

Crossroads

CROSSROADS Language Studio's Newsletter, November 2008

This Month, Let's Immerse Ourselves
in Ancient History:

POMPEII

I traveled to Italy and visited some World Heritage Sites. The site which impressed me most was the Ruins of Pompeii.

During the Roman era, Pompeii was a city of 20,000 residents. It was destroyed on the 24th August, 79AD by an eruption of Mt. Vesuvius which completely covered the city with volcanic ash and hot mud. The eruption buried the city under 8 to 10 feet of ash and debris, taking the lives of 10,000 of the city's residents.

Excavations at the site began in the 1700s and are still underway. According to our tour guide, it is estimated that 60% of the city still remains uncovered.

The excavations revealed that the houses had plumbing with drainage and sewage systems, a market place, and, in the wealthiest peoples' homes, beautiful works of art including frescoes from the Roman era.

Immersing ourselves in history, we stopped by thermal baths and walked on cobblestone streets with sidewalks. Along the streets there were many shops: a fish-shop, a bakery, and even a bar. I learned that by taking advantage of being a port city on the Bay of Naples, the people of Pompeii had traded in many goods with other Roman cities. I learned that the residents of the city could buy almost anything they wanted. It's amazing to think that the same kinds of ovens are still being used today for making pizzas! It was also surprising to see a theater for entertainment with many tiers of seats (an amphitheater) which reminded me of an open-air theater in Britain.

Just imagine how some of the wealthy people were enjoying their lives even in those days. At the same time, we should not forget about the slaves who served them.

When you go to Italy, you should not miss visiting the Ruins of Pompeii. I'm sure you'll gain insights, thinking of the people of those days.

- Article by Kikuko in Mts(A)

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:

For an interesting site about Pompeii, go to:

<http://www.fieldmuseum.org/pompeii/>

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.



Photos by Kikuko

Some Thoughts for the Month



Joshua Says: After more than a year with us, we must say “good-bye” to Michael. Mike will be moving on to try his hand at teaching in Mie. Both your students and colleagues will miss you, Mike, and we all wish you the very best of luck in your new life in Honshu.

Junko Says: I too want to wish Michael good fortune in his future. But, Michael leaving us is not the only change we are going to experience on our teaching staff. I'm very thrilled to welcome Emilie to our full-time staff. Emilie, as many of you will know, has been working with us as a part-time French teacher. She has been doing so well that we decided to ask her to become full-time, and she has accepted. So, keep your eyes open for her, and when you meet her, try out your French!



Michael Says: “*Change is the only constant.*” My father told me that when I was young, and I have never forgotten it. Living in Matsuyama has been one of the nicest chapters of my life, and I thank everyone for that. I have met many wonderful people and have had some incredible students, and again I thank you all. Perhaps, just perhaps, we'll see each other again. Study hard! And the best of luck with everything in your future!

Owen Says: I came across an article the other day, about some Japanese scientists who claim to have discovered a footprint of a Yeti (aka The Abominable Snowman, or Bigfoot)! Although there was a photo of the print, I sadly remain a skeptic. Wouldn't it be wonderful though? A world full of magical creatures, living in the shadows. As a child, I dreamed of bumping into one, in the woodland near my house. I still like to imagine that happening, but age has made me skeptical about such magical finds when they do appear.



Greg Says: What is happening to the world economy? Are we heading for a global meltdown? Everyday the stock markets are bouncing around like out of control tennis balls and everyone seems to have the answer to the problem (\$700 billion bank bailout plan) but investor confidence is not agreeing with the political minds. The real problem is that many people predicted this would happen many years ago but no one was listening.....pretty much the same as the current melting ice cap situation.

Emilie Dit: C'est avec beaucoup d'impatience que je vais commencer à travailler à plein temps pour crossroads dès le mois de novembre. L'avenir s'annonce radieux, plein de promesses et de nouvelles rencontres. Je suis heureuse de pouvoir me consacrer totalement à l'enseignement de la langue française et il me tarde de passer à l'action. Bonjour



NOTICE BOARD

The BIG Bash!!!

The End-Of-Term Party,

Performance Night, **AND** Christmas

Party!! All together this year
on Saturday, November 29th
from 7:00pm.



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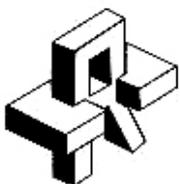
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MOTHER & CHILD

(マザー&チャイルド)

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