

CrossTalk

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It is now 6 months since the beginning of 2003. Time passes quickly! Perhaps this is a good time to think about all that's happened.

Of course, Iraq has been important this year. First, the world saw the United Nations **unable** to agree on what to do. Then, we watched as America and Britain led a military attack, removing Saddam Hussein.

In Korea, the newly **elected** South Korean president, Roh Moo Hyun, took office. During his **inauguration**, North Korea **test-fired** a missile. The world also **discovered** North Korea had **re-started** its **nuclear program**.

SARS began in China last November, but other countries **found out** about it this year.

More unhappy news was the **explosion** of the space shuttle Columbia on February 1st.

But not all the events this year have been so **serious**. In **entertainment**, the movie "Chicago" won the Academy Award (the Oscar) for best picture of the year.

In sports, American football saw the Tampa Bay Buccaneers beat the Oakland Raiders in Super Bowl 37. Also, Japanese baseball player Hideki "Godzilla" Matsui became a New York Yankee in January.

This month, there are some holidays that might make you **reflect** about the past. Father's Day falls on the 15th.

For men, it's a time to Remember **earlier** days. And, June is also school graduation month, a time to think of the past *and* future!

What has happened with *you* this year?



GLOSSARY (These words are in red in the story)

unable = できない	elected = 選んだ	inauguration = 就任式
test-fired = 試験発射した	discovered = 発見した	
re-start = 再開する	nuclear program = 原子炉計画	
found out = 発見した	explosion = 爆発	serious = 重大な
entertainment = 娯楽	reflect = 顧みる	earlier = 以前に

A Word From Us



Joshua Says: Did you know that the Matsuyama Cricket Club has existed for over 10 years? What is Cricket? It is a sport which began in England. Some say it is the grandfather of baseball. If any of our students would like to experience this unique sport, contact me and you can come to a game!

Junko Says: One of our new students told me she is studying English because she will be working in Thailand after University. For many years, English has been important for Japanese people to get a job in Japan, but now English is becoming even *more* important because many students will work abroad.



Joanna Says: Recently I drove for the first time in Japan! It wasn't too difficult because in both England and Japan people drive on the left. Those mountain roads are pretty scary though! I went to Shikoku Karusuto which was lovely. The cows were gorgeous, and so was the ice cream!

Drew Says: This month, I begin my 4th year as a traveling English teacher! I started teaching in June, 2000 in Munich, Germany and then moved to Freiburg, Germany (Matsuyama's sister city). After Germany, I taught English for one year in Italy (near Milan). Now I'm in Japan. Where next? Bangkok, Thailand!



Tamara Says: A few weeks ago I went to a beer garden in Matsuyama for the first time, but it probably won't be the last. I had a great time! I met lots of really fun people, drank some Sake, and I even tried some Japanese food – yakitori – yummmm!

Greg Says: There is an expression that says “simple pleasures are the best.” I found that to be true last month when I simply spent my time meeting with old friends and making new ones. My weekends were spent going out to restaurants and beer gardens. One Saturday, I even sang karaoke with friends until sunrise!



Yuka Says: Don't you think that crows are a problem? They tear garbage out of trash bags and spread it all over the street. We cover up the trash bags with a net, but the crows are clever. They know where the food is! I hope somebody will do something about them!

A Word From You

Kaori Fukutani Says: I competed in a Kendo competition in Fukuoka last month. My team is all girls! In the fighting picture, I'm on the left. In the team picture, I'm in the middle!



Rie Okada Says: My high school has planned several trips for the students. We had to choose between skydiving in Okinawa, shopping in Tokyo, mountain climbing and white water rafting in Hokkaido, or visiting Universal Studios in Osaka. I chose mountain climbing! Wish me luck!

Tomomi Ninomiya Says: Now, I am enjoying college life in Fukuoka. It is very exciting. I can make conversation with our English teacher, so I am very happy! I love and miss you all!

Student News

Congratulations To:

Koji Takahashi – Koji got his first job! Beginning next April, he will work for Suzuki Motor Corporation in Hamamatsu. He hopes to design motorcycles!

Easy English Lesson

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Use **am/is/are** + **-ing** to talk about *now*.

John: What are you doing now?

Yuko: I'm studying English.

Use **am/is/are** + **-ing** to talk about *around now*.

Shoji: What is Ann doing this week?

Peter: She's studying English

Use **am/is/are** + **-ing** to talk about the *future*.

Sue: What are they doing next Saturday?

Judy: They're studying English.

Net News

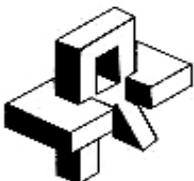
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