

An 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) JFK, 50 years after death, conspiracy theories live on 2) The History and Culture of Tarot 3) 50's and 60's Small Town in U.S.A. 4) The Canadian Education System 5) Introducing International Topics in the Classroom 6) The Role of Two Initiatives in the Rediscovery of Regional Foods in Japan 7) Lost In Translation: Some Idiosyncrasies of the English Language 8) The British Education System

Part of the summary of 1) "JFK" is as follows. The majority of Americans do not believe the official version (the Warren Commission Report) that one man, Lee Harvey Oswald, acted alone in this murderous plot. I went over several suspected organizations or individual who may or may not have been party to any conspiracy against JFK.... In conclusion, I concluded that if it was indeed carried out by a conspiracy, that it was so well orchestrated, no definite resolution can be drawn to say who precisely carried out this murderous act. We will never know for sure and it will remain forever in our fascination.

Here is the summary of 2) "The History and Culture of Tarot." In Renaissance Italy people first started using highly decorated cards which later became known as Tarot. Tracing the origins and development of these cards - initially used for games and gambling, eventually used for divination and therapeutic purposes - I will attempt to examine the world of tarot cards and tarot reading from a variety of angles. I'll explain how I came to be interested in this topic and provide information and examples so that students can participate in a basic tarot reading.

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 miokimura_2000@hotmail.com

ACES Activities between November 2012 and October 2013

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272	11/18/2012	Mr. Thorfinn Tait	Family Genealogy	5
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