

English College

# English College Annual Report in 2015

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## 1. Members

Motoki Murakami (an M1 in the Graduate school of Mechanical Engineering)  
Yoshino Uete (a junior in the School of Letters)  
Tamami Katsu (a junior in School of Education)  
Sai Bin (a junior in the School of Engineering)  
Maiko Mitsuya (a senior in the School of Informatics and Sciences)  
Yosuke Sumi (a junior in the School of Informatics and Sciences)  
Kenji Takada (a sophomore in the School of Engineering)  
Akira Kishimoto (a freshman in the School of Engineering)

## 2. Activities

### • Lunch English

Day and time: lunch time(12:10-12:50) every Monday, Wednesday  
and Friday

Venue: Mainly in Room 207W in IEEC

Content: About 10 participants sit around tables randomly and have a chat in English while having a lunch. There will be a wide variety of topics. We sometimes have a talk about news, sometimes about private life or each major. The atmosphere is very informal and we can spend a lunch time enjoying English conversation.

## 3. What English College has provided for people here in Nagoya University

English College was established in spring, 2013. As an open “English speaking” event, Lunch English has been popular among those who seek an opportunity to speak English. Such opportunities have been offered by many other English conversation clubs, but these opportunities are usually only for a few members, so our main purpose is not only to offer the opportunity to speak English but also for all participants to enjoy fun speaking English together. Therefore we

talk about a lot of things with members whose major and grade are different. We are able to have a fun time together and make our activities so meaningful.

#### 4. Problems

We have some problems around our activities. First of all, it is very difficult to give every participant an enough time to speak English. There are many kinds of people and their English levels are different. That is why it is inevitable that high level English speakers will speak more. The best way to solve this problem is to make groups according to their English level. However, one bad thing about this method is that it is hard to confirm the English level of all participants. We have to come up with some new ideas.

Secondly, we cannot share information with all members. When I posted a message on English College's Facebook page about the temporary venue change, only a few members can see my message and so few members join activity on that day. So I think we have to solve this problem as soon as possible.

Thirdly, the relationships among some participants are not so good. Some people don't like to talk with some specific participants. Since Lunch English is open to everyone, people naturally like or dislike talking to some specific people and when they dislike, this leads to reluctance of some people in joining us.

#### 5. Conclusion

It's been difficult to make a good environment of speaking English. Some people could get benefits from our activities, others just felt stressed or bored and stopped coming. We are still not sure if it is really possible to have an idealistic place to communicate in English. There might be a lot of problems or troubles during this activity, but I am sure we can learn precious experience thorough this activity. In fact I could learn the way how to think about speaking and studying English or about wild variety of majors. As long as somebody takes charge of English College, we would like to continue our activities. We can learn a lot of things from every participants.