

NUFS Workshop 2006

*Newsletter No. 13***Final Presentation (Study Trip)**

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March 25, 2007, 9:30-12:30

Venue: Conference room at Irago Garden Hotel

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The number of participants: 9 (Action research group members only)

Abstract: Each participant made their final presentation on their action research report. Then they had a discussion.

**Comment from the participants:**

1. What do you think of the action research project you have participated in? Did it help you to improve your teaching skills?

- Definitely this action research project helped me improve my teaching skills. I could try out what I learned from the workshop and then at the next workshop I had chance to discuss my trial with other members. By doing so, I could adjust lesson procedure and develop method of teaching.
- To tell you the truth, at the beginning it seemed impossible for me to change my way of teaching drastically. However, this action research project turned out to be helpful to improve and create my conventional way of teaching. I could not attend the monthly presentation, and didn't find my own aim to do my class, so I changed my way sometimes. Trying to do and implement new idea gave me some excitement.
- Yes. I learned from other participants a lot. To tell the truth, sometimes it was very hard to make a handout for the project because the school work was very busy. However, without attending this workshop, I'm sure I could not improve my teaching plan and method.

2. How was a monthly report and presentation?

- I had had no chance to do a presentation in English. Although it is still hard for me to explain what I really want to say, this was a good opportunity to improve my own English.
- It was not easy to prepare for a monthly report but it is indispensable to reflect on our trial and to develop it. We can share ideas from many participants and for me it is a good opportunity to use English.

3. How do you feel of a monthly workshop? Did you learn any good ideas from the instructor? Which one(s) did you like the best? What kinds of topics do you want for future workshops?

- Absolutely! I like every method I learned. I want to try out 'Class plan using movies' during this spring vacation as we'll have a special class using movies instructed by ALT.
- I learned a lot, of course. I borrowed many methods from the workshops. Especially I love Nancy's ideas about the movies the best.

**4. How can we improve this action research project?
Please write your comment/advice.**

- I attended every workshop. I feel I improved my English and learned many things. So, please keep doing the workshop like this.
- I like this style.



We enjoyed this study trip to Irago very much. Grilled oysters and big clams at the beach were so delicious!

We'll make a booklet on action research report of NUFS Workshop 2006. I hope more teachers will join our workshop and action research program next school year. Please send the application form by fax for your registration for NUFS Workshop 2007. Thank you.