

JACET 52nd International Convention Symposium

Session 1 Recommendations for English education from Japanese academic organizations

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Foreign language education, especially English language education, has become increasingly more important recently with the acceleration of globalization. While the main demand is for English education that is “useful,” arising from an immediate practical need, there is also the more broadly based aim of English education that is “of value” to the individual and society. Keeping these two aims in sight has become difficult. Under such circumstances, this symposium of the presidents of three associations that have great impact on English education in Japan will present ideas and advice related to English language education in general.

From Yukio Otsu, former vice president of The English Linguistic Society of Japan, we anticipate ideas for English education from the viewpoint of English linguistics, especially in relation to how suitable choices can modulate communication to express strength and kindness as well as fear. Toru Sasaki, president of The English Literary Society of Japan, can show us how literature, which expresses the very foundations of human spirit and existence, appears in the English used for communication. We look forward to suggestions for reading and dialogue materials for English textbooks and also how to restore the use of literature in English language education. Kazuo Nagano, former president of the Japan Society for Educational Technology, can inform us about the advancement of ICT (information and communication technology), information processing and educational technology and how they have been contributing to English language education. We also should know about the issues that need to be considered when using such technology.

Representing JACET, Vice President Hisako Yamauchi will describe the issues facing English language education at the tertiary level today and explore the possibilities at hand. Yamauchi will introduce each panelist and describe the purpose of the symposium (10 minutes). This will be followed by 15-minute presentations by the panelists, 35 minutes of discussion, and then concluding remarks and an overall summary. Ample time will be allotted for feedback and opinions in this “feast of words.”

シンポジウム 1 (Biodata)

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Yukio Otsu is professor of psycholinguistics at Meikai University, Chiba and professor emeritus at Keio University, Tokyo. In addition to his academic interest in the cognitive science of language, L1 acquisition in particular, he has been extensively involved in the betterment of English education in Japan

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Toru Sasaki, professor of English Literature at Kyoto University, is president of the English Literary Society of Japan. His publications include an edition of Hardy's *The Hand of Ethelberta* (Dent), contributions to *Oxford Reader's Companion to Hardy and Charles Dickens in Context* (CUP), and a translation of Dickens' *Great Expectations*.

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Kazuo NAGANO

Professor, University of the Sacred Heart Tokyo. Director, Multimedia Center for Active Learning. President of JSET. His research fields are curriculum development, design and development of computer application system for students. He has been several committees' member for the political decision making for ICT in education since 1990s. He drew up the ground design for the ICT curriculum which is conducted in Japan.

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Hisako Yamauchi, Ph. D. is a professor of English at the University of Nagasaki, Siebold. Her specialties include ESP, English communication, intercultural communication and phonetics. She is currently serving for JACET as a vice president. She is one of the editors of ESP in the 21st Century, Vol 4 of A Series of Studies on English Education.

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MORIZUMI Mamoru is a professor of Obirin (or J. F. Oberlin) University and a professor emeritus of Osaka University. He was the immediate ex-president of JACET and is currently the president of JALP (Japan Association for Language Policy). His main interests are language and culture education and foreign language policy.