

## *Newsletter No. 4*

### **Workshop in August**

**Date:** August 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Venue:** Mikawa Bay Hills Hotel (Nishio, Aichi)

**Advisors:** Kazuyoshi Sato, Duane Kindt (NUFS)

**Title:** Mid-term presentation on action research

**The number of presenters:** 13



#### ***(1) How did you feel about your presentation? Did you get any useful/impressive comment or advice? What was it?***

- At first, I felt nervous and under-prepared but after watching other students' presentations, I realized that I was prepared. I always wish I could prepare more but I was happy with my preparation. I got very useful advice such as including conversation strategies in survey questions.
- I was very nervous as it was the first time to present using PowerPoint, however, it was a precious chance to review the classes I've taken. I had advice from Yoshi that a pie chart graph should be changed to a bar graph to show the result understandable.
- Since I became a second grader, I could understand what others said compared to last year.
- Since some students worked on my interesting research area, I could learn how I can apply theories to my situation from them.
- I was so happy that Prof. Sato gave me advice to do CSs, and told me that my students have potential to develop their speaking test.

#### ***(2) How did you feel about other participants' presentations?***

- I liked how they did their literature reviews in the allotted time. It was still concise which I want to replicate.
- Listening to other's presentations was so helpful because I could find some things to implement to my research.
- I was impressed by the seniors' presentations. They showed me many scholar's names and their theories. I've heard some of them, but not all of them. I felt that I need to learn a lot from now on.
- It seemed most people's presentations all focus on communication strategies. I did the same thing, I wonder, if content is something we should equally foster.
- Mayumi's taught me important literature that I can check to help develop my AR, especially to develop my research in communicative competence.

### ***(3) How would you like to conduct your AR from now on?***

- Revisions. Figuring out what I want to do with group cohesions/dynamics.
- I would like to reexamine my research questions, check if I should change my AR, and fix the mistakes from my mid-year report.
- I will conduct performance tests which include speaking and writing tests. I will introduce follow-up questions for the speaking test and peer-editing for the writing test.
- I would like to deepen my understanding of each theory that I used in my AR.
- I would like to create activities that help my students develop their proficiency by observing what activities work well for them.
- I need to learn how to collect data and learn how to show it.



The view from the hotel was amazing like a huge 3D screen.

*Next Workshop will be held on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Detailed information is here:*

<https://www.nufs.ac.jp/workshop/news/>

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