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TRAVELOGUE



Travelogue in October topic was about Australia. The speaker was Yuta Kazami, who is 4th year student, and he went to Australia for 8 months for working holiday. A big audience came to the ERC room, and there was full with people.

He had a lot of funny photos and stories during his working holiday.

STUDENT INTERVIEW

Our student this time is Yuka Kurochi. She is 4th year student and working as an ERC staff.

Q1. Where do you practice English?

At TIRC(森の交流館) or JICA Obihiro.

Q2. How did you get that volunteer job?
How long have you been there?

I joined some international events, and got some friends from Chikudai and JICA.

I offered to be volunteer worker for TIRC. Sometimes TIRC doesn't have enough staff for some events.

Q3. What kind of people speak English there? (nationalities, job titles)

Sri Lanka, Moldova, Philippines, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Dominican Republic, Malawi, Vietnam, Indonesia, Thailand.

Most of them work at government in their country.

Q4. What situations or events do you have there for English practice (speaking, reading, writing, listening)?
What do you do to prepare or study for these situations?

We can join "Pot-luck party" at TIRC we will cook there with foreign students. We can talk about the food and culture.

Q5. What do you like the most about this opportunity to use English?

I can know about many countries and I got a chance to visit my friend from another country.

Q6. What is the most difficult thing about English communication in that volunteer job?

Most of my international friends are not native English speaker so especially African English is difficult to listen for me.

Q7. How has this experience made you think about English in your future?

Now I feel I want to work in another country but my English is not enough.

Q8. What recommendations do you have about learning English for other students?

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Just talk to international students or English teacher.

Exchange Program Meeting



On Nov 17th, a debriefing session and explanation meeting of exchange program were held at the English Resource Center organized by International Student Office (ISO). In the session, a former exchange student, Hiroko Ishikawa, who studied in Peradeniya University in Sri Lanka for 1 year, made a presentation of her experience. After the session, Ms. Yuki Hasegawa of ISO explained the exchange program and partner universities. About 5 students who were interested in studying abroad participated.

HALLOWEEN EVENT



In October, ERC had a pumpkin carving event for Halloween at lunch chat!

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Shuki Kikuchi, who is 2nd year student, joined this event and gave her comment for pumpkin curving.

I cut pumpkin and made the unique jack o'lantern on Halloween.

Curving pumpkin was little difficult but very fun. I joined Halloween event last year, too. This year I joined with dressed up as Werewolf.

You can experience the interesting event in English lunch. Why don't you join us?

New ERC books and racks!

In October the ERC received about 180 new books. These are all new titles that we never had before, and they cover RL2-RL6. In November we combined the fiction and non-fiction books because we bought 3 new rotating book racks. These give us more space for students to look at books. Also, in late November, we received 170 more books, but these were replacements for old and damaged books. So, our supply of books is now almost 3,800 books!

