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[FOREWORD]

Toward the Internationalization of ELT in Japan—Reviewing the 4th Asian TEFL Conference

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The 4th Asia TEFL International Conference was held in Fukuoka, Japan on August 18-20, 2006 and it was a big success with 17 invited lectures, 400 presentations, and 900 participants from 50 countries and territories. The success owes much to Seinan Gakuin University which offered conference site and helping hands, JACET, and about 40 other supporting organizations, 50 some advisory board members, and about 60 hard-working conference committee members, all of whom are JACET members.

Asia TEFL is a young ELT professional organization, founded in 2002 by Prof. Hyo Woong Lee of Korea National Maritime University with the support of ELT leaders in Asia. It aims at bringing together ELT professionals in Asia to further develop ELT in the region through conferences, research projects, and journals. It also aims at contributing to peace and prosperity across Asia through cross-cultural understanding. It is a fast-growing organization and its membership has reached 7,000 from 35 Asian countries and 19 others in its 4th year.

The Conference invited six plenary speakers. Dr. Kenichi Uemura of Yokohama Stroke and Brain Center, Japan talked about the brain mechanism and English learning from the brain specialist's perspective. Prof. John Sinclair of the University of Birmingham argued that we can learn from giant collections of the language in use. Prof. Annie Hughes of York University (substitute reader) referred to the implications for teaching English to young learners. Prof. William Grabe of Northern Arizona University gave his expertise on L2 reading research. Prof. Alastair Pennycook of the University of Technology Sydney argued that ELT must be seen in relation to global practice of English use and learning from socio-cultural perspective. And Prof. Won Key Lee of Seoul National University of

Education presented his idea for Common Asian Framework. All plenary speeches were inspiring and received well by the audience.

As featured speakers, we had seven well-known ELT professionals from Asian countries and they talked about the assigned topic—history of ELT in their respective countries. The speakers were Prof. Yeon Hee Choi of Ewha Womans University, Korea, Prof. Ravinder Gargesh of the University of Delhi, India, Prof. Ikuo Koike of Meikai University, Japan, Prof. Malachi E. Vethamani of the University Putra Malaysia, Malaysia, Prof. Phyllis G. Chew of Nanyang Technology University, Singapore, Prof. Arifa Rahman of Presidency University, Bangladesh, and Prof. Qiufang Wen of Beijing Foreign Studies University, China.

We also had four special lectures. Prof. Kimie Oshima of Bunkyo Gakuin University, Japan gave a talk on English Rakugo as a form of Japanese English. Prof. Rob Waring of Okayama Notre Dame Seishin University, Japan gave a lecture on the relationship between vocabulary and reading. Prof. Seamus Fagan of the University of Newcastle, Australia argued that Asian Englishes should be more valued in the classrooms of Asia. And Prof. Mamoru Morizumi of Obirin University, JACET President, Japan lectured on English Classology at the tertiary level of education.

We had 400 concurrent presentations of high quality and many of them were followed by lively questions and discussions.

That active interactions took place between the presenters and the floor attributed to the fact that two-thirds of the presenters and participants were from overseas.

Asia TEFL will be the biggest ELT organization in Asia, from Russia to Indonesia and from Israel to Japan. It soon will vie with TESOL in the US and IATEFL in Europe in the academic level and scope of activities. For the internationalization of JACET, closer affiliation of the two organizations will be desirable.

We live in the age of globalization, when not only people, capital, and commodity but also terrorism, environmental pollution, epidemic disease, and disaster occur and move across national boundaries. In order to react and interact to the global flow of these things and phenomena, we are compelled to deepen our interdependency and therefore organize the worldwide network of interdependence, namely 'global unionization.' Academia is no exception and we need to promote cooperation with fellow ELT professionals and applied linguists overseas.

What I would suggest is first to increase presentations in English in JACET annual conferences so that more ELT professionals and applied linguists participate from overseas. As we just witnessed at the Asia TEFL Conference in Fukuoka, the questions-and-answers period is much more lively in the international conferences than JACET counterpart. Second, JACET may plan to provide travel grants to young and promising scholars from less affluent areas in Asia. Third, JACET should encourage its members to engage in cooperative research with foreign colleagues. Kyshu-Okinawa Chapter is quite active in international cooperative activities, which should be commended. Despite his busy schedule, President Morizumi complied with requests for lectures and went to Beijing in 2005 and Fukuoka this year for Asia TEFL and to Taipei in 2005 for ETA-ROC. I hope all JACET members follow suit and help JACET's internationalization.

Report from JACET Headquarters
Hajime Terauchi, Secretary General

I would like to extend special thanks to those who were involved in preparing and conducting the 45th Annual Convention of JACET held at Kansai Gaidai University in Osaka in September. Certainly the success of this Conference will help lead us to the next step regarding the future of English language teaching and learning not only in Japan but also in the world.

As you know, on April 1st, 2006 the Kanto Chapter of JACET was formally established. JACET now consists of seven regional chapters: Hokkaido, Tohoku, Kanto, Chubu, Kansai, Chugoku-Shikoku, and Kyushu-Okinawa.

The JACET Headquarters consists of two types of committees— ten main committees and ad hoc committees. The main committees include the General Affairs, Finance, Annual Convention, JACET Bulletin, JACET Newsletter, Seminar, Networking, International, JACET-SIGs Support, and JACET Prize Committees. The ad hoc committees are Organizational Structure, Privatization Preparations, General Survey on English Language Teaching in Japan, Examination Research and Development, and English Classology Research (*jugyogaku* in Japanese) Committees.

In the near future, JACET will be transformed into the “JACET Association” (*shadan-houjin* in Japanese). The JACET Headquarters is now preparing the shift from the present voluntary JACET corporation to this future public association. The final results of the shift will be announced in the spring of 2007.

Chapter News

【Hokkaido Chapter Report】

<Annual Chapter Convention>

This year, the Hokkaido and Tohoku chapters held a joint convention at the Hakodate Central City Library on July 8, 2006. In the Hokkaido chapter general meeting, the 2005 fiscal year financial report, the 2006 schedule and the 2006 budget were approved. The agenda also included the alteration of chapter articles and the introduction of new committee members. Following the general meeting were research presentations presented in three conference rooms. The presenters were: Rm A--Mika Miyasone (Tohoku Institute of Technology) & Marie Aizawa (Shokei Gakuin Univ.), Hideo Kojima (Hirosaki Univ.) and Yasushi Kawai (Hokkaido Univ.); Rm B--Sanae Kurauchi (Aomori Public Univ.), Toshiyuki Iseki (Kushiro National College of Technology) and Hisashi Naito (Asahikawa Medical College), Midori Yoshida (Tenshi Univ.) & Toshiyuki Sakabe (Dohto Univ.); Rm C--Yoshio Narisawa (Tohoku Gakuin Univ.), Atsuko Yamazaki (Monotsukuri Univ.) & Sanae Saito (Tokai Univ.), and Shoichi Ishikawa (Jissen Women's College). After the presentations, a symposium entitled "English education in the early days of Hokkaido and Tohoku" was held. The chairman was Yuri Nishihori (Hokkaido Univ.) who also gave a

lecture; two other lecturers were Yoshitaka Inoue (Hakodate Univ.) and Motonobu Chiba (Miyagi National College of Technology). After the symposium, Mamoru Morizumi (JACET Chairman, Obirin Univ.) gave a lecture entitled, "English 'Classology' at the Tertiary Education: Its Significance and Perspectives in Japan of Today"

<Lecture Meetings>

On June 17, the first lecture meeting for 2006 was held at Hokkaido Univ. Masashi Sasaki (Hokkaido Musashi Women's College) presented his research entitled, "Grading up text-analyzing software 'Kensaku' to be used with JACET 8000." Hiroshi Tsukagoshi (Health Sciences Univ. of Hokkaido) was another lecturer. He discussed "micro teaching in instruction improvement."

The second JACET Hokkaido lecture meeting will be held on November 18 at Hokkai Gakuen Univ. Tomoyuki Sasaki (Hokkaido Institute of Technology) will give a lecture entitled "Perspectives that change classes: From 51 case studies."

<Publications>

The Research Bulletin of English Teaching, No.3 was issued on March 30. The 19th issue of the Chapter Newsletter was published on April 31, 2006.

(Yasushi Kawai, HokkaidoUniv.)

【Tohoku Chapter Report】

<Timeline of the Year 2006-2007>

- (1) 13:00-18:45, July 8, Hakodate City Central Library
Board Meeting
Annual Chapter General Meeting
Hokkaido & Tohoku Chapter Joint Convention
Special Lecture (1), Symposium (1) and Presentations (1)-(9)
- (2) September
JACET-Tohoku Newsletter No. 30, 2006 issued
- (3) 14:00, October 10-18:00, October 12, Akita Univ.
International Symposium co-hosted by Tohoku Chapter
Special Lecture (2) and Symposium (2)
- (4) December 9
Board Meeting (to be held)
Regular Meeting (to be held)
Special Lecture (or Symposium) and Presentations
- (5) February
JACET-Tohoku Newsletter No. 31, 2007 (to be issued)
- (6) March, 2007
Board Meeting (to be held)

<List of Special Lectures>

- (1) Morizumi, Mamoru (JACET Chairman, Obirin Univ.) “English *Classology* at the Tertiary Education: Its Significance and Perspectives in Japan of Today”
- (2) Kempson, Ruth (King’s College, Univ. of London) “Language, Mind and Brain”

<Symposium>

- (1) Theme: English Education in the Early Days of Hokkaido and Tohoku

Chair: Nishihori, Yuri (Hokkaido Univ.)

Panelists: Inoue, Yoshitaka (Hakodate Univ.)

“On the Origin of English Education in Hakodate”

Chiba, Motonobu (Miyagi National College of Technology)

“On Lexicographical Significance of *Saito’s Idiomatic English-Japanese Dictionary* (1915)”

Nishihori, Yuri (Hokkaido Univ.)

“English Education in the Early Days of Sapporo Agricultural College”

- (2) Theme: Language, Mind and Brain: Perspectives from Dynamic Syntax and Other Linguistic Theories

Kempson, Ruth (King’s College, Univ. of London) “Parsing Mechanisms as a Grammar Formalism: On Why Studying Japanese Word Order Effects is Relevant to Everyone” (Educational Lecture)

Kurosawa, Akiko (Yamagata Univ.) “On the Interaction between Syntax and Pragmatics: Japanese ‘Gapless’ Relative Clauses from a Dynamic Syntax Perspective”

Kiaer, Jieun Joe and Ruth Kempson (King’s College, Univ. of London) “Empirical Testing of Word-Order Effects in Korean”

Yokota, Kenji (Akita Univ.) “Quantifiers in Japanese”

Ueda, Yukiko (Akita Univ.) “Scope and Phases: A Phase-Based Derivational Approach”

Abe, Jun (Tohoku Gakuin Univ.) “Identification of Null Arguments in Japanese”

Takahashi, Daiko (Tohoku Univ.) “On Null Arguments in Japanese”

Yumoto, Yoko (Osaka Univ.) “Two Types of V-V Compounds and VN-o-V constructions in Japanese”

Hoshi, Hiroto (Akita Univ.) “Functional Categories and Complex Predicates”

Ito, Takane (Univ. of Tokyo), Yoko Sugioka (Keio Univ.) and Hiroko Hagiwara (Tokyo Metropolitan Univ.) “Neurological Evidence Differentiates Two Types of Japanese Causatives”

Nagata, Ken (Research Institute for Brain and Blood Vessels) “TBA” (Educational Lecture)

Hagiwara, Hiroko (Tokyo Metropolitan Univ.) “TBA”

Koizumi, Masatoshi (Tohoku Univ.) “Neural Substrate Sub-serving Automatic and Conscious Processes in Sentence Comprehension”

Nagata, Ken (Research Institute for Brain and Blood Vessels) “TBA”

<List of Presentations>

- (1) Miyasone, Mika (Tohoku Institute of Technology) and Marie Aizawa (Shokei Gakuin College) “The Role and Significance of Non-native English Speaking Teachers in

Primary School English Activities”

- (2) Kojima, Hideo (Hirosaki Univ.) “Exploring Professional Competence in ELT in Secondary and Tertiary Education: A Teacher Educator’s Perspective”
- (3) Kawai, Yasushi (Hokkaido Univ.) “Hokkaido Univ. English II Online Course”
- (4) Kurauchi, Sanae (Aomori Public College) “The Effectiveness of the Supportive Use of Japanese in the English Classroom: Assessing Students’ Reactions through Questionnaires”
- (5) Iseki, Toshiyuki (Kushiro National College of Technology) “On the Usefulness of Brazil’s Intonational Theory - The Application of Discourse Intonation to English Language Teaching - ”
- (6) Naito, Hisashi (Asahikawa Medical College), Midori Yoshida (Tenshi College) and Toshiyuki Sakabe (Dohto Univ.) “English Needs for Working People and Workplaces in Hokkaido”
- (7) Narisawa, Yoshio (Tohoku Gakuin Univ.) “Corpus Linguistics: Technology Brings Revolution to English Teaching”
- (8) Yamazaki, Atsuko (Institute of Technologists) and Sanae Saito (Tokai Univ.) “What leads to English proficiency at workplace? from ESP situations in manufacturing and business”
- (9) Ishikawa, Shoichi (Jissen Women’s Educational Institute) “SHIMODA Utako and Foreign Language Education”

<Publications>

- (1) *JACET-Tohoku Newsletter* No. 30, September 2006 issued
- (2) *JACET-Tohoku Newsletter* No. 31, February 2007 (to be issued)

JACET-Tohoku Newsletter No. 30 includes reports of the first joint convention held by the Hokkaido and Tohoku chapters.

(Kaoru Tomita, Yamagata Univ. and Kumiko Okazaki,
Miyagi National College of Technology)

【Kanto Chapter Report】

<Annual Chapter Convention>

On June 25, the first annual convention was held at Waseda University. With the financial support by Waseda University it ended in a great success. In the general meeting, the Articles of Kanto Chapter, the financial report for the 2005 fiscal year (Kanto-Koetsu), the 2006 budget, and the 2006 schedule were approved.

- (1) Convention Theme: The Reorganization of College English Teaching
- (2) Plenary Address:
“Issues on Basic English Skills of Japanese Students --Suggestions for University English Education --“ Hiroshi Ono (National Institute of Media Education)
- (3) Invited Lecturer’s Address:

“Seven Wonders of Language Test Scores” Kenji Ohtomo (Professor Emeritus, Tsukuba University)

(4)Plenary Symposium:

“How Come Our Students’ English Ability Has Been Down Lately ?”

Ken Hisamura (Coordinator, Den-en Chofu University), Masao Ninomiya (Nishi- Toyama Junior High School), Toru Toyama (Namiki High School, Ibaraki), Yasuhiko Oshima (Sundai Preparatory School), Mamoru Morizumi (Obirin University)

(5)Waseda Symposia:

“Assessing Communication Ability of Language Learners of English in Asia: From the Perspectives of Common European Framework” Coordinator: Michiko Nakano (Waseda University), “Inter-University Educational Collaboration: Forum of Lecture Contents Circulation” Coordinator: Michiko Nakano (Waseda University)

(6)Symposia: 3 symposia

(7)Workshop: 1 workshop

(8)Publishers’ Presentations: 2 presentations (Seibido, Casio Computer Co.)

(9)Research Paper Presentations: 16 presentations

<Monthly Meetings>

(1) April 15

“Critical thinking and EAP” Hideki Ohno (Daito-Bunka University)

(2)May 20

“Student-centered Media English class focusing on debate” Yasuko Shiozawa (Bunkyo University)

(3)July 15

“Motivating learners by multimedia applications” Midori Kimura (Tokyo Women’s Medical University)

(4) October 21

“Utilization and meaning of e-learning in EFL” Shuji Ozeki (Chubu University)

(Masashi Nakao, Toho Gakuen College of Drama and Music)

【 Chubu Chapter Report 】

The following report covers the period of three months, July through October. We had two executive committee meetings and a public lecture co-hosted with Nanzan Junior College.

<Public Lecture>

Time and Date: 15:00-16:30, October 14

Venue: Nanzan Junior College

Lecturer: Professor Emiko Umakoshi, Obirin University

Title: Yaruki Honki no Communication: Intercultural Management and Global Leadership

This lecture was co-hosted with Nanzan Junior College.

<Executive Committee Meetings>

- (1) Date: July 15
Venue: Nagoya Campus, Chubu Univ.
Reports on: membership list, executive member e-mail addresses, 2005 account,
2005 activities and board meetings
Agenda: 2006 activity schedule, possibilities of co-hosting 2007 Chapter convention
with JALT and LET, Chapter homepage, Newsletter.
- (2) Date: October 14
Venue: Nanzan Junior College
Reports on: board meetings, Chubu Chapter homepage, chapter Newsletter
Agenda: 2007 Chapter Convention, submission rules for Chapter Bulletin

(Yasumi Murata, Meijo Univ.)

【 Kansai Chapter Report 】

Activities of the Kansai Chapter during the last half of 2006 and scheduled activities for early 2007 include the following:

<Seminars & Lectures>

- (1) First Chapter Lecture of the 2006 Academic Year
Date: July 1, 2006
Place: Kansai University of Foreign Studies
Presenter: Azuma Masami (Kobe Design Univ.)
Title: A study of metaphorical competence in TEFL
- (2) Annual Lecture
Date: October 28
Place: Paruru Plaza Kyoto
Presenter: Yamada Yujiro (Hiroshima Shudo Univ.)
Title: To Develop Our English Ability
- (3) Second Chapter Lecture of the 2006 Academic Year
Date: December 9, 2006
Place : Osaka Sangyo University, Umeda Satellite Campus
Presenter: Terry O'Brien (Osaka Ohtani Univ.)
Title: For your Eyes Only-- Looking at the Changes in our Cultures--
- (4) Third Chapter Lecture of the 2006 Academic Year
Date: March 4, 2007 (Other details to be announced soon)
- (5) 11th Annual Graduation-Master's Thesis Seminar, chapter co-sponsored with the Kansai English Language Education Society (KELES), will be held in March, 2006. Detailed information to be announced soon.

6. The 2007 Spring Conference will be held at Kwansai Gakuin University on June 2, 2007.

<Publications>

- (1) *JACET-Kansai Chapter Newsletter*, Number. 32, 33, and 34 were published in calendar year 2006. Current and back issues of the newsletter can be accessed at <http://www.jacet-kansai.org/kako.html#kako>
- (2) *JACET-Kansai Journal*, Vol. 9 will be published in June, 2007.

<Information on Chapter SIGs>

The Kansai Chapter has 12 special interest groups that conduct research in a wide range of fields. For more information, please refer to the following web page: <http://www.jacet-kansai.org/kenkyukai.html>

<Announcements>

The next issue of the *JACET-Kansai Journal* will be published in June, 2007. The deadline for the submission of papers is January 5, 2007.

For further information on the Conference and all other Chapter activities, please refer to the Kansai Chapter Web site at <http://www.jacet-kansai.org/>

(Eiichi Yamamoto, Kansai University)

【Chugoku/Shikoku Chapter Report】

<The 1st Steering Committee Meeting>

Date: June 10, 2006; Place: Syujitsu Univ.

<Annual Chapter Convention>

Date: June 10, 2006; Place: Shujitsu Univ.

(A)Presentations

Chair: Toshiaki Takahashi (Yamaguchi Univ.)

- (1) Hiroko Murakami: "Analyzing Accuracy and Complexity in Written Speeches";
- (2) Chiyoki Takeda (Yawatahama High School): "The Application of Phonics to the Teaching of Reading and Writing in Junior High School English Classes in Japan";
- (3) Nobuyoshi Miyasako (Okayama-Minami Senior High School): "A Hypothesis Concerning Oral Reading Practice";
- (4) Hirofumi Tabuchi (Shujitsu Junior College): "Word Usage and Character Description in Roald Dahl's 'Parson's Pleasure'"

(B)Presentations

Chair: Tadashi Nishida(Hiroshima Univ.)

- (1) Thongsouk Keomany (IDEC, Hiroshima University, (Department of English, Faculty of Letters, National University of Laos (NUOL)): "Consensus Building for Curriculum

- Improvement Based on Evaluation of Student Achievement in the Department of English, Faculty of Letters, National University of Laos (NUOL)";
- (2) Kusumi Vasantha Dhanapala & Tadashi Nishida (IDEC, Hiroshima University): "Investigating Proficiency Levels, Gender and Language Learning Strategies of Japanese University Students";
 - (3) Susumu Hiramatsu (Okayama Univ.): "How Culture Has Been Perceived and Practiced among Japanese 'intercultural communicators'";
 - (4) Takeshi Terashima (Matsuyama Univ.): "Dictionary Use in Junior/Senior High Schools in Ehime"

<Lecture>

Masanori Toyota (Kansai Gaidai Univ.) : "How to Learn and Teach Conversational English"

<Symposium>

Chair: Hironobu Matsuoka (Yasuda Women's Univ.)

Theme: "Present Situations and Problems of English Remedial Education";

Panelists: Tomoko Nakamura (Hiroshima International Univ.): "An English CAI Program for False Beginners"; Keiji Nishioka (Okayama Univ. of Science): "What is Going on and What should be Done at Okayama University of Science"

<Timeline of the latter half of 2006>

- (1) November 25, 13:00-, Tatemachi Campus, Hiroshima Kokusai Gakuin Univ.
Presentations
- (2) December 9, 13:00-17:00, Syujitsu Univ.
Presentations and Special Lecture
- (3) December 16, 14:00-17:00, Matsuyama Univ.
Symposium on CALL

For further reference, see <http://ds21.cc.yamaguchi-u.ac.jp/~bld10/JACET/JACET.html>

(Hidetomo Torigoe, Takuma NCT)

【Kyushu-Okinawa Chapter Report】

<Timeline of the Year 2006-2007>

June 17

The 1st Chapter Journal (*Annual Review of English Learning and Teaching*) Editorial Board Meeting (Venue: Seinan Gakuin Univ.)

The 2nd Steering Committee Meeting (Venue: Seinan Gakuin Univ.)

July 15

The 2nd Chapter Journal Editorial Board Meeting (Venue: Seinan Gakuin Univ.)

SIG East Asia English Education 60th Seminar (Venue: Seinan Gakuin Univ.)

Speaker: Seiko Hirai (Kitazato Univ.)

Topic: Senior High School English Textbooks in Taiwan: A Qualitative Analysis of Lesson Topics and Lesson Forms

August 18-20

The 4th Asia TEFL (Venue: Seinan Gakuin Univ.)

Conference Theme: Spreading Our Wings: Meeting TEFL Challenges

See <http://www.asiatefl.org/2006conference/conference2.html> for the detail.

August 30

The 3rd Chapter Journal Editorial Board Meeting (Venue: Seinan Gakuin Univ.)

The 3rd Steering Committee Meeting (Venue: Seinan Gakuin Univ.)

September 16

SIG East Asia English Education 61st Seminar (Venue: Seinan Gakuin Univ.)

Speaker: Jan Stewart (Chikushi Jogakuen Univ.)

Topic: Message in a Bottle: The Legacy of Language on Pitcairn Island

October 14

The 4th Steering Committee Meeting (Venue: Seinan Gakuin Univ.)

Chapter General Meeting (Venue: Seinan Gakuin Univ.)

Autumn Special Lecture (Venue: Seinan Gakuin Univ.)

Speaker: Ryuko Kubota (The Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

Topic: Culture in English Language Education: A Critical Approach

October 21

SIG East Asia English Education 62nd Seminar (Venue: Seinan Gakuin Univ.)

Speaker: Chie Iwasaki (graduate student at Kyushu Univ.)

Topic: A Study about English Education Policy Implementation in Korea

November 11

SIG East Asia English Education 63rd Seminar (Venue: Seinan Gakuin Univ.)

Speaker: Toshihiro Shimizu (Kyushu Univ.)

Topic: Students' Viewpoints of English Learning in Asia

November 30

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(Toshihiro Shimizu, Kyushu Univ.)

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