

Catholic Mass

Mass in English is held every other week from 15:00 at the Catholic Matsuyama Church at Sanbancho 4-5-5. Tel. 089-921-1849

Worship at the Fukuin Center

Oct. 6, 13, 20 9:00-10:45 Regular Sunday Service

Oct. 27 13:30-14:45 Worship in English

Matsuyama Fukuin Center, Heiwa-dori 1-6-6

Tel: 089-925-1008 <http://bit.ly/2LugPBV>

You are most welcome!

Please check our website.



Matsuyama Islamic Culture Center

Prayers are held 5 times every day and Islamic *dakwah* activities such as daily reading of Hadist, weekly Qur'an Recitation for Adults (*Usroh*) and weekly recitation for kids (Kids Program), also Halal meat, and an Islamic book library are available.

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Japan Association of Language Teachers (JALT)

Automated Autonomy: An Approach for Blended Learning

A blended-learning syllabus was designed to maximize student engagement and promote language fluency. The approach combines the benefits of autonomous online resources using Moodle with interactive, face-to-face classroom activities. The novel aspect of this approach in this presentation is the explicit separation of educational roles to be played by the online and offline modes of delivery. In this syllabus, the online mode provides interactive self-study materials that are automated, providing instant feedback for learners. For example, this includes vocabulary quizzes and games, H5P Interactive video activities, online forums where students can interact with peers and a wide array of multimedia contents to cater to diverse learning styles and preferences. Students are not required to complete all the online activities, but are free to choose several options to complete from the full complement. This automated and autonomous component forms the basis for grading. The automated process reduces the workload for instructors while ensuring objective and consistent grading. This approach allows educators to focus on delivering high-quality instruction in class and fostering a positive learning environment. In the classroom setting, the emphasis shifts towards spoken communication and fluency. Group and pair work activities are designed to capitalize on the availability of the students' classmates' for live, face-to-face interaction. These tasks encourage active participation, provide opportunities for practice, and help build confidence in speaking English, in a low-stakes learning environment. By separately integrating the best of both worlds – the interactive, self-paced benefits of online resources and the immersive, engaging nature of in-person communication – this blended-learning syllabus gives English language learners agency over their learning journey, encouraging autonomy, as well as providing extensive practice at actual language use to help learners expand their skills and achieve fluency. This presentation will be in two parts. In the first part, I will describe the separation of educational roles and differing uses of the various modes of delivery available in the blend. This will include discussions of the strengths and weaknesses of each mode. Following this, in the second part, I will showcase a real-life example of this being implemented in a course at the Shizuoka Institute of Science and Technology.

Date/Time: Sunday, October 13, 2024 14:00-16:00

Place: M215 Aidai Muse Bldg., Ehime University Johoku Campus

Members: Free

One-day members: ¥1000

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Endorsements: Matsuyama City; Matsuyama City Board of Education

Matsuyama Toastmasters Club

Matsuyama Toastmasters Club is a non-profit, international organization for improving communication and leadership skills. We practice public speaking in English and Japanese. Visit us 3 times for free to see if Toastmasters is for you.

www.matsuyama.toastmastersclubs.org

Oct. 13 (Sun.) 13:30-15:00 at COMs

Oct. 26 (Sat.) 19:00-20:30 on Zoom

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/4156790322>

Wondering Who and How to Help ?

With the many wars and disasters that have occurred even in the past few months, it may be difficult to choose who and how to help. One idea is Doctors Without Borders. A contribution goes almost entirely to funding the activities of the medical staff and they respond to need all over the world. Check this website for more information on how you may contribute. <https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/get-involved/ways-to-give>

The Red Cross is also a world-wide organization. Information for making a donation to the Red Cross is here:

<https://www.redcross.org/donations/ways-to-donate.html>

If you have other suggestions, please let us know.