

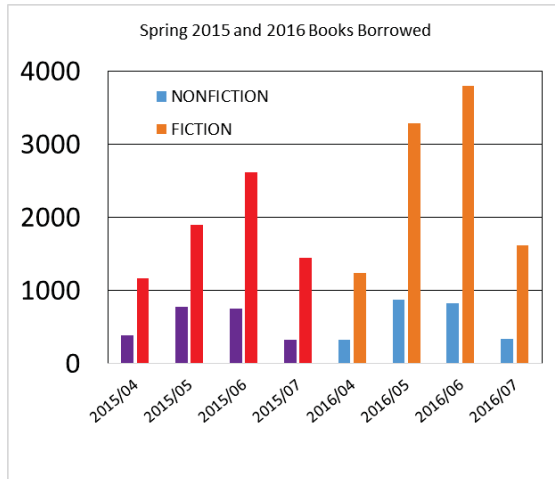
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BUSY ERC!

Many students have come to the ERC this semester, more than last year in May and June.

Wow! Keep it up, students!



STUDENT INTERVIEW

Our student this time is Kanako Wakimoto. She was a student in Mr. Hill's Reading Skills course.

She has stayed in Philippines for a while.

Let's check her English experience!!

Exactly how long did you live in the Philippines? Why did you choose that country?

10months. I wanted to study English, go to the place which we can eat rice and see the real poverty problems.

Before you left Japan, how did you prepare for language challenges there?

That's my fault. I didn't do much, yet I had TOEIC score 550 pts before going to the Philippines.

What kind of difficulties did you face with English communication (reading, writing, listening, speaking)?

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The first 3months, I faced with speaking and listening difficulties. The last 3months, I faced with grammar.

I walked around to talk with someone and made many foreign friends.

I practiced English with foreign friends by

How did you overcome those difficulties?

watching movies. It's not simple work. I repeated it until I understand everything.

In addition, I imitated actress pronunciations and her accent to improve my speaking skills.

There are many accents each countries. Before

Please explain any cultural differences that were surprising, or that made problems in communicating.

I wanted to speak English like native.

Now, I know there are non-native more than native, so I try to speak it anyway.

What was daily life like (related to using English)?

I was taking the classes in English. It is harder than daily conversation, but I had good experiences to learn technical English.

What advice can you give to any students who are thinking of living or visiting the Philippines (or any other country where English is used)?

If you aren't confident in your English, you must come to the Philippines. They are very

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kind and friendly. First, you couldn't master English perfectly. In that case, the most important thing is talking unabashedly. In the Philippines, you could do that because Filipino is non-native. It can be more helpful to improve your English.

TRAVELOGUE

~wonderful experience~



Travelogue in May's topic was about Malaysia. The speaker was Sho Kobayashi, who is 2nd year student, and he went to Malaysia for 10 days as a monitor of abroad students program. A big audience came to the ERC room, and there was full with people.

The funniest episode was about mango rice, which is his most favorite food in Malaysia. Audience was very surprised about that, but he said it tasted good!



ERC Lunch chat

●Root Beer Tasting

One day, Mr. Hill brought a root beer to a lunch chat. It's not a beer; it's a sweet carbonated drink like guarana. Some students tried and gave a score. Most of male responders said that they could drink it, but they wouldn't buy it

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themselves. On the other hand, female responders said they didn't like it very much. Many people have said that root beer tasted like a Chinese medicine. If you a brave person, you should ask Mr. Hill for root beer! You can find it in Kaldi store in AEON.



●Rhubarb Treat!

(Written by second-year student Sho Kobayashi.)

Rhubarb cake was made by Mr. Campbell and I ate it. It was first time to eat it for me. There were about 10 people who came to eat it. Rhubarb is a kind of plant. Flavor was too sour though, so we added Chikudai's ice cream. It was the sourest food that I had ever had. Everyone who ate it said sour but it didn't seem that everybody felt sour like me. There was also rhubarb jam and it was very sour too. You should try eating it one time.

