

Invitation to ACES(Akita Communicative English Studies)

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ACES stands for Akita Communicative English Studies. We meet once a month -- on the third Sunday at Akita University. At a meeting we invite a guest speaker from various countries. They give a talk about a certain topic. While enjoying their presentation, participants can understand the issues, their point of views and their cultures. At the same time, it is a good opportunity to improve English. Please join us.

FYI here are the topics for the recent sessions. 1) The American Criminal Justice System 2) Medical Issues in Minnesota 3) Music in English 4) Burkina Faso: Multilingualism, Multiculturalism and Foreign Language Education 5) Extensive Reading 6) Multiculturalism in Canada, and the Future of Japan's Aging Society 7) A Yorkshire Life 8) The Olympics.

The summary of 1) "The American Criminal Justice System" is as follows. A brief outline of the American Criminal Justice System. Various concepts of criminal law, including the nature and elements of crime, culpable mental states, and the nature and purpose of punishment are discussed, with particular emphasis on the American Constitution, limitations on the power of government, the rights of the accused and due process.

The guest speaker of 3) "Music in English" says, "I'd like to talk to you about popular music in English. We'll take a look at the evolving themes and styles of music over the past 80 years or so, and listen to excerpts of songs from each decade to help put things in perspective. I will also bring copies of the lyrics for the songs we listen to."

The following website will give you more information about ACES.
<http://www.edinet.ne.jp/~takeshis/images/AES.htm>

Or you could contact Mio Kimura at 090-3361-7586 or 018-835-6166.

If you would like to have information of the upcoming sessions, please contact Mio Kimura at miokimu@gmail.com

2013年11月から2014年10月までのACES 活動内容

No.	Date.	Guest's Name	Topic	Attendees
283	2013.11.17	Ms. Mieko Matsunaga	My Experience in Israel	8
284	2013.12.15	Mr. Jonathan Stimmer	My Hometown N.Y. and Christmas	7
285	2014.01.26	Mr. Ben Grafstrom	The National Honor Society	8
286	2014.02.16	Ms. Tara O'Donnell	The Olympics, Winter Olympics and Tokyo Ones	9
287	2014.03.16	Ms. Lesley Sykes	A Yorkshire Life	8
288	2014.04.20	Ms. Leah Defalco	Multiculturalism in Canada and the Future of Japan's Aging Society	11
289	2014.05.18	Mr. Martin Spivey	Extensive Reading	9
290	2014.06.15	Ms. Georgette Belemgnygre	Burkina Faso: Multilingualism, Multiculturalism and Foreign Language Education	9
291	2014.07.20	Mr. Thorfinn Tait	Popular Music in English	5
292	2014.09.21	Ms. Rebecca Oishi	Medical Issues in Minnesota	17
293	2014.10.19	Mr. Laurence Gordon	The American Criminal Justice System	16

cf: We held all the sessions on the third Sunday except January, 2014.
The August session was canceled due to our guest's inconvenience.