

CrossTalk

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— from Kumfa in SCB!

Never before had I researched Finland on the Internet. I had heard this country's name, but I didn't know anything about it until I started browsing the net. While sitting at my desk however, I found much information about the aurora.



Aurora! This word caught my heart immediately! I have never seen an aurora with my own eyes; I've only seen it a few times on TV. The aurora's color was so beautiful and the movement was so mysterious that it made a strong impression on me!

According to what I read, Finland is a good place for watching the aurora. Lapland especially is good for doing this.

Why did they say Lapland is one of the best places for watching the aurora? Because you can see the aurora two days out of every three during the winter season in Lapland. So, during this season many visitors come from all over the world, and the city's mood becomes very international!

We can watch the aurora only in the winter season, but in fact it occurs all year long. In summer the sun stays up at night, so during this time it's simply not visible.



The aurora occurs high in the sky, about 100km to 500km up. In comparison, planes fly 10km high. I found this distance rather surprising!

Do you want to go to Finland to watch the aurora? I'd like to give you 3 tips for doing so: First, go to Lapland during the winter season; second, choose a clear day; third, wait in a dark area at night from 9pm to 2am, with warm clothes!

I'd love to go and watch the aurora myself, but the cold would be a big problem for me!



Net News

NET LESSONS: Are you too busy to come to CROSSROADS?... Try our *lessons on the Internet!* It's CROSSROADS in your home or office! You get CROSSROADS' great teachers, teaching programs, even classmates, *on-line!* Call for details: **089 9217595**

NET SITE OF THE MONTH:

There are some great photos of the "Northern Lights" here: <http://www.iww.is/art/shs/pages/thumbs.html>

NET NOTEBOOK: Don't forget to take a look at the Internet activity notebook in our open-house. You'll find games, news and English learning sites.

Some Thoughts for the Month



Joshua Says: On behalf of everyone at Crossroads – staff and students alike - I'd like to thank Iain for all the great teaching (and magic) he has produced here over the last 2½ years. Yes, unfortunately for us, Iain is leaving to take up a teaching position in Okinawa at a university. This is a well deserved post for him and we wish him the very best of good fortune while there. Of course, we hope to get a visit every now and then,... what do you say Iain?

Junko Says: Recently, Goshiki Sakura Bridge in Tokyo was partially illuminated with electricity generated by energy created by the vibration of cars running on the road. The principle works much the same as energy generated from vibrating speakers. There are 5 main highways in Tokyo, and 1,150,000 cars carrying 2,000,000 people use these highways every day. The future plan is to use this new ecologically friendly electricity to light up all of these highways.



Michael Says: I recently went snowboarding at Plana. I had wanted to go for many years, and the conditions seemed right, so friends of mine and I took off for the mountain to test ourselves on the slopes. And you know what? It wasn't nearly as difficult or tiring as I had been told! I loved it! I may be hooked; I may be addicted. If it's not the sport itself, it's the view around the slope: from snow-laden Plana, I could look down through the haze and see the warmer city below. It was like another world. I recommend this experience whole-heartedly!

Iain Says: My time at Crossroads is coming to an end because I have got a job at Meio University in Nago Okinawa. We are excited about the move but we are also sad to leave all of the friends we have made over the three years we have called Matsuyama our home. As many of my students know, I have been working two jobs and it was sometimes very tiring, but the students here always gave me the energy I needed to keep up with my busy schedule. I will really miss Junko and Joshua and the rest of the staff here. I wish you all the best. If any of you have plans to come to Okinawa you feel free to contact me!



Sheri Says: SHOPPING is so much fun, especially if you find a good deal! Don't you agree? Matsuyama has a few really great second hand shops. Compared to Canada, the Japanese used clothing shops are very well stocked and well organized. You can try a new style or color at a cheap price. Or maybe you are looking for an old favorite - like a black turtleneck. Or maybe you don't know what you want! Browsing is the best in a second hand shop because you never know what weird and wonderful items you may find. My favorite shop, here in Matsuyama, plays really funky music so you can dance and shop at the same time. Can you guess which one it is?

Greg Says: My daughter came home the other day and told me that her teacher was eleven years old. I insisted that maybe she had made a mistake and misunderstood her teacher. But she was adamant that her teacher was eleven. After much "no she isn't" from me and "yes she is" from her, she told me with a smile that her teacher was born on February 29th!!!!



WANTED

Lead Articles for our Newsletter!

The new format for our newsletter relies on you, our students, to come forth with articles for the front page. We will edit them and the best ones will appear on the cover page every month. Short articles, long articles, any subject, all are welcome. So, come on! Ask your teachers for details, and let's see how interesting our newsletter can really get!

Notice Board

Are you logging-on to the Internet with our Open House computers? They are there for you, so, "help yourself!" It's free!!

a reminder:
25th Anniversary Campaign!!!
 This year we are going to be 25!!!
 And to celebrate, we are going to have a campaign all year long...
 Invite your friends to join and get free lesson credits for you and your friend.
 let's make Crossroads bigger and better than we have ever been!!!

note
 THE LIBRARY NOW HAS SOME "JUNIOR READERS" FOR EASY READING... CHECK THEM OUT!

Overseas study and homestay has never been easier!!!

There is a great chance to really put the English you study at Crossroads to good use. Overseas study and home-stay have never been easier! And cheaper!! Great teachers, great deals. Check out your options with Junko in our office, today!!!

クロスローズの好きなコースで英語を学ぶ。

"GENERAL" (ジェネラル) コース

英語+実践練習

60分 x 2回 / 週:

1学期-4ヶ月毎にレベルが上がる
クロスローズのメインプログラム

90分 x 1回 / 週:

忙しい方のための週1レッスン

プライベート(個人)

月2回からレッスン回数自由選択

セミプライベート(セミ個人):

月3回からレッスン回数自由選択

クロスローズで学べるその他の外国語

フランス語 - スペイン語 - ドイツ語 - イタリア語 - ロシア語 - 中国語 - 韓国語

COSMOPOLITAN (コスモポリタン) コース

英語+実技を通した実用練習、だから誰でも分かる、自然に上達する。

英語でギターを習う

英語で歌う

英語で料理

英語でマジック

ピアノ

英語劇

ヨガ

NET(ネット) レッスン

グループOR プライベート

レッスン料 ¥4,725/月~
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KIDS' (キッズ) クラス

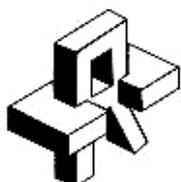
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MOTHER & CHILD

(マザー&チャイルド)

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