

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) 2016 American Presidential Election 2) Regionalism in Spain 3) Community and Chonaikai in Japan 4) Christianity 5) The Archaeological Dig at Ness of Brodgar in Orkney 6) English Phrasal and Prepositional Verbs. A Short History and Explanation of English's Multi-Word Verb Forms

The summary of 2) Regionalism in Spain is as follows. “Nationalism can unite people and bring them together, but when the opposite occurs it creates strong regional movements against the central government. By looking at the history of Spain we can see why the kingdoms that would come together to form Spain first united together to fight the Moors. The Christian kingdoms had a belief that Europe was for Christians, and therefore they united against a common enemy...”

The summary of Community and Chonaikai in Japan is “Communities of various shapes and sizes perform important functions in our society. Being a member of a social group, neighborhood, or other type of community helps to support our needs for communication, belonging, and mutual aid. This kind of social integration can prevent feelings of isolation, fear, helplessness, and even prevent suicide! Interdependence within communities also helps to support those among us who are most vulnerable or most in need of care...”

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

2015年11月から2016年10月までのACES活動内容

No.	Date	Guest's Name	Topic	Attendees
305	2015.11.15	John D. Lennon	Thanksgiving & Multiculturalism	6
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307	2016.01.24	Rebecca Oishi	Crossword Puzzles	11
308	2016.02.28	Lawrence Gordon	Cowboys, Indians, and Gunfighters—Legends of the American West	11
309	2016.03.20	Tim Ernst	OMG-the God Concept	10
310	2016.04.17	Gennifer Rogalski	Reducing the Human Impact upon the Planet	12
311	2016.05.15	Steve Shcurt	Nepal pre-earthquake to post earthquake	10
312	2016.06.19	Alina Yurova	My Trip to Korea	8
313	2016.07.17	Lawrence Gordon	English Phrasal and Prepositional Verbs. A Short History and Explanation of English's Multi-Word Verb Forms	12
314	2016.08.21	Magnus Tait	The Archaeological Dig at Ness of Brodgar in Orkney	10
315	2016.09.18	Keith Ikoma	Christianity	12
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