

Language Teaching Professionals - TESOL Certificate Courses

Instructors

Andy Boon



An associate professor in the faculty of humanities at Toyo Gakuen University. He has been teaching in Japan for over 15 years and is an Aston University PhD student.

Aurora Dobashi



Founder of FETJ (Filipino English Teachers in Japan), a highly effective volunteer group that supports Filipino English teachers in Japan. Aurora has been teaching, training, advising, organizing events ... and much more for English teachers in Japan. She was the teacher trainer and chief of foreign teachers for Sogakukan for many years, and is a presenter for the Oxford University Press Kids Club, and former teacher trainer for the International English Education of Children (IIEEC). Aurora currently works for the Saitama City Board of Education teaching elementary and junior high school students. In the past, she has taught young learners in a wide variety of situations in both Japan and in the Philippines.

Alastair Graham-Marr



Has his Masters in Applied Linguistics. He's an Associate Professor at the Tokyo University of Science and has been teaching in Japan for 22 years. In addition to his teaching he also works as an editor for Abax Ltd., a specialty ELT publisher. His research interests include second language acquisition, the role of output, the role of explicit teaching and communicative competence.

Marc Helgesen



Author of more than 150 professional articles, books and textbooks including the English Firsthand series (Pearson Education/Longman Asia) and has lead teacher development workshop on five continents. He is professor at Miyagi Gakuin Women's University, Sendai and adjunct at Teachers College Columbia University, MA TESOL Program, Tokyo.

Kathleen Kampa



Kathleen continues to explore new ways to motivate and inspire children. In addition to her work in English language teaching, Kathleen has trained teachers around the world with a focus on very young learners, multiple intelligences strategies, music and movement/dance. She currently teaches at Seisen International School and Sullivan School of English.

Ann Mayeda



In addition to Ann's lecturing duties at Konan Women's University, she is a tutor on the University of Birmingham CELS MA distance learning team. The continuing theme in her teaching/learning philosophy centers on learner development and issues in autonomy as it applies to children and young adult learners.

Robert S. Murphy



Founder and Principal, Murphy School of Education. Robert studies and conducts research at Harvard University with the main field work in cognitive development rooted in Japanese schools. Robert has a Master's degree in TEFL/TESL from the University of Birmingham, and is a tutor/supervisor for the Birmingham MA distance program.

Mari Nakamura



Owner of English Square, an English language school in Kanazawa, where she teaches children and teenagers. She is active at both ETJ and JALT, and has a master's degree in TEYL.

David Paul



Founded David English House in an apartment in Hiroshima in 1982 and built it up to become one of the most respected schools in East Asia. He is also the founder of ETJ (English Teachers in Japan). David has spent a lot of time travelling around East Asia training teachers and helping both private schools and ministries of education to introduce more student-centered programs.

Jerry Talandis Jr.



Jerry Talandis Jr. has been working as an English teacher in Japan since 1993 and received his MSc in TESOL from Aston University. He is currently an Associate Professor at the University of Toyama, focusing primarily on teaching English conversation and composition. His research interests include pragmatics, materials design, learner autonomy, and professional development. He can be reached on academia.edu.

Setsuko Toyama



Setsuko Toyama is a visiting professor at Keiwa College in Niigata, where she conducts teacher-training courses. As well as teaching English to students of all ages, including team-teaching in special needs classes, she conducts teacher-training seminars at Tsuda College Open School and works closely with elementary school teachers in developing English language teaching content and improving teaching practices.

Grant Trew



Grant Trew has been working in the field of EFL for over 25 years as a teacher, trainer and materials developer in the UK, the Middle East, SE Asia, and Japan. He has extensive experience in designing and managing courses for a broad range of end users, including private language schools, major banks, international hotel chains, national railways and government agencies.

Rob Waring



Dr. Rob Waring teaches at Notre Dame Seishin University in Okayama, Japan. He is an acknowledged expert in Extensive Reading and second language vocabulary acquisition and is on the Executive Board of the Extensive Reading Foundation.

Terry Yearley



Terry Yearley is Coordinator of ETJ-Tokyo and holds a first class honours degree in 'Linguistics with TEFL' in his native England.