

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 Metamorphosis of Western Society, 2) the Pitfalls of Foreign Language Education, 3) 'Storage and Roofs in Tokyo' by using PowerPoint, 4) Disney Animated Films, 5) Dark Tourism, 6) White Privilege, 7) Akita Winter Life, and 8) Political Correctness, Snowflakes and Safe Spaces.

The summary of 4) “Disney Animated Films” is as follows. “Since the original movie all those years ago, Disney has now released more than 55 feature length animated films. How many of them do you know? How many have you actually seen? Do you have a favourite? And why are they so popular? Let's take a look behind the phenomenon and discuss some of their secrets.”

The summary of 5) “Dark tourism” is as follows. “Dark tourism is a newer field of study in tourism. Simply put, dark tourism encompasses tourism to sights where there have been wars, disasters, or where people have died. Some common examples of dark tourism are the Colosseum in Rome, and the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum...”

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

2017年11月～2018年10月までの ACES 活動内容

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