

# CrossTalk

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## WHEN IT SIZZLES.....

When the temperature **soars** to 35 degrees Celsius, your whole body is **sweltering**, and a chilled glass of wine or beer isn't enough to cool you off, what can you do for some comfort? You go to the beach of course!! Asia Pacific, **boasts** some of the world's most beautiful beaches.

Tahiti's islands, once an **inspiration** for several impressionist painters, are like gems floating in the Pacific Ocean. Teavara Beach is good for snorkeling and swimming on account of its shallow water and it also has a good view of palm trees and mountains. Hauru Point Beach is ideal for water sports including kayaking, sailing, and para-gliding since it faces small offshore **islets** consisting of lagoons.

Maldives, surrounded by the warm water of the Indian Ocean, is a beach goer's paradise. Giravaru Beach, gives you the opportunity to experience scuba-diving, as



you explore the **enchanting** world of the underwater, including two shipwrecks that lie in the area.

Haliveli Beach is perfect for nature lovers or those who just want to relax. The beach is **encompassed** by **lush** tropical vegetation, and consists of soft white sand to daydream on.

If Tahiti or Maldives are too far for you to visit or a little expensive, how about something a little closer to home? Japan's Okinawa islands are **swarming** with beaches to please every beach fan. Naminoue Beach has crystal clear water, **numerous** restaurants, lifeguards, beach chairs and umbrellas. It's a perfect beach to enjoy a family outing.

Happy Summer everyone!! I hope that you enjoy it to the fullest, and don't forget to protect yourselves from the harmful UV rays when you're at the beach!!

Story by Grace



## Glossary

(These words are in **color** in the story)

**soars** 上昇する      **sweltering** 暑くて汗だくに (なる)  
**islets** 非常に小さな島々      **enchanting** 魅惑的な  
**lush** 青々とした      **swarming** いっぱいある

**boasts** 誇る      **inspiration** 着想の源  
**encompassed** 取り囲まれている  
**numerous** ものすごい数の

# A Word From Us



**Joshua Says:** Well, we finally had our new school's Opening Party at the end of last month. Many of you came and I thank you for making it a very enjoyable time indeed! The food was great and so was the wine (as confirmed by the lovers of this particular beverage who tried it), but most of all your company was much appreciated by myself and the Crossroads staff. Take a look at some shots from the party on page 3.

**Junko Says:** Since we opened the new school we have had a steady flow of new students joining us. And one of the most popular courses is our new "Petite Cosmopolitan" cooking class! The Australian kitchen is just suited to this course and the teacher, Richard, is a qualified chef too! Our students are really enjoying their time in these classes, so pass on the word to your family and friends to come and try it out!



**Grace Says:** On the 21<sup>st</sup> July, I'll have been living in Japan for exactly a year. It's the longest time I've been away from home. My stay in Japan has been very rewarding so far. I've met lots of nice and friendly people, travelled to numerous cities, and best of all, discovered a whole new culture. I'm hoping to see and learn much more before returning to Canada!!

**Rachael Says:** What wonderful weather we had all month; so many sunny days and beautiful clear blue skies. In New Zealand it's winter at the moment, the high temperature has been about 13 – 15 Celsius. My parents-in-law came to visit us in June. They were glad to have a break from the wet and windy New Zealand winter and find such glorious sunshine here. I am so glad to be here rather than there too!



**Greg says:** Is it because they are "dumb", "dense" or just plain "stupid"? Why is it that mothers can drive happily along the street all safely strapped into their seatbelts while their children bounce around like little kangaroos on the front or back seats! Logic tells me that an accident will send their children through the front windscreen! Someone, please tell me why these parents are so stupid!

**Richard Says:** I need some help with something that has been brewing for 3 years. If you have a video camera and understand how to edit and run 30 minutes of filming into 10 minutes of magic, then I want your skills! The product is "top secret" and will take 2 hours to film and maybe 2 more to edit and credit. Don't worry. Nothing sinister, just art. Please let me know if you are interested a.s.a.p.



**Natasha Says:** The Dacha (summer house) season has come! Russian people cannot resist visiting their Dachas in this season. We enjoy reading books, planting vegetables and cooking Shashlyk (Russian BBQ). Shashlyk is, so to speak, HUGE Yakitori. When I came to Japan the first time, I was surprised to find that Yakitori is TOO small...everything is small in Japan, but neat! .... Whenever he eats Shashlyk in my Dacha, my husband looks very happy! Yes, his grin says it all..."The bigger, the better."

**Yuka Says:** What are your plans for this summer? I think taking a trip may be a popular idea. Which do you like better, joining a package vacation, or setting out your own plans? I personally prefer the latter. Isn't it wonderful to have the freedom to decide what to do when you get there? Anyway, enjoy your summer holiday no matter which way you go!



# A Word From You

**Akemi says:** Last month, my husband and I attended the 17<sup>th</sup> Asia Credit Social International Conference in Hokkaido. We had to wait three hours at Matsuyama airport because of some thick fog. When the sky cleared up, we flew to Tokyo and transferred there to go to Hokkaido.



**Hiroko says:** I went to Tokyo last month to attend my brother's wedding. It was my first wedding. I enjoyed it. My brother didn't look like himself, he looked cool, and the bride was so beautiful. The wedding reception was held in a French restaurant and I enjoyed eating delicious French food.

Some scenes from our Opening Party...



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Don't forget to take a look at the NET NOTEBOOK in our Open-house lounge. You'll find games, news and English study sites.

Now that the hot and muggy weather has arrived, here are some "hot" expressions for you to use.

**A Hot Item:** A popular item; a product that many people want.

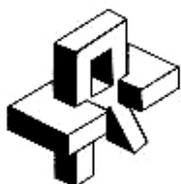
DVDS are a **hot item** nowadays. Many people seem to be buying them.

Anything with Keanu Reeves' picture on it is a **hot item**.

**Hot off the press:** A newspaper or magazine that has just been printed.

The Crossroads Newsletter which you're now reading is **hot off the press**.

When the McKenzie trial finished, the newsstand seller hollered, "read all about it, it's **hot off the press**".



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