

# Summer 2016 Labor Gakuen Newsletter



Dear students,

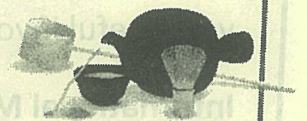
Well, it's nearly time for the Beer Garden Party again – Sunday July 17th! Don't forget to sign up at the front desk if you would like to come. Bring your money and pay when you sign up. Of course, you can cancel up to a few days before. We hope to see lots of you there.

We would also like to thank you for filling in the recent questionnaire. The top three reasons for studying English were: 1) for travel, 2) for helping tourists in Kyoto, 3) for watching TV/movies. It's great that so many of you are interested in foreign cultures and in helping foreigners who are in Kyoto! We always read your comments too and we would like to thank everyone for their input. It helps to make us better teachers and we will continue to try to make the lessons more useful and interesting for you, based on the comments.

Also please look out for posters about our "Book Giveaway". We will be inviting students and teachers to bring in English textbooks, dictionaries, graded readers, novels, DVDs, CDs etc. which you don't want so you can swap them.

And finally, next term we will have lots of special courses that might be interesting, especially if you want to tell foreigners about Japanese culture. We hope you can try one of them, or even two.

**Bernie's "History of the Tea Ceremony" class** will run again on Friday evenings for people who couldn't come in the daytime.



**Russell will also be running a new "Cha no Yu" course** on Tuesday afternoons. This is a bit easier than Bernie's course and should be very interesting.

**Next term we will also have "All about festivals of Kyoto"** on Tuesday mornings – a course about, well, festivals of Kyoto. Each lesson find out about two of Kyoto's many festivals plus, for example, giving directions or Kyoto food etc.

**How about trying the new "Art and Culture" class** on Friday afternoons? This course will be about art and art museums and will be run by Eric.

Would you like something less cultural?

We will have a 9-lesson pronunciation course called "Do you wanna speak better English?" on <sup>Wed</sup>Thursday afternoons to help you speak more smoothly and naturally. This will be run by Anthony.

And on Saturday mornings we will continue the popular "Business English Step Up" course for pre-intermediate to intermediate students with Graham.

Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings will see the "International Media" classes continue with Anthony – a great course for discussions and learning about things in the news.

Did you miss the "Personal Travel Course" class this term? Don't worry; it will be available again this autumn on Friday evenings for all you evening students.

The "Book Club – Crime never pays" continues with a set of short crime stories for next term. These stories are unabridged, meaning they are original and unchanged, but they are usually under 10 pages long.



And finally Yuko will have four courses next term – '1st year grammar', '2nd year grammar', '3rd year grammar' and a new 'Learning Grammar from Reading' course.

As for the short courses, we have the following to offer you:

**Giving Directions and Advice Part 2** – last term the Giving Directions short course was very popular so this term we will have a new one with more useful exercises for you to help tourists in Kyoto – suggesting where to go and how to go there.

**Kimono** – this 2-lesson course will look at interesting points of kimono – very useful if you want to talk to foreigners about kimono.



**International Media - Eco for life** – this 2-lesson course will look at ecological issues, such as solar power. This is good for higher level students who enjoy a discussion.

**Simply Japan** – in this 2-lesson course you can learn how to explain about Japanese things, like Japanese food and culture, in simple, plain English.

Hopefully there is something there for everyone!! And, of course, we will have all our regular classes as usual.

!!! HAPPY SUMMER !!!