

## NUFS Workshop 2016

# Newsletter No. 4

## Workshop in August

**Date:** August 6-7, 2016, 15:00-17:30, 9:30-12:30

**Venue:** Green Hotel Sangane (Nishio, Aichi)

**Advisors:** Kazuyoshi Sato, Juanita Heigham (NUFS), Robert Croker (Nanzan University)

**Title:** Mid-term presentation on action research

**The number of participants: 16**



### 1) What did you learn from this two-day workshop?

- I learned how to analyze others' presentations and to dig deeper with questions. Also how to go about helping others.
- I learned a broad perspective through checking the presentation based on from kindergarten to university.
- I might need to change a way of approach. I should leave a fixed idea on teaching English.
- Many different ideas gave me more insight to teaching. I could revisit some things that I have learned and understand them better.
- I learned integration is the most important. Through organized plan of lessons, we can estimate our lessons and improve the lessons.

### 2) How would you like to change your AR from now on if it's necessary?

- As for assessment, I'm going to use speaking test and pair work. Also I'm going to have a new plan to teach vocabulary to JHS students. As Hiromi indicated, vocabulary teaching should be improved to meet the increase of new words in JHS English textbook.
- I want to in a way start over and introduce everything step-by-step. I will use new rewards/methods to motivate students and have them focus more on discussion rather than so much teacher talk. A lot of my data collecting methods will be changed or no longer used.
- I found that I need to focus on my research question and need to find the better way to correct the data.

- I couldn't conduct performance tests well in the first semester. I got good information on performance test other teacher did, so I want to revise the test to have the students develop the language skill.

### 3) Other comments

- I think in general we should be more strict with time. Mine was 10 minutes too long, but other students went even longer.
- It would be really interesting to have advisors present their own research topic.

### **Workshop in September (Scheduled)**

**Date:** September 10, 2016, 10:30-14:30 (Workshop), 14:30-17:00 (AR session)

**Venue:** NSC College, A-31

**Title:** "Developing Critical Reading Abilities Through the Use of J.H and S.H Textbooks"

**Instructor:** Takashi Miura (Emeritus professor of Shizuoka University)

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