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Message from New Teachers



Welcome to Ehime University!



Zhou Wei

Hi! My name is Wei Zhou. Just call me "ジョウ". I come from China. It has been 12 years since I moved to Japan. I love Japan because of its beautiful and clear four seasons. Every season is so lovely! Also I travelled many places in Japan, and it is very hard for me to decide which place I like most. Some small and quiet towns I passed by are so romantic like a poem that I wish I could visit again in future, even though I have already begun to forget some of their names.



In Japan, I have experienced some different but exciting careers. I did English and Chinese teaching, scientific papers proofreading, and some investigation for scientific research purpose in the open sea. On the day right before I came to teach English in EEC, I was busy with finishing up my last molecular experiment in a laboratory. So no matter what you major in, I am sure we may find something in common to talk about and have fun in our English class.

In my spare time, I often play Sudoku and puzzle games. If you love them too, let's play together!!



When you see them,
say "Hi!" in English!

Alexis Kinch

What's up everyone!! My name is Alexis, but it is okay to call me Lexi. I have a very outgoing and bubbly personality.



I came to Japan three and a half years ago from Barbados, my beautiful tropical island in the Caribbean.

Communication is very important so let's chat !

I have been enjoying the Japanese culture, especially the food and taiko sessions. I love outdoor activities, cycling, soccer, and most sports in fact.

I practice kyudo and would love to learn how to make rolled eggs! It's one of my favorite Japanese dishes! Must be really fun to make.

In Barbados, we really enjoy domino games, darts games, music and rhythmic limbo dancing! So please ask me about my island and I will be happy to talk with you!

Please explore Barbados and soak up some of my culture.

<http://barbados.org/>

Barbados Travel Guide: Barbados.org

Barbados: All holiday travel information for your vacation! Activities, where to stay, eat and shop. Island events, tours, maps, pictures, stories, people and much more.

Looking forward to interacting with you!!

Scott Webber



Hi, I'm Scott and I come from Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. My hometown is extremely picturesque with the mountains, forests, and ocean as part of your backyard. But I'm biased. You should go there yourself and find out. Interestingly, I find my hometown and Matsuyama have many similarities. The mountains, the ocean and the forests are very close. And it is beautiful here. This is my second time living in Matsuyama - I like it. Before moving back to Matsuyama, I lived in the Middle East in a country called Qatar. You may know of this place because of its connection with Japan and soccer. In 2011 the Asian Cup final was played in Doha where Japan beat Australia in the final game. I was fortunate to see the game. It was great to see Japan beat Australia.

While in Doha I taught English as a second language to college students. I did this for 12 years. Living in the Middle East was interesting but I'm glad to be back in Japan and particularly Matsuyama. My family is glad to be in Japan, too. My kids are really enjoying the freedom they have to go outside a play, go for a walk or go for a bike ride. Also going to the hot springs with the family in Dogo is a great way to end the week.

In my free time, I work on my PhD dissertation on simulation-based education. This takes up a lot of my free time but I find the subject extremely interesting. I also like to play with my Lego Mindstorm robot. My kids and I like to make the robot do things around the house!

I love teaching and helping people discover ways to improve their ability to communicate in English. I hope to see you in my class where we can have fun talking in English.

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They are looking forward to talking with you.



Julia Kawamoto



Hi, my name is Julia Kawamoto. I'm from Utah, U.S.A. Not too many people know where Utah is or have heard of the place. It's on the west between Nevada and Colorado. Whenever I say that people are confused, so I ask them if they know where the Grand Canyon is. Everybody says, "Yes." Then I tell them that Utah is north of it. To tell you the truth, whenever I go to the Grand Canyon, I'm never impressed with it. It's just big. The canyons in Utah are small, but they're really beautiful. The colors on the mountains and rocks are really vibrant and colorful. The rivers are clean and clear, but I don't recommend drinking straight from there. You just never know.

Anyway I've lived in Hiroshima and Himeji before coming to Matsuyama. However, don't tell anyone outside of Ehime, but I prefer living here. The people are nice and there are many interesting things to see. There are a lot of festivals to go to. Okay, I haven't gone to any of them yet, but hopefully I will see them soon.

I love to meet new people which is one of the reasons why I love to teach. I get to meet new students every semester and quarter. Of course I love to meet and talk to students who I have taught in the past. Hope to meet you all soon.

Yui Miura



Hello everyone, I'm Yui Miura. I started working at Ehime University this past spring. I come originally from Asahikawa, located in the northern part of Hokkaido. It is very cold and snowy in winter and the city holds the record of the lowest temperature in Japan with -41.0 degree Celsius! If you have a chance to visit the city in winter, please go to Asahiyama Zoo and see the penguin parade and other animals in snow.

I also lived in Tokyo, London, Inuyama and Kanazawa. It is fun to experience life in different places. I enjoy meeting new people, exploring tourist sites, and trying local cuisine. I moved to Matsuyama in March this year and I am so excited to live in Shikoku for the first time. If you know any must visit places in Ehime or Shikoku, please give me some suggestions.

I am very happy to communicate with students. If you have any questions about English or anything in general, please do not hesitate to knock on the door of my office. You are always welcome!

Information

Let's Enjoy English!

All-new "Talk! Talk! Talk!"

"Let's Enjoy English!" features theme based conversations. Check out the new line-up of exciting and interesting discussions held at the English Education Center, in the Muse building. The times have also changed and now they are forty-five minutes, there is even more opportunity to talk in English. We are looking forward to you joining us! Please sign up at the EEC office in advance.

BOOK CLUB

For students who want to enjoy reading books and talk about them with other people.

More information at the EEC office.

Activity schedule:
14:30-16:30 every Wednesday at the Student Chat Room 2 (Second floor, Aidai Muse)



Let's Read Books in English!

Reading English books improves your English. More than 4000 books are in the Student Self-Learning Room on the second floor of the Aidai Muse building. You can check out books anytime with your EEC Library ID card (open: 9:00-17:00, Mon-Fri).



How to borrow the books

- 1st - Find books that you want to read
(Maximum: Three books at a time)
- 2nd - Come to the English Education Center Office with your EEC library ID card and the books
- 3rd - Let's enjoy reading books
(The lending period is up to two weeks)
- 4th - Return the books by putting them into the return basket in the EEC office

Book level by color

All books have been categorized according to their reading level. The level indicates how many headwords (the number of words) can be read in each book and the ease of *Yomiyasusa* level. The classified table by color will be a measure when you select books.

For effective reading

- Read many books at your level -- not too easy or too difficult.
- Read at least 30 minutes each week. More is better.
- Limit your use of a dictionary.
- Concentrate on your reading.
- Read without taking breaks as much as you can.

The classified table by color

Start	Purple	Level 5	Pink
Level 1	Red	Level 6	Orange
Level 2	Yellow	Level 7	Black
Level 3	Green	Level 8	Silver
Level 4	Blue	Level 9	Gold

