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JALT 2012 OLE-SIG Blended FL Learning – the Student's Perspective

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Action-Based Language Empowerment (ABLE)

- develop basic communication skills
- limited time
- functional focus
- “horizontal” vs. “vertical”
- spiral > automatic recycling
- classroom > online version



Online Version: Sulantra & “The Mesh”

- immediate access in L1
- “the mesh”: each new L2 > target language
> user language
- now 10 languages: English, Japanese, Chinese > Korean

Target Language(L2) → ↓ Instructional Language(L1)	English	Chinese	Turkish	Spanish	New language
English	♠	Eng>Chin	Eng>Tur	Eng>Span	Eng>NL
Chinese	Chin>Eng	♠	Chin>Tur	Chin>Span	Chin>NL
Turkish	Tur>Eng	Tur>Chin	♠	Tur>Span	Tur>NL
Spanish	Span>Eng	Span>Chin	Span>Tur	♠	Span>NL
New language	NL>Eng	NL>Chin	NL>Tur	NL>Span	♠

Korean-ABLE: Participants

- 11 > 9 : 8 participants + me (1 dropped out; 1 asked to leave after first week)
- 6 Japanese, 2 Chinese, 1 Canadian
- 4th year students – 3 (2 men, 1 woman)
- 2nd year students – 4 (3 men, 1 woman)
- Other: Naoko, Don
- 8 travelled to Korea
(2nd year female student unable to go)



Schedule

- 2012/2/14-22 online (www.sulantra.com): Starter Course (about 3 hours)
- 2012/2/23-3/02 classroom: 8 sessions / 11.5 hours [11.5+ 3 > 14.5 (15) hours]
- 2012/3/03-08 Korea
- 2012/3/04 Onsite Test 1 (Seoul)
- 2012/3/06 Onsite Test 2 (Gongju, Taejon)



“Guinea Pig Voices”

- Hidekazu Tashiro
 - 1st time to take an ABLE course
 - Previous travels in Korea > 2 weeks before!?
- Naoko Takahashi
 - “veteran” of Thai > Khmer > Korean
 - perspective with “classroom-only” vs. blended online + classroom
- study stages > audience Q&A



Research Interests

- Surveys used to collect data throughout the course
- Change in self-efficacy?
- Ability to communicate onsite?
- Prolonged interest in learning L2?
- Interest in learning other L2's?



Next: Khmer-ABLE

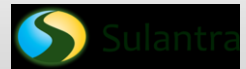
- 2013/2/18-24 online: Starter Course “under construction”
- 2013/2/26-3/09 classroom: 10 sessions X 90 minutes?/ Total: 18 hours
- 2012/3/10-16 Siem Reap and...?



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Feedback, please!

- Check out...
 - Fool for Language
 - &
 - www.sulantra.com
- All feedback is read – and appreciated!
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merci 谢谢 danke
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どうもありがとう gracias