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Ayako Kaimo was a University Express student before entering Ohio State University.

University Express Offers The Help Students Need

Ayako Kaimo made so many friends while studying English at University Express that she hopes to return to Austin to live.

But for now, the native of Osaka, Japan also enjoys graduate school at Ohio State.

“The program is good,” she says of her studies for a Master of Social Work degree. “And I have professors who I can talk to personally. They really help me.”

When she came to the U.S. in 2003, Ayako found help she needed at University Express.

She already held an undergraduate degree in computer science from Kansai University in Osaka. But for a degree from an American university, she needed to improve her English.

“I could communicate,” she recalls. “I could say what I wanted to tell, but not completely.”

The year-long University Express experience was intensive, with classes in the day and homework in the evening.

“I’m the person who can’t do it by myself,” she confesses. “If I didn’t have classes, I wouldn’t have studied that much English.”

Advisors at University Express provided special assistance with selecting schools and completing applications. “We narrowed it down together,” says Ayako, “and they made sure I didn’t make mistakes.”

Her University Express experience came to a successful end when she was accepted at two U.S. universities and selected Ohio State. She expects to graduate next Spring.

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TIEP’s Oldest Student Learns English With an International View of Life

First the students at the Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP) sang “Happy Birthday” in English. Then, without prompting, they sang in their native languages – Arabic, Korean, and Portuguese.

The guest of honor was Japanese. Saburo Goto – known at the school as “Sabu” – was celebrating his 80th birthday.

“People here are very kind,” TIEP’s oldest student said later. He enjoys studying in an international atmosphere of young people. “They are inspiring,” he said.

Born and raised in Tokyo, Sabu has been living with his daughter in Austin and studying English at TIEP for two years. For many years previously, he had wanted to study English after he retired.

English was not taught in Japanese schools when he was a boy.

In his professional life, Sabu owned a company that made parts for Nissan automobiles. He later founded the largest inland food warehouse and distribution center in Japan.

When he came to Austin, he found TIEP through a friend of his daughter’s who also had studied here.

Sabu has three goals for his English study: to



When Saburo Goto turned 80, all of TIEP celebrated with a party.

converse with his daughter’s family when they speak English at home, to study American history, and ultimately to study Japanese history in English.

Studying Japanese history in America, he thinks, will enable him to see his native country from an international view.

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Bandar Alshuwair and other students from Saudi Arabia hosted an Eid al-Fitr celebration at TIEP to mark the end of the holy month of Ramadan. Bandar, who poured cardamom-based Saudi coffee at the event, is preparing to enter a graduate program in Management Information Systems at a U.S. university.

TIEC Announces New Overseas Opportunities

TIEC invites applications for a number of positions associated with the opening of Prince Mohammad University in Saudi Arabia. Most postings are for two or three semesters.

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- Associate Chair, Preparation Year Program
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