

Proposal: The 14th English Education Forum

~The past and future of human resource development and English education: Looking back on the 50 years since returning to Japan~

1 Purpose

As globalization progresses rapidly and international interdependence deepens, it is essential to acquire communication skills in English as an international language in order to survive in the 21st century. In order to realize the "Okinawa 21st Century Vision", Okinawa Prefecture is required to build an educational system that fosters internationality and diverse abilities. It is an urgent task to build a network of exchanges and develop human resources with an international sense. This year's forum marks the 50th anniversary of the return to Japan, and aims to reflect on English education up to now, look into the future of English education, and contribute to the improvement and enhancement of English education in the prefecture.

2 Implementation and operation

- (1) **Date** : March 25, 2023 (Saturday) 10:00-17:10 (reception at 09:00)
- (2) **Venue**: Okinawa Women's Junior College (Yonabaru Town)
- (3) **Sponsored** : OKIEIKAI(Okinawa Association of English Education)
- (4) **Co-sponsored (planned)** : Okinawa Times Company
- (5) **Special cooperation (planned)** : Okinawa Women's Junior College
- (6) **Sponsorship (planned)** : Okinawa Prefectural Board of Education, Japan Eiken Association, Okinawa Junior High School English Education Research Association, Okinawa High School English Education Research Association, Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology, U.S. Consulate General in Okinawa, Okinawa Convention & Visitors Bureau, Okinawa Prefecture PTA Association, Okinawa Prefectural High School PTA Association, Ryukyu University, Okinawa University, etc.
- (7) **Sponsors (planned)** : Obunsha, Nikkei Education Group、 Shogaku Gakuen、 Human Group, Japan International Life Experience Association (EIL), Teinan Gakuen, Prontest, International Pronunciation Test Association, American Chamber of Commerce in Okinawa, Okinawa AMICUS International, Okinawa Christian School International , etc.
- (8) **Content①**: Morning session (10:00-12:00) Relay workshop : Human resource development and language education at our school
 - Workshop ① (10:00~10:35) [Mr. Sebastian Dakin\(Principal Okinawa AMICUS\)](#)
 - Workshop ② (10:40~11:20) [Ms.Megan Roe\(Principal Okinawa Christian School International\)](#)
 - Workshop ③ (11:25~12:00) [Okinawa Shogaku High School](#)
- (8) **Content②**: Afternoon (13:00~17:00) Keynote speech theme: Human resource development and English education that take advantage of Okinawa's regional characteristics and advantages
 - Lecture ① (13:05~14:00)
 - Theme: The role played by the US study abroad system
 - Lecturer: [Mr. Hirotaka Makino \(Former Deputy Governor of Okinawa Prefecture\)](#)
 - Lecture ② (14:05~15:00)
 - Theme: Perspective of human resource development with an international mindset - From the standpoint of OIST (tentative title)
 - Lecturer: [Ms. Heather Young\(OIST Vice President\)](#)

(8) Content③ : Panel discussion (15:05~17:00)

○ Theme: Human resource development and English education required in the 21st century (tentative title)

○ Panelists: From the above speakers

○ Coordinator: Mr. Hiroshi Oshiro (Chairman of the OKIEIKAI)

(9) Expected participants : Elementary, junior high and high school English teachers and those who are interested in English education

(10) Capacity: about 100 people

(11) Application deadline: March 18, 2023

(12) Participation fee: 500 yen (including materials preparation fee, collected on the day). Free for students and graduate students. In addition, we are planning to have a get-together with the lecturers after the seminar.

(13) On the following day, the 26th (Sunday), the 4th English Audio Teaching Method Seminar will be held from 9:20 to 12:30 at the same venue for English teachers, graduate students, and undergraduates. Please apply from the homepage of this association as well as the forum.

(13) Application way: Please download the application form file "<https://www.okieikai.com/>" from the **OKIEIKAI** website and send it to us by March 18th.