

Class Name: 上級水 Advanced NEWS -Discuss and Debate Wed. (online /18:30-20:00)

Instructor: Ms. Cheryl Okubo

Each week a current issue in the news will be discussed in large and small groups. The discussions will slightly resemble a casual debate, by discussing opposite perspectives of the issue at hand. A current example might be whether or not married couples in Japan should have different surnames-- what would happen if this were allowed? Why should or shouldn't this be allowed?

Members are asked to read a 1 or 2 page news article in English one week in advance of the discussion. Similar news articles can often be found in Japanese newspapers also, for further information and deeper understanding of the issue at hand.

News topics are decided upon by members of the class on a monthly basis: anyone can suggest an issue they see in the news and want to talk about, and then we will vote to decide which current issues to discuss that month. If a specific article in English is not given by the student, Cheryl will find one and send it out to members via a group mailing list.

Sometimes the news is funny, other times serious--it all depends upon the interests of the students. Either way, discussing the news is always interesting and thought-provoking, and it sharpens our ability to form a reasonable argument.

****受講者の声****

- ・もっと硬い内容のクラスかと思っていましたが、カジュアルな感じのクラスで良かったです。
(2020年度 上級 Discussing the News 木クラス(秋クラス・オンライン授業)受講 C.O.さん)
- ・初めての英語研修への参加で、オンラインでの開催ということで少しとまどいもありましたが、授業の進行はスムーズでオンラインでも特段の不便を感じることはありませんでした。授業は Discussing the News というクラス名の通り毎週異なったトピックのニュースについて意見を交わすという形式でしたが、実際にはニュースを起点に様々なことを話すといった形で、自由に発言ができる雰囲気でした。私自身にとっては英語で発言をするというだけでなく、議論のトピックに対して自分の考えをまとめてから発言することの練習になり、非常に有意義な時間でした。機会があればぜひまた参加したいと思います。(2020年度 上級 NEWS 木クラス(秋クラス・オンライン授業)受講 S.Y.さん)

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