Dear JACET members and supporters,

It is with great honor and excitement that I assume the position of the 8th President of The Japan Association of College English Teachers (JACET).

In 1962, JACET was established in a time of educational reform in order to improve the state of English language education so as to improve its teaching at all levels of the education system.

Six types of JACET activities are stipulated in Article 5 of the JACET Statutes (Teikan). Each activity is described in terms of its objectives, target, scale, publicity and expected results as follows:

First Activity: Holding a national convention, seminars and other meetings for the presentation of theories of university education and language education as well as reports on practice results
Second Activity: Publication of journals, bulletins, news and project reports
Third Activity: Awarding JACET prizes to scholars associated with university education, academic associations and institutions
Fourth Activity: Research and study of theories and practices of university English education and related language education
Fifth Activity: Exchange of scholars with affiliate associations
Sixth Activity: Other activities necessary to accomplish the objectives of this association

JACET consists of the Headquarters and seven chapters: Hokkaido, Tohoku, Kanto, Chubu, Kansai, Chugoku-Shikoku and Kyushu-Okinawa. The Board of Directors (Rijikai) includes one president, two vice-presidents, seven chapter presidents, seven chapter-appointed directors, three president-appointed directors and two auditors. JACET is now officially affiliated with ten associations and institutions: AILA, RELC (Singapore), KATE (South Korea), ETA-ROC (Taiwan), ALAK (South Korea), MELTA (Malaysia), PKETA (South Korea), CELEA (China), Thailand TESOL (Thailand) and JALT (Japan).

The New board members (for the current term of June 22, 2015 until the day of the General meeting in 2017) are as follows:
Directors:
President: Hajime Terauchi;
Vice-Presidents: Judy Tsutae Noguchi; Naoko Ozeki
Chapter Presidents: (Hokkaido) Yoshiki Yokoyama; (Tohoku) Kiyoshi Takahashi; (Kanto) Matsuo Kimura; (Chubu) Yujitsu Ohmori; (Kansai): Yuko Oguri; (Chugoku-Shikoku) Hironobu Matsuoka; (Kyushu-Okinawa) Masahiko Higuchi
Chapter-Appointed Directors: (Hokkaido) Hisashi Naito; (Tohoku) Kaoru Tomita; (Kanto) Fujiko Sano; (Chubu) Tatsuya Suzuki; (Kansai) Akira Tajino; (Chugoku-Shikoku) Chiaki Iwai; (Kyushu-Okinawa) Toshihiro Shimizu
President-Appointed Directors: Madoka Kawano; Kazuya Asakawa; Masaki Oda
Auditors: Shigeru Sasajima; Makoto Komada

With over 2,700 members who share the common goal of improving English language education in Japan and elsewhere, JACET continues to progress and grow. As the new president of this very active academic association, I will strive to uphold JACET’s high standards during my two-year term, and look forward to working with you.

I hope that the next two years will be fruitful and rewarding for JACET and all of our members.

2015 ALAK International Conference
The Third AILA East-Asia and 2016 ALAK-GETA Joint International Conference

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It is my great honor and privilege to introduce the Applied Linguistics Association of Korea
Established in 1978, ALAK has grown to become one of the most proactive and progressive organizations for researchers and practitioners in Applied Linguistics in Korea. It has about 1,500 members and six international affiliates including AILA, JACET, CELEA in China, TEFLIN in Indonesia, Thai TESOL in Thailand, and FEELTA in Russia. ALAK hosts a Research Methodology Workshop every spring and an annual international conference each fall. This year’s conference is very special as it is hosted by ALAK in association with JACET, CELEA, and GETA, a Korean English language teaching association. ALAK is hoping to host the AILA World Congress in 2023.

The 2015 ALAK International Conference was held at Chung-Ang University, Seoul, Korea, on Sept. 19, 2015, under the theme “Sustainability in Applied Linguistics”. The three plenary speakers were Dr. Claire Kramsch (Univ. of Berkeley, USA), Dr. Kilyoung Lee (Hankuk Univ. of Foreign Studies, Korea), and Dr. Farzad Sharifian (Monash Univ., Australia) who demonstrated such great professional standards. We had three featured speakers from our Asian partner organizations, Dr. Hisashi Naito (JACET), Ibu Dra. Diah Kristina (TEFLIN), and Dr. Tatyana Lupacheva (FEELTA). These speakers represented the high quality of Asian scholarship along with our two Korean featured speakers, Dr. Hyejoo Lee (President, The Society of Sustainability Science) and Dr. Sung Hee Choi (Gyeonggi College of Science and Technology).

The conference was truly international as it featured presentations from approximately 130 speakers from 15 countries in diverse formats—including plenary and featured talks, paper and poster presentations, and the CALL Fair. All inspired and enlightened our approximately 350 conference participants.

The 3rd AILA East-Asia and 2016 ALAK-GETA Joint International Conference will be held at Honam University, Gwangju, Korea, Sept. 9-11, 2016. The conference theme is “ELT and Applied Linguistics in a Globalizing Asia: Opportunities and Challenges”. This year’s conference is expected to provide the participants with the richest and the most exciting program ever in terms of its invited speakers, educational and cultural programs, and the natural and human beauty that you can experience only in Gwangju - a city of arts and culture. Our plenary speakers are Dr. Daniel Perrin (Zurich University of Applied Sciences, Vice President of AILA), Dr. Gabriele Kasper (University of Hawaii at Manoa), and Dr.
Hyukseung Kwon (Seoul National University, Former President of ALAK). Five featured speakers from five overseas partners will join the invited sessions.

The three-day event consists of an English classroom visit, invited workshops and the AILA East-Asia Symposium on the first day (Sept. 9), a full day of paper and poster presentations on the second day (Sept. 10), and a cultural tour program on the third day (Sept. 11).

I hope to be able to host as many JACET friends and colleagues as possible at Honam University where I am teaching and to return the warm welcome and hospitality that I was shown in Kagoshima last year. Please come and be part of the glory of the 3rd AILA East-Asia and 2016 ALAK-GETA Joint International Conference. Further information about ALAK and the conference is available at www.alak.or.kr

JACET hosted various conferences, seminars and other events in 2015: For example, the 54th International Convention was held at Kagoshima University in Kagoshima Prefecture from August 29 to 31, 2015.

JACET will also host many conferences, seminars and other events in 2016. We would like all JACET members to fully utilize these opportunities. Here are some of the examples: The JACET 55th International Convention is to be held at Hokusei Gakuen University in Hokkaido from September 1 to 3. The theme of the convention is “Designing English Education in a Borderless Era.” The 43rd JACET Summer Seminar will be held at Kyoto University from August 18 to 19 under the theme, “Innovation in EAP: Exploring new directions for collaboration.” The 4th JACET English Education Seminar will be held at Aoyama Gakuin University on November 5. Detailed information on the convention, seminars and other events will be announced on the JACET website.

2016 is important for JACET members, because we will have the second election for shain. In the first election for shain held in 2014, eighty-five members were elected. The same number of shain should be elected this year. The
election will be conducted in December. We would like to ask for your active participation in this year’s election.

Reports from Chapters

Kyushu-Okinawa Chapter Report

1. CONFERENCES, SEMINARS

(1) Special Lectures
Special Lecture in Spring 2015
Date: July 11, 2015
Venue: Seinan Gakuin University
Lecture: “Making It Real: Fiction, Film, and the Teaching of English Communication Skills”
C. Scott Pugh (Fukuoka Women’s University)

Special Lecture in Autumn 2015
Date: December 5, 2015
Venue: Seinan Gakuin University
Lecture: “WHY and HOW We Reform University Entrance Tests”
Masafumi Negishi (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)

(2) Seminars
SIG East Asia English Education 152nd Seminar
Date: April 18, 2015
Venue: Seinan Gakuin University
Presentation (1): “Effects of Intensive English Learning in England on Students”
Thomas Caton (Nakamura Gakuen University)

SIG East Asia English Education 153rd Seminar
Date: May 16, 2015
Venue: Seinan Gakuin University
Presentation (1): “A Comparative Study of English Textbooks with Reference to the Education Guideline”
Kayo Nakao (Kagoshima High School)
Presentation (2): “An Integrated Instruction in English for Nursing: A Case Study”
Akihiko Higuchi (Kagoshima University)

SIG East Asia English Education 154th Seminar
Date: June 20, 2015
Venue: Seinan Gakuin University
Presentation (1): “Speaking Test as a Substitute for the National Center Test for University Admissions”
Masayoshi Kinoshita (Professor Emeritus, Fukuoka International University)
Presentation (2): “English Education in ‘International Business Program’ and its Outcome”
Yumiko Furumura (Nagasaki University)

SIG East Asia English Education 155th Seminar
Date: July 18, 2015
Venue: Seinan Gakuin University
Yi Sonming (Kyushu University Graduate Student)
Presentation (3): “Dietary Education through CLIL” Akiko Tsuda (Nakamura Gakuen University)
Relation with Corpus”
Presentation (1): “How much English Can a Japanese College Student Speak in a Minute?”
   Shinichiro Ishikawa (Kobe University)
Presentation (2): “History of Vocabulary Exchange between China and Japan Reconsidered”
   Lee Chang (Kobe University Graduate Student)
Presentation (3): “How English Phrasal Verbs Are Utilized”
   Tomomi Maehama (Kobe University Graduate Student)
Presentation (4): “Qualitative Research on ‘Which’ and its Acquisition Based on Corpus”
   Minako Maemura (Nagasaki Junshin University Graduate Student)

SIG East Asia English Education 156th Seminar
Date: September 19, 2015
Venue: Seinan Gakuin University
Presentation (1): “Verification of the Validity of C-test from the Perspective of Classical Test Theory”
   Minami Kiya (Seinan Gakuin University Graduate Student), Akihiro Ito (Seinan Gakuin University)
Presentation (2): “Verification of the Validity of C-test with Reference to Standard Probability Model”
   Akihiro Ito (Seinan Gakuin University), Minami Kiya (Seinan Gakuin University Graduate Student)

SIG East Asia English Education 157th Seminar
Date: October 24, 2015
Venue: Seinan Gakuin University
Presentation (1): “Output Activities and their Outcomes”
   Tetsuya Kashiwagi (The University of Kitakyushu)
Presentation (2): “Vocal Features in Linguistic Developments of Babies and Infants”
   Tomoko Yamashita (Kyushu University)

SIG East Asia English Education 158th Seminar
Date: November 21, 2015
Venue: Seinan Gakuin University
Presentation: “National Curriculum and Junior High School English Textbooks in Korea”
   Katsumi Kiyonaga (Nisshinkan Junior High School)

SIG ESP 23rd Seminar
Date: November 28, 2015
Venue: Kumamoto University
Presentation (1): “ESP in Japan Revisited”
   Hisako Yamauchi (Professor Emeritus, The University of Nagasaki)
Presentation (2): “Effective Utilization of Portfolios in English Classes”
   Miki Yoshishige (National Institute of Fitness and Sports in Kanoya)
Presentation (3): “Developing a Survey-Based Course for Non-English Majors”
   Joel Hensley (Miyazaki Prefectural Nursing University)
Presentation (4): “Interactive Program with International Students: Current Status and Issues”
   Kayo Yamamoto (Miyazaki University)
   Tarnao Araki (Miyazaki University)
   Tomiko Uchino (Miyazaki University)
Presentation (5): “Training English Writing...”
through Web-line between Medical Department of Miyazaki University and Kaohsiung Medical University”

Shozo Yokoyama (Miyazaki University)

SIG East Asia English Education 159th Seminar
Date: December 12, 2015
Venue: Seinan Gakuin University
Symposium:
Presentations: “New Activities to Promote Students’ Production Skills”
Akira Tajino (Kyoto University)
Toshiyuki Kanamaru (Kyoto University)
Sachi Takahashi (Kyoto University)
Yosuke Sasao (Toyohashi University of Technology)
Yoshitaka Kato (Kyoto University Graduate Student)
Teruyo Sakamoto (Kyoto University Graduate Student)
Daniel Pears (Kyoto University Graduate Student)

SIG East Asia English Education 161st Seminar
Date: February 20, 2016
Venue: Seinan Gakuin University
Presenters:
Daisuke Yokomori (Kyushu University)
Keiko Oki (Kyushu Industrial University)

SIG East Asia English Education 162nd Seminar
Date: March 12, 2016
Venue: Seinan Gakuin University
Presenters:
Yuki Sasaki (Fukuoka University)
Misuzu Okada (Kyushu University Graduate Student)

2. GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BOARD MEETINGS
(1) Chapter General Meeting 2015
Date: July 11, 2015
Venue: Seinan Gakuin University
Agenda: Review of Activities in 2014; Plans for Activities in 2015

(2) Chapter Board Meetings
The 1st Chapter Board Meeting
Date: April 25, 2015
Venue: Seinan Gakuin University
The 2nd Chapter Board Meeting
Date: May 30, 2015
Venue: Seinan Gakuin University

SIG East Asia English Education 160th Seminar
Date: January 23, 2016
Venue: Seinan Gakuin University
Presentation (1): “English Competency Required to Graduate from Taiwanese Universities”
Takayuki Hara (Kagoshima University)
Presentation (2): “Grammatical Knowledge and Production Skills of Japanese College Students”
Miki Tokunaga (Fukuoka University), Sachiyo Hayashi (Fukuoka University)
Venue: Seinan Gakuin University

The 3rd Chapter Board Meeting
Date: July 11, 2015
Venue: Seinan Gakuin University

The 2nd Editorial Meeting for Annual Review of English Learning and Teaching
Date: July 11, 2015
Venue: Seinan Gakuin University

The 3rd Editorial Meeting for Annual Review of English Learning and Teaching
Date: August 22, 2015
Venue: (Web Meeting)

The 4th Chapter Board Meeting
Date: October 17, 2015
Venue: Seinan Gakuin University

The 4th Editorial Meeting for Annual Review of English Learning and Teaching
Date: October 17, 2015
Venue: Seinan Gakuin University

The 5th Chapter Board Meeting
Date: November 21, 2015
Venue: Seinan Gakuin University

The 6th Chapter Board Meeting
Date: February 20, 2016
Venue: Seinan Gakuin University

The 7th Chapter Board Meeting
Date: March 12, 2016
Venue: Seinan Gakuin University

(Kenichi Ito, The University of Kitakyushu)

Chugoku-Shikoku Chapter Report

1. CONFERENCES, SEMINARS

(1) Spring Chapter Conference
Date: June 6, 2015
Venue: Hiroshima Institute of Technology
Presenters:
Room 1
1) “Culture and Personal Pronouns in Hawthorne’s “The Birthmark”” Shinji Fujii (Hiroshima Prefectural Onomichi Commercial High School)
2) “Open Voice: Developing an On-line Site for English Speaking Practices and Tests” Masako Matsuda & Judith Mikami (Okayama Prefectural University), Andrea Miyata (Kaigai Connection)
3) “Teaching English in English - Its Current State and Future Prospects” Chiaki Iwai (Hiroshima City University)
4) “OPIc (Oral Proficiency Interview by Computer) Test Usage Scenes at Universities and the Actual English Communication Skills of the Students” Tomohiro Yagi (NEC Management Partner, Ltd.)
5) “Developing Task-specific Scales for Assessing the Classroom Language Use of EFL Teachers” Osamu Ikeno (Ehime University), Yoshiyuki Nakata (Doshisha University), Yuzo Kimura (University of...
Room 2

1) “The Potential Effectiveness of the Use of Music and Songs as a Teaching Material in English Language Education (Especially for Low-proficiency EFL Students)” Ken-ichi Nishikawa (Okayama University of Science)

2) “A Corpus-based Analysis of English Vocabulary List for Japanese English Learners” Goro Yamamoto (Hiroshima University)

3) “A Learner-Centered Writing Course Utilizing Moodle, WBT, and Flipped Learning” Kazumichi Enokida (Hiroshima University)

4) “Peer Interaction for L2 Writing” Rieko Okuda (Hiroshima University & Hiroshima Shudo University)

5) “On the Study of Word Definition and its Association in the American Heritage First Dictionary” Hirofumi Tabuchi (Shujitsu University)


(2) Autumn Chapter Conference
Date: October 24, 2015
Venue: Matsuyama University

Presenters:
Room 1

1) “Assessing the English-language Needs of Medical Professionals in Shikoku” Ian Willey (Kagawa University)

2) “Educational Effects of Collaborative Learning Derived from the Participation in OPP Event: A Case of Japan Coast Guard Academy from the Viewpoints of CLIL” Yoshihiro Nigo (Japan Coast Guard Academy)

3) “English Education to Cultivate a Better Understanding of World Englishes by Using a Teaching Material of Manga” Takeshi Baba (Otemon Gakuin University)

4) “The e-Learning System through a Fusion of Moodle and YASUDA SYSTEM” Hironobu Matsuoka (Yasuda Women’s University)

5) “A Study of English Syllabification: Focusing on the Examples Which Have a Stop /t/ before or after the Syllable Boundary” Naoyoshi Ogawa (Matsuyama University)

6) “The Comparison of Readability between the Textbooks for Japanese and Korean Junior High Schools” Lee Suyeon (Yasuda Women’s University)

Room 2

1) “Consciousness of L1 and L2 Error Prevention: The Case of "dekita" and its English Translations” Kohei Nishitani, Takashi
2) “Foreign Language Activities in Special Needs Education Classes: A Study on the Assessment of Students’ Performance” Akira Nakayama (Ehime University)
3) “A Study of the Functions of Working Memory in Language Activities: With a Focus on Listening and Reading” Miki Fujimura (Yasuda Women’s University)
4) “Teaching English in English: The Influences on Student Preferences for Instructional Language” Takahiro Iwanaka (International Pacific University)
5) “A Survey of University Students’ Awareness Concerning English Activities at Elementary School: Focusing on 2nd and 3rd Year Students in the Primary Education Department” Naoko Tanabe (Yasuda Women’s University)
6) “Reporting Intensive English Teaching Programs for Pre-service Elementary School Teachers at a University” Satoko Ebara (International Pacific University)

Lecture: “English Learning and Teaching from a Viewpoint of Motivation Research” Tomohito Hiromori (Meiji University)

(3) The 7th Oral Presentation & Performance (OPP) Annual Event
Date: December 13, 2015
Venue: Yasuda Women’s University
Coordinator: Chiaki Iwai (Hiroshima City University)
About eighty students and ten teachers from seven universities joined this event.

Presentation titles and entries:
1) “Merry Christmas to You!” (Yasuda Women’s University)
2) “Days and Nights of the Olympic Games” (Hiroshima City University)
3) “Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland Revisited” (Prefectural University of Hiroshima)
4) “HIT-Chants 2015” and two personal speeches (Hiroshima Institute of Technology)
5) “Look for JAPAN COAST GUARD!!” (Japan Coast Guard Academy)
6) “iCafe Projects: Putting English into a Social Learning Space” (Hiroshima Shudo University)
7) “Welcome to the World of Shakespeare: King Lear, Romeo & Juliet” (Hiroshima International University)

2. GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BOARD MEETINGS

(1) Chapter General Meeting
Date: June 6, 2015
Venue: Hiroshima Institute of Technology
Agenda: Report on the 2014 activities; Schedule for 2015 and a list of board members for 2015-2016; Report on the 2014 budget; Budget for 2015; OPP

(2) Chapter Board Meetings
The 1st Chapter Board Meeting
Date: June 6, 2015
Venue: Hiroshima Institute of Technology
Agenda: Schedule for 2016; Report on schedule for 2015; Some changes in rules concerning Research Bulletin

The 2nd Chapter Board Meeting
Date: October 24, 2015
Venue: Matsuyama University
Agenda: Schedule for 2016; Budget for 2016

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(1) Publications
1) JACET Chugoku-Shikoku Chapter Newsletters (No. 15 & No. 16) were issued on September 30, 2015 and on January 10, 2016 respectively.
2) JACET Chugoku-Shikoku Chapter Research Bulletin (Vol. 13) is scheduled for publication on March 31, 2016.

(Hidetomo Torigoe, National Institute of Technology, Kagawa College)

Kansai Chapter Report

1. CONFERENCES, SEMINARS

(1) Chapter Conference
JACET Kansai Chapter 2015 Spring Conference
Date: June 27, 2015
Venue: Osaka Kyoiku University, Tennoji Campus
Workshop (“How to Implement and Practice Extensive Reading in Class,” Atsuko Takase, Part-time Instructor, Kansai University etc.),

Symposium 1 (“Fostering Global Citizens through Study Abroad Programs,” Hazuki Nakata, Osaka Kyoiku University; Kazushige Tsuji, Mukogawa Women’s University), Symposium 2 (“State of the Art in L2 English Reading Studies,” Mariko Kawasaki, Takasaki City University of Economics; Tadashi Noro, Aichi Gakuin University; Yoko Nakano, Kwansei Gakuin University) and 9 research reports, 4 practical reports, and 118 participants.

JACET Kansai Chapter 2015 Fall Conference + JACET English Education Seminar
Date: November 28, 2015
Venue: Kobe Gakuin University, Port Island Campus
Workshop (“Teaching Methods for Motivating Students in University English Course: Tips from an Education Award Winner on Classroom Management,” Ikuko Kashiwabara, Osaka Electro-Communication University), Symposium 1 ("State of the Art in Language Learning Motivation Studies: Towards a Dialogue with Practice," Yoshiyuki Nakata, Doshisha University; Ryo Nitta, Nagoya Gakuin University; Osamu Takeuchi, Kansai University) and 14 research reports and 210 participants.

(2) Lecture Meetings
Ist Chapter Lecture of the 2015 Academic Year
Date and Time: July 11, 2015, 15:30-17:00
Venue: Kobe University, Tsurukabuto Campus
Speaker: Jay Klaphake, Kyoto University of Foreign Studies; Angus McGregor, Kyoto Gaidai Nishi High School; Kayoko Shiomi, Ritsumeikan University
2nd Chapter Lecture of the 2015 Academic Year
Date and Time: October 17, 2015, 15:30-17:00
Venue: Doshisha University, Imadegawa Campus
Speaker: Writing Research Group

3rd Chapter Lecture of the 2015 Academic Year (Forthcoming)
Date and Time: March 5, 2016, 15:30-17:00
Venue: Kwansei Gakuin University, Osaka Umeda Campus
Speaker: Listening Research Group

2. GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BOARD MEETINGS

(1) General Assembly
Date and Time: November 28, 2015, 9:20-9:45
Venue: Kobe Gakuin University, Port Island Campus

(2) Executive Board Meeting
The 1st Executive Board Meeting
Date: June 27, 2015
Venue: Osaka Kyoiku University, Tennoji Campus

The 2nd Executive Board Meeting
Date: July 11, 2015
Venue: Kobe University, Tsurukabuto Campus

The 3rd Executive Board Meeting
Date: October 17, 2015
Venue: Doshisha University, Imadegawa Campus

The 4th Executive Board Meeting
Date: November 28, 2015
Venue: Kobe Gakuin University, Port Island Campus

The 5th Executive Board Meeting (Forthcoming)
Date: March 5, 2016
Venue: Kwansei Gakuin University, Osaka Umeda Campus

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(1) Publications
1. Newsletter
JACET Kansai Newsletter No. 71 was published on May 16, 2015.
JACET Kansai Newsletter No. 72 was published on July 31, 2015.
JACET Kansai Newsletter No. 73 was published on November 1, 2015.

2. Journal
JACET Kansai Journal No. 18 will be published on March 31, 2016.

(Masahiro Yoshimura, Setsunan University)

Chubu Chapter Report

1. CONFERENCES, SEMINARS

(1) Chapter Conference
The 31st Annual Chapter Convention
Date: June 20, 2015
Venue: Nanzan University, Nagoya Campus
Theme: Exploring Potentialities of ‘langage’ in Order to Enhance Communication
Plenary Lecture: Yasunari Takada (Nagoya
University of Foreign Studies)
“Retrospect and Prospect as an Activist: An Inside Story About the Establishment of Center for Global Communication Strategies”
Symposium: “The Interface between the English Ability Required in Society and the Language Competence Cultivated in University”
1) “A User-based Grammar for Advanced Learners in the Light of Register or Speech Style”
Yūjitsu Omori (Aichi Prefectural University)
2) “Logic and Emotion” Hiromi Sodekawa (Professional interpreter)
3) “On Introduction of ‘translation’ as a Subject”
Toshihiko Ikeda (Professor Emeritus, Keio University)
4) “Three Aspects of ‘Awareness’: Grammar of Conversation” Masanori Toyota (Professor Emeritus, Kyoto University)
Presentations: There were six research presentations given.

(2) Autumn Study Meeting
Date: October 24, 2015
Venue: Chubu University, Tsurumai Campus
Plenary Lecture: Yuji Moro (Tsukuba University)
“Performing Psychology: A New Perspective on Human Development Based on Play and Imitation”
Chapter SIG Presentation (by Writing Research Group): Tomoyasu Kimura (Nagoya University of Foreign Studies) “A Rhetorical Analysis of Political Statement over the Relocation of a U.S. Air Base: Current English and English Rhetoric”
Presentations: There were three research presentations given.

(3) Spring Study Meeting
Date: February 20, 2016
Venue: Meijo University, Tempaku Campus
Special Research Presentation: Kuniyoshi Kataoka (Aichi University)
“Spatial Representations in Narrative: Toward a Holistic Analysis Beyond Language”
Chapter SIG Presentation (Politeness Study Group): Sanae Tsuda (Professor Emeritus, Tokai University), Mami Otani (Kyoto Women’s University), Yuko Iwata (International Christian University) and Yuka Shigemitsu (Tokyo Polytechnic University) “Audience Participation in English Conversations: Implications for Teaching English Conversational Skills
Presentations: There were three research presentations given.

(3) Lecture Meetings
Chapter Lecture
Date: December 12, 2015
Venue: Aichi University, Nagoya Campus
Invited Speaker: Hirokazu Yokokawa (Kobe University)

2. GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BOARD MEETINGS

(1) Chapter General Meetings
1) The 1st Meeting
Date: June 20, 2015
Venue: Nanzan University, Nagoya Campus
Agenda: Reports on the Central Board meeting; Report on the Chapter events of 2014; Report on the Chapter account of 2014; Proposal on Chapter president and board members for 2015; and Proposal on Chapter schedule and budget for 2015.

2) The 2nd Meeting
Date: December 12, 2015
Venue: Aichi University, Nagoya Campus
Agenda: Proposal on Chapter schedule and budget for 2016; Proposal on Chapter schedule and budget for 2016.

(2) Chapter Board Meetings
1) The 1st Meeting
Date: April 11, 2015
Venue: Nanzan University, Nagoya Campus

2) The 2nd Meeting
Date: May 16, 2015
Venue: Nanzan University, Nagoya Campus
Agenda: Report on the Central Board meeting; Report from the secretariat; Report on the Chapter budget; the 31st (2015) Chapter Conference; and the first Chapter General Meeting.

3) The 3rd Meeting
Date: June 20, 2015
Venue: Nanzan University, Nagoya Campus
Agenda: Report on the Central Board meeting; Report on the Chapter budget; and confirming the documents for the first Chapter General Meeting.

4) The 4th Meeting
Date: July 25, 2015
Venue: Nanzan University, Nagoya Campus
Agenda: Report on the Central Board meeting; Report from the secretariat; Report on the Chapter budget; Change of venue for the Chapter lecture; and Use of Chapter Board Mailing List.

5) The 5th Meeting
Date: October 24, 2015
Venue: Chubu University, Nagoya Campus
Agenda: Report on the Central Board meeting; Report from the secretariat; Report on the Chapter budget; Change of venue for the Chapter Lecture Meeting; and JACET-Chubu Newsletter No. 35.

6) The 6th Meeting
Date: November 14, 2015
Venue: Nanzan University, Nagoya Campus
Agenda: Report on the Central Board meeting; Report from the secretariat; Report on the Chapter budget; Chapter Lecture Meeting; Chapter schedule and budget for 2016; JACET-Chubu Newsletter No. 35; and Chapter Spring Study Meeting.

7) The 7th Meeting
Date: December 12, 2015
Venue: Aichi University, Nagoya Campus
Agenda: Report on the Central Board meeting; Report from the secretariat; Report on the Chapter budget; Chapter schedule and budget for 2016; and Chapter Spring Study Meeting.
8) The 8th Meeting  
Date: January 9, 2016  
Venue: Nagoya University of Foreign Studies  
Agenda: Report on the Central Board meeting; Report from the secretariat; Report on the Chapter budget; Chapter Spring Study Meeting; Chapter schedule for 2016; and Chapter Conference for 2016.

9) The 9th Meeting  
Date: February 20, 2016  
Venue: Meijo University, Tempaku Campus  

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(1) Publications  
1) *JACET Chubu Journal* Vol. 13 was published on December 25, 2015. This issue includes 5 articles, 3 research notes and 2 practical reports.

2) *JACET-Chubu Newsletter* No. 34 and No. 35 were published on May 10 and December 20, 2015 respectively.

For further information on the chapter activities and schedule, please refer to the Chubu Chapter Website at http://www.jacet-chubu.org/index.html.

(Yasumi Murata, Meijo University)

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### Kanto Chapter Report

1. CONFERENCES, SEMINARS

(1) Annual Convention  
Date: July 12, 2015  
Venue: Aoyama Gakuin University  
Theme: Intercultural Diversity of Integrated Learning in English Education

(2) JACET-Kanto Monthly Meetings  
Date: May 9, 2015  
Venue: Aoyama Gakuin University  
Presenter: Tatsuya Nakata (Kansai University)  
Title: Optimizing Second Language Vocabulary Learning  
Date: June 13, 2015  
Venue: Aoyama Gakuin University  
Presenter: Kazuko Kashiwagi (Osaka Kyoiku University)  
Title: Theory and Practice of CLIL: Through Overseas Practical Teacher Training in Finland  
Date: November 14, 2015  
Venue: Aoyama Gakuin University  
Presenter: Shoko Tanaka (Tokyo University)  
Title: Meanings of English Learning for Students in a Part-time Night High School: An Implication from a Case Study

(3) Aoyama Gakuin English-Language Education Center and JACET-Kanto Chapter Joint Lecture
Meetings
Date: April 11, 2015
Venue: Aoyama Gakuin University
Presenter: Tomoko Takada (Meikai University)
Title: A Challenge to the Use of Can-Do Lists in English Language Teaching in Secondary Schools in Japan

Date: September 12, 2015
Venue: Aoyama Gakuin University
Presenter: Kimio Shimizu (Bunkyo Gakuin University)
Title: Developing Self-learning Abilities through EFL Education Reconsidered

Date: October 10, 2015
Venue: Aoyama Gakuin University
Presenter: Taku Sugimoto (Aoyama Gakuin University)
Title: Meanings of Using ICT in Education

Date: December 12, 2015
Venue: Aoyama Gakuin University
Presenter: Masaru Yamazaki (Wako International High School)
Title: CLIL and Collaborative Learning in High School English Classes

Date: January 9, 2016
Venue: Aoyama Gakuin University
Presenter: Yukinari Shimoyama (Toyo Gakuen University)
Title: New Paradigms in English Education beyond Active Learning and ICT

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS
(1) Publications
JACET KANTO Journal vol.3 will be published on March 31, 2016.
JACET KANTO Newsletter vol.5 was published online on September 30, 2015.
JACET KANTO Newsletter vol.6 will be published
Tohoku Chapter Report

1. CONFERENCES, SEMINARS

(1) Annual Tohoku Chapter Convention
Date and Time: July 4, 2015, 13:40-17:00
Venue: Sendai City Information & Industrial Plaza
Special Lecture: “Bridging the gap between academia and the real world — PAIL for communication in the real world” Judy T. Noguchi (Kobe Gakuin University)
Presentation: “The Present Condition and Issues of the Practical Use of Can-Do List in English Class” Jun Kaneko (Yamagata University)

(2) 2015 Chapter Workshop
Date and Time: November 29, 2015, 13:30-16:00
Venue: Sendai City Information & Industrial Plaza
Special Lecture: “Dynamic Systems Approach and Speaking” Naoko Ozeki (Meiji University)
Presentation: “EFL Teacher Trainees’ Professional Development in Teaching Practice: Collaborative Learning and Teaching” Hideo Kojima (Bunkyo University)

2. GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BOARD MEETINGS

Annual Tohoku Chapter General Meeting
Date and Time: July 4, 2015, 13:00-13:30
Venue: Sendai City Information & Industrial Plaza
Agenda: Chapter business plans and budget for 2015; report on activities and final accounts for 2014

Extraordinary Tohoku Chapter General Meeting
Date and Time: November 29, 2015, 13:00-13:20
Venue: Sendai City Information & Industrial Plaza

The 1st Executive Committee Meeting
Date and Time: April 25, 2015, 12:00-14:30
Venue: Hotel Metropolitan Sendai
Agenda: 1) Chapter business plans and budget for 2015
2) JACET 57th (2018) International Convention in Tohoku district
3) Publication of TOHOKU TEFL Vol. 6

The 2nd Executive Committee Meeting
Date and Time: July 4, 2015, 12:00-12:50
Venue: Sendai City Information & Industrial Plaza
Agenda: 1) Chapter business plans for 2015
2) JACET 57th (2018) International Convention in Tohoku district
3) Publication of TOHOKU TEFL Vol. 6 and JACET–Tohoku Newsletter No. 42

The 3rd Executive Committee Meeting
Date and Time: October 18, 2015, 12:00-14:30
Venue: Hotel Metropolitan Sendai
Agenda: 1) Chapter business plans and budget for 2015
2016
2) JACET 57th (2018) International Convention in Tohoku district

The 4th Executive Committee Meeting
Date and Time: November 29, 2015, 12:00-13:00
Venue: Sendai City Information & Industrial Plaza
Agenda: 1) Chapter business plans and budget for 2016
2) JACET 57th (2018) International Convention in Tohoku district

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(1) Publications
1) TOHOKU TEFL Vol. 6 will be published in March, 2016.
2) JACET –Tohoku Newsletter No. 41 was published in March, 2015.
3) JACET –Tohoku Newsletter No. 42 will be published in March, 2016.

(Kumiko Okazaki, National Institute of Technology, Sendai College)

Hokkaido Chapter Report

1. CONFERENCES, SEMINARS

(1) Chapter Conference
Date: July 4, 2015
Venue: Niseko Chomin Center
Presentations:
1) “Collaborative Approach with Companies and Private Sector Institutes in the Niseko Region in Hokkaido Aiming to Educate a New Generation as Global Human Resources” Kingo Shiratori (Hokusei Gakuen University) and Tomoe Aoyama (Cambridge English Language Assessment)

2) “Image of English Teachers among University Students with Low English Proficiency: For Self-reflection on Teaching” Masaki Makino (Kinki University)

Keynote Lecture:
1) “EFL Teachers’ Kokoro Developed through CLIL/CBLT” Shigeru Sasajima (Toyo Eiwa University)

Lectures:
1) “Niseko, English and Social Mobility” Julian Bailey (SMiLE Niseko Language School/Hokkaido Exam Centre affiliated by Cambridge English Language Assessment)

2) “The Hospitality and Tourism Industry in Niseko” John Barton (Niseko Management Service)

Symposium:
1) “Language Teacher Cognition Research and English Education” Kaeko Nakamura (Hokkaido University of Science), Shigeru Sasajima (Toyo Eiwa University), Yasushi Kawai (Hokkaido University), and Akinobu Shimura (Hokkaido University of Education)

(2) Chapter Study Meetings
The 1st Chapter Study Meeting
Date: May 25, 2015
Venue: Hokkai-Gakuen University
Presentations:
1) “Pragmatic Routine Knowledge Scale for Japanese EFL Learners” Nanaho Oki
Workshop:
1) “Statistics Workshop” Satoshi Hasegawa (Health Sciences University of Hokkaido)

The 2nd Chapter Study Meeting
Date: October 17, 2015
Venue: Hokkaido Musashi Women’s Junior College
Presentations:
1) “Blending Technology and TBLT: The Otaru University of Commerce Blended Learning Project” John Thurman (Otaru University of Commerce)
2) “Exploring EFL Reading as an Ecological System in Social Contexts” Hiroyuki Matsumoto (Hokkai-Gakuen University)
3) “History of the JACET Hokkaido Classroom-centered Research (CCR) SIG” Akinobu Shimura (Hokkaido University of Education), Yoshiki Yokoyama (Hokkaido University of Education), Yasushi Kawai (Hokkaido University), Yuko Sakai (Hokkaido Sapporo Intercultural and Technological High School), and Noriaki Katagiri (Hokkaido University of Education)

The 3rd Chapter Study Meeting with JCA Hokkaido Chapter and HELES (Forthcoming)
Date: March 6, 2016
Venue: Sapporo City University
Presentations:
1) “The Effects of Phonics Training: Focusing on Developing Reading Speed and Reading Comprehension” Akemi Kawamura (Tokyo International University) and Yoshiko Matsubayashi (Tokyo International University)
Symposium:
1) “English Education in Asia” Hiroki Ishizuka (Hokkaido University of Education), Yoshiki Yokoyama (Hokkaido University of Education), Aiko Sano (Hokkaido Bunkyo University), Sari Wurandari (Budi Mulia Dua Elementary School), and Charles McLarty (Hokkaido Information University)

2. GENERAL ASSEMBL Y, BOARD MEETINGS
(1) Chapter General Meeting
Date: July 4, 2015
Venue: Niseko Chomin Center

(2) Chapter Executive Committee Meeting
The 1st Chapter Executive Meeting
Date: May 9, 2015
Venue: Hokusei Gakuen University

The 2nd Chapter Executive Meeting
Date: July 11, 2015
Venue: Hokusei Gakuen University

The 3rd Chapter Executive Meeting
Date: October 17, 2015
Venue: Hokkaido Musashi Women’s Junior College

The 4th Chapter Executive Meeting
Date: January 30, 2016
Venue: Hokusei Gakuen University

The 5th Chapter Executive Meeting
3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(1) Publications
1) The 29th issue of the chapter newsletter will be published online in March, 2016.

(Mitsutada Metoki, Tenshi College)

Information from the Editorial Board of JACET JOURNAL

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