

The LLL SIG Newsletter

Coordinator's Report

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Welcome to the first LLL SIG newsletter of 2011. I will begin by reviewing our activities for 2010 to our plans for 2011. We hope to meet or hear from you during the next year.

2010

1. Newsletter

On-line newsletters were posted in May, October, and December, totaling three for the year. Back issues are available on our Website.

2. The Language Teacher

We were able to publish a special edition of TLT, which was LLL-themed. Many thanks to Julia Harper (Publications Chair) for her hard work and dedication to that project!

3. Conferences

We participated in the 2010 Pan-SIG conference in Osaka where we had a record number of submissions and a very interesting program. As well, we held a forum at the 2010 JALT national conference to explain the activities of PEACE, a Tokyo-based NGO founded by older learners of English and their teacher to explain Japanese culture to

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non-Japanese. Some practical activities used by the NGO were demonstrated at the forum by a PEACE member.

4. Recruiting new members

New members were recruited at the SIG tables at both the Pan-SIG conference and the JALT national. The previously mentioned special edition of TLT also served to attract new members.

2011

Next, I would like to outline our plans for 2011. Details can be found in this newsletter.

1. Pan-SIG conference

We will once again be participating in the Pan-SIG conference, which will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 21st and 22nd at Shinshu University, Faculty of Arts, Matsumoto city, Nagano Prefecture

2. LLL SIG Mini-Conference

We will hold a mini- conference at Tokyo Keizai University, Tokyo in late September or early October.

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3. Facebook

Our SIG is now on Facebook at <http://tinyurl.com/4hzwlv>

This will provide another channel for you to learn about our activities and special events, but, more importantly, it gives all of you an opportunity to interact with the other members of the group in a more spontaneous way.

4. Earthquake relief

At an officers meeting in Kyoto in March, it was decided that LLL SIG would donate 24,000 yen to the Red Cross for earthquake relief efforts in the Tohoku region. According to the Daily Yomiuri newspaper, more than 60% of those affected by the earthquake were people over 65 years old.

Special Notice: Extending Memberships

The JALT Board of Directors has decided to extend, until July 31st, 2011, recently expired memberships of those members affected by the Tohoku earthquake and tsunami. SIG memberships will also be extended until July 31st, 2011.