From KU to KU. . . Again!
Kansai University Students Arrive in the AEC

By Marie Osterhaus

Four students from Kansai University were welcomed to KU over spring break. The students are studying in the Applied English Center, and will advance to KU coursework in their field in the fall. The Kansai program is a nine-month program that includes additional cultural components, such as volunteer work and an American movies workshop. This small but mighty group is just as excited to be at KU as we are to host them! Best of luck and a hearty welcome!

From left to right are: Takuto Eriguchi, Terumi Noda, Natsumi Araki, and Ayaka Tano.
How to Prepare
The Day Before an Exam
From Kaplan Test Prep www.kaptest.com

Take the day off from studying.
Research has shown that anything you study right before an exam is more likely to hurt than help your performance. Why? Because the most recently studied information is still floating around in your short term memory and actually interferes with recall of information that you studied days, weeks or even months before.

Plan something fun to do as a reward for all the effort you have put into getting ready.
Call friends to make plans for after the exam is over. Do something fun that you didn’t do during the previous weeks of preparing and treat yourself to something special.

Watch your intake of caffeine.
It’s terrible not being able to fall asleep the night before an exam, so avoid beverages like coffee, tea, or colas unless they are decaffeinated.

Try to relax with activities like swimming, jogging, or biking so that you will feel tired enough to sleep.
A warm shower or bath close to bedtime will also help relax you.

Lay out everything you will need the night before so you won't have to stress out locating your lucky shirt or your pencils the next morning.
If you plan to drive to the test, make sure you have enough gasoline.

Proficiency Test to be Held Saturday, May 2nd

The AEC proficiency test will be held Saturday, May 2. Testing begins at 9 a.m. and ends at approximately 1:30 p.m. All students should have received information from their AEC teachers about where and what time to report for the test. If you haven’t received this information, see Doris at the AEC office.

Results will be available Monday, May 11, at 1:30 p.m. You are the only person who may pick up your test results. Also, due to privacy laws, the AEC cannot give you results by email or telephone. However, your results can be mailed. See Doris for more information.
International Coffee Hour Hosts Vietnamese Teachers

By Tiffany Learned

The sunny afternoon of Friday, April 10th found four teachers from the Vietnamese Teachers’ Program sharing their culture and country with the University. The teachers presented for International Coffee Hour, a newly-formed program sponsored by the AEC and KUAAP, and organized by ISS. The presentation was widely attended by fellow Vietnamese students and teachers, fellow AEC students, AEC instructors, ISS and AAP staff, as well as undergraduate and graduate students from a multitude of disciplines. The presenters shared Vietnam’s hot vacation spots, and most delicious cuisine. They also modeled Vietnam’s traditional dress for women called an Ao Dai. The presenters were also gracious in letting attendees try on Ao Dai for themselves. After the presentation, attendees were treated to an impromptu performance of a Vietnamese folk song by University student Minh Nguyen. The success of the presentation was evidenced by the number of attendees who stayed after the presentation to chat with the teachers and take photos with them. The teachers have been here for two semesters with a program sponsored by the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi, Vietnam, and will return home in May.

Pictured from left to right are:
Thai Thuy, Ngoc Ha, Conversation Leader Emmi Murao, AEC Instructor Marina Greene, Phuong Nguyen, Thuy Nguyen, Ha Nguyen.
Meet Your New Student Senators

By Tiffany Learned

American politics can be a rough business, but three former AEC students and one current conversation leader showed no fear as they campaigned in the student senate race throughout the month of April. All four of the students represented the Advance KU coalition and all four won their respective senate seats. Former AEC students Nanyi Deng, Saharat Peampongsant, and Xiaochan Wang will serve as International Senators while AEC Conversation Leader Omar Rana will serve as a Junior/Senior CLAS senator.

Sophomore Nanyi Deng, from Wenzhou China, is majoring in Psychology. She began at the AEC in the spring of 2014. Deng expressed that as an international student she sometimes feels invisible. During the campaign she said she felt “so unique, so powerful, so competitive, instead of being like an invisible member of a group.” She said that during the campaign “was the first time that I felt I had backup. . . I no longer hesitate talking about my feelings, my situation, and my obstacles as an international student.”

Sophomore Saharat Peampongsant, from Thailand, was an AEC student during the 2013-2014 academic year. He’s now majoring in Supply Chain Management. Saharat wanted to run for student senate because “In general, international students are usually overlooked, so I want to be a representative for international students to make sure that no one will be overlooked on our campus.”
Do you want to make faster progress learning English?  Do you want to find free resources to help you study?  Do you regularly use Facebook? Do you enjoy playing video games? If you answered “yes” to all of these questions, we have the perfect website for you! American English at State is a website for English language learners and teachers created by the US Department of State. Students can access the free material on the website to practice their English while learning about American Culture, American History, and other interesting topics.

Social Media
If you use Facebook, you can follow American English at State for great updates related to vocabulary and American Culture. The site posts regular infographic updates (infograph= informational graphic or picture) about challenging aspects of English like prepositions, idioms, and phrasal verbs. They also post about aspects of American culture and holidays.

Website
The American English website has even more free resources for English language learners of all levels. Students can download and print readings, workbooks, games, and activities for improving English. There are also eBooks available to download and read on your mobile devices. You can find podcasts and webinars on the site as well. Another great feature is the video game Trace Effects. Players can practice English and learn about American Culture by playing games and solving puzzles.
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1:30pm - 6pm
East Bloomington Beach, Shelter #6

Tickets:
- Transportation & Food: $9
- Food Only: $5 (2:30-5:00pm at the Lake)
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by Wednesday, May 6th

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AEC
Conversation Groups

- Meet on the first floor of the Kansas Union
- Begins June, 9th
- 10am to 4pm
- Monday to Friday

- Conversation groups are your chance to practice your English outside of the classroom.
- All AEC students are welcome!
- You don't need to sign up, come whenever you like.
- We meet just to talk.
- There is no homework or teacher. The leaders are students just like you.