seniors are often housebound and winter days are short. Some Canadians are bewildered and they struggle because they hate winter! Others, like me, are fascinated by the white scenery and thoroughly enjoy being outdoors.



There is much to do in the National Capital region of Ottawa. We have the longest skating rink in the world called the Rideau Canal and you can skate it from one end to the other, a 15 km return skating adventure! On the ice, stop and sit at a picnic table to rest and have a hot chocolate or a Beaver Tail, a type of pancake with maple syrup. You will see people of all ages bundled up in warm snowsuits and even babies wrapped up in blankets pulled by their parents in a sleigh. In February there is a snow sculpture contest just like the one in Hokkaido. In fact, the Japanese teams of ice sculptors often win top place.

Families love cross-country skiing in the national park, 15 minutes from the capital. The 65 km trail system takes you deep into the forest of big pines heavy with snow where you can eat your lunch in small huts along the way. There are four ski resorts for good quality skiing and snowboarding just 20 minutes away. Tobogganing is also a fun activity enjoyed by kids and adults too. After a winter day spent outside, Canadian children have rosy cheeks and are so tired they can hardly stay awake to eat their dinner!



I spent my childhood outside in the snow and ice with my four brothers and sisters building forts for snowball fights, making tall snowmen, sliding down snowy hills and climbing back up again and again. There we were, wearing colorful snowsuits, big boots, wool hats and scarves covering our faces. We could only see each other's eyes! We had so much fun! I'm glad my parents gave us so many opportunities to enjoy the great Canadian winter together. They are my fondest memories.

Thank you for reading me.

Information



● Now on - Let's Enjoy English!

"Let's Enjoy English!" is a theme based free English conversation class. You will have a chance to talk with native speakers in a social atmosphere. Students can take a 45-minute conversation lesson in a small group (maximum 6 participants). Many students have already signed up for this exciting and interesting class, so check out the new line-up. If you want to join this program, please sign up at the EEC office (English Education Center office) in advance. "First come, first served!"

Schedule

(Mon)	10:15-11:00	Andrew	"Comedy"
	12:40-13:25	Luke	"Journal Writing & Talking About Our Week"
(Tue)	10:30-11:15	Chris	"English Through Music & Discussion"
(Wed)	11:15-12:00	Scott	"Robots & Scratch"
	15:15-16:00*	Magee	"British Culture Through The Music of The Beatles"
(Thu)	10:30-11:15	Lexi	"Puzzles, Riddles & Optical Illusions: Understanding The World"
	16:15-17:00	Zhou	"Gemba English - Role-playing in Actual Scenes!"
(Fri)	9:00-9:45	Danielle	"Learning Natural English Through SHREK"

*First Wednesdays: 13:15-14:00

● Remedial English Class - *Yarinaoshi Eigo Jyuku*

For students who want to restart learning English and also have questions about studying English, we started an extracurricular English class, "*Yarinaoshi Eigo Jyuku*" on Oct 17th. In this class, a Japanese teacher helps and teaches in an atmosphere like a "*Jyuku*", so students can ask anything about English learning. You don't need to talk in English in the class. This is a basic English class that is particularly helpful for students who have difficulty in learning English or keeping up with their regular English classes.

- ◆ Class Schedule: 16:30-17:30 (Every Monday)
- ◆ Application: Sign-up at the EEC office beforehand



● Participants Invited - SEA Program

We are presently looking for students who would like to join SEA Program (Study English Abroad Program) during spring recess. The program provides students with a wide range of learning experiences in English speaking countries.

Training Locations:

- ◆ UCLA (the University of California, Los Angeles), USA
- ◆ UBC (the University of British Columbia), Canada
- ◆ DCU (Dublin City University), Ireland



Farewells from Memorable Teachers



Kristin Armitage



After five wonderful years of teaching here, it is time to say goodbye. I have wonderful memories of all of you energetic and friendly students who tried your best in class and surprised yourselves with how enjoyable English could be. I hope you continue to use your English skills in the future.

Good luck with your studies, I'm looking forward to seeing you around Matsuyama sometime soon.
Big Love

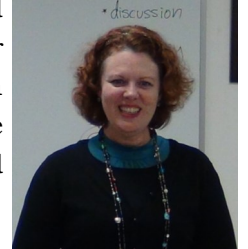


It's time for me to say goodbye to Ehime University and everyone here. For three years I have enjoyed meeting happy, friendly students, and communicating in English about life, dreams, wombats, and many other topics. Thank you to all of you for being a wonderful part of my life in Matsuyama. I'm sure that you will go on to happy and successful futures, and I hope that your memories of your university years are as happy as mine will be. I will be living in Kyoto from April, so if you visit Kyoto and you see me please call out my name and say hello!

I'll miss you...



Megan Ellis



Michael Delve



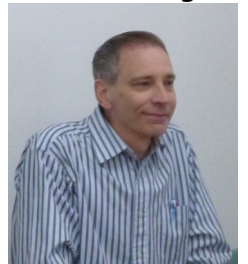
I have been lucky enough to work with some great instructors and researchers and this has inspired me to pursue my own research and to take on a new teaching position in Hyogo. Without this experience I could not be where I am now, and I will be forever grateful to the people who have supported me during my time in Ehime. I am sure that our paths will cross again in the future.

Most of all I would like to thank the students of Ehime University. The most interesting part of my job is that I get to meet so many different types of people and personalities. I have taught students who have made me want to scream, shout, cry, smile and laugh, but from all of them I feel that I have learnt something, not only as a teacher, but as a person too. I can't really say that Aikai students are lively and outgoing (although so me are), but they are willing to have a go. Speaking in a foreign language in an unfamiliar style of class can be intimidating, so I respect the students for their participation. Thank you!



Hello again! It's time for me to return back to my home country. It's been good working here for many years, and nice knowing you all! Thank you for the study we have done together in classes. I hope you can keep doing your best to develop good English communication, since it will be important for your future. Languages are for communication, so studying English can be fun and enjoyable at the same time as learning! And your English skills will be important when you do overseas trips in the future. Then I know you will be glad for the study we have done together in classes. Thank you again for your effort, and best wishes for your future studies! I hope you have exciting international trips coming up in future years!

Richard Blight



Katsunori Fujioaka



When you get old enough, you may find it nice to come back to your hometown. In fact, it took me more than 25 years to realize that sort of feeling—the feeling of niceness to come back to my hometown, where I was born and grew up until I was 25.

I left Matsuyama last month and started my new life here in my hometown, Osaka. The feeling of good old days and, at the same time, the feeling of freshness to start my new life both occurred to me right after I settled down in Osaka. It is a kind of strange feeling that I did not expect to experience, which I believe tells me that I made a right decision to leave Ehime and come back to my hometown.

Now, I say "Good-bye," I mean in the original sense, "God be with you," and good luck to all of you.



The English Professional Course

The English Professional Course aims to develop distinguished active users of English in the globalized and local community. We accept up to 30 sophomore students every year. Based on knowledge and skills that they acquired during the freshman year, they will be expected to take an active role in systematic and advanced classes.

For more information, please check out the information session.

Information session

- ◆ Date & Time: Feb 14th (Wed), 2017
From 13:00 to 15:00
- ◆ Venue: M23 (Second floor, Muse bldg.)



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