

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) Thanksgiving and Multiculturalism 2) The Situation of Foreign Language Teaching in Romania 3) Being an expat here in Akita, the difficulties, challenges I've encountered and how I tackled them all 4) Latest Advances in Anti-Aging 5) Population decline in Japan and, solutions for the problem 6) Immigration to the U.S.--a look at recent minority groups in Minnesota

The summary of 1) Thanksgiving and Multiculturalism is as follows. What do you know about Thanksgiving and multiculturalism? We discussed the origins of how Thanksgiving started and learned the importance of comprehension and compassion when meeting someone from a different culture just as when the Pilgrims first met the Native Americans. We also did a few activities to show that there are other ways to communicate besides just talking in order to try and understand the difficulties the Native Americans and the Pilgrims must have had when they first met..."

The summary of 4) Latest Advances in Anti-Aging is "My presentation was divided into six parts. It began with the basics - Genetics. The easiest way to live a long time is to have the proper genes. The next part covered Calorie Restriction - eating fewer calories per day, and this can be done either every day, or through intermittent fasting, a few times per week. I then covered supplements that mimic Calorie restriction..."

The following website will give you more information about ACES.

<http://www.edinet.ne.jp/~takeshis/images/AESnew/AESnewtop.html>

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

2014年11月 から 2015年10月までの ACES 活動内容

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294	2014.11.16	Mr. Jonathan Stimmer	The Importance of Space Exploration	8
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298	2015.03.15	Mr. Chris Towns	Affirmative Action	9
299	2015.04.19	Ms. Leah Defalco	A Comparison of Canadian and Japanese Customs Focusing on Things that are Considered "Common Sense" in Both Cultures	9
300	2015.05.17	Ms. Rebecca Oishi	Immigration to the U.S.—a Look at Recent Minority Groups in Minnesota	9
301	2015.06.21	Mr. Jonathan Stimmer	Population Decline in Japan and Solutions for the Problem	9
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304	2015.10.18	Ms. Andreea Ifrim	The Situation of Foreign Language Teaching in Romania	14

cf: The September session was canceled due to our guest's inconvenience.