

Newsletter No. 4

Workshop in August

Date: August 19-20, 2023

Venue: Mikawa Bay Hills Hotel (Nishio, Aichi)

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Title: Mid-term presentation on action research

The number of presenters: 12



(1) How did you feel about your presentation? Did you get any useful/impressive comment or advice? What was it?

- I was sort of stuck on my research, but professors and other participants gave me a lot of effective advices and helped me organize what I had.
- I felt fulfilled being able to present what I worked for this semester. I was glad to get a lot of comments for the improvement of my research.
- I did my best so far. I was able to get useful advice and comments from Yoshi and the classmates. One of them was describing the limitation of the research. In my case, I did not use authentic language proficiency tests to measure my students' improvement and I should write down about it on my report.
- Not in my presentation itself, but I got interested in interactional competence and communicative competence – how they are related or different.

(2) How did you feel about other participants' presentations?

- They were good. I would have liked to hear and see more second-year presenters, so as to get a view of how others are approaching their final research report. It's always interesting to see how and what others are doing.
- I learned a lot from the classmates' presentations. All of them gave me various ideas about how to show the data and the results.
- I felt motivated and saw lots of resources to build up my literature review and activities to use.

(3) How would you like to conduct your AR from now on?

- I want to be able to organize and show data that are meaningful to my study and useful for my classmates.
- I need to spend more time and be stick to my AR without any excuse.

- I want to carry on my plan, with the permission from the parents and the school, as planned from September. With video or audio recordings to have something to analyze.
- I need some revises; (1) improve the survey questionnaires, (2) categorize students' comments as qualitative data and (3) focus on target students to show how they have improved.



The view from Sangane-san is amazing and looks like a huge 3D screen.

Next Workshop will be held on September 16th. Detailed information is here:

<https://www.nufs.ac.jp/workshop/news/>