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Greetings from Tutor

It is such a pleasure for me to be able to greet all the honorable ESS OB/OG members on this happy occasion. I can easily imagine that every one of you is doing just great, always working hard to achieve beyond expectations. But today, back here on Kansai Gaidai campus, please relax and enjoy yourself on this Homecoming Day.

Time flies indeed, and I have been the tutor of ESS for more than five years, often finding myself looking back what I have experienced and who I have met in various events held by ESS. Although my recent tight schedule tends to prevent me from joining ESS activities, good memories of learning together with wise and cheerful members are always fresh and pleasing to look back. Well, come to think of it, as far as great memories go, time does not fly; they are always there with you, making you smile and giving you some energy to go forward in rough times. And I am sure that there are a lot of wonderful memories also staying with each of you in your heart.

Now at Kansai Gaidai, new ESS members have mixed into the section of their choice, studying hard with their senior members in each field. Of course it goes without saying that various activities and events held by ESS improve not only their English skill but also the ability to communicate with others both in English and Japanese. In addition, all members make good friends with each other and get some wonderful memories always so vivid that they will last for the rest of their lives, to which all of you here could agree.

Last but not least, let me please express my deepest appreciation to you, dear OB/OG members, for your everlasting support and friendly advice to current members. Thanks to your kind attention, ESS can grow as much as it can, and for that I also feel that I am very fortunate working as the tutor of ESS. On this significant occasion, I sincerely hope that all of you will have a good time and share happy memories with each other. Welcome back, great OB/OG members, and the campus is all yours today!

Tadahisa Asada
Professor, Junior College
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Greeting

Hello everyone, my name is Genya Morishita, the vice president of the 47th ESS. Since the current president, Yumi Imai, has a personal reason, she is absent today's meeting. So instead of her, I am going to write the president's greeting. Today, I am going to write about my personal opinions and my feeling towards current ESS situations.

First of all, I want to thank to all of OBOG members who came here all the way from such a long trip today. We, conference members, have been looking forward to seeing and talking with all of you. It has been almost 1 year since we became the conference members. On last year's December, we did not know anything about the executive members because more than a half of us did not expect to become the one of them.

To some extent, I have changed that the way of thinking and almost all of new conference members surely have changed their thought towards ESS since they became the conference members. The most difficult thing I recently have felt is that the gap between the conference members and the staff members in the distance sense. We conference members do a little bit different habit and work usually. It is not a club activity but it is more like an organization-orientated group. That is what the staff members think too much formal, not flexible, and too restricted etc.

I personally think that the club is like a role playing game but the important thing is that how much can we do and take that game seriously and take advantage of it. I think that it possibly connects to anything. It possibly connects to our humanity, ultimately saying. Even if not, it is sure that doing this boring-looking club activity makes us much stronger. I actually could be stronger than the last year.

The difficult thing as I wrote before is the distance. I cannot push my feeling towards anyone because that is what I felt by myself. So my role in this club that is to make everyone active. I want everyone to be active and skeptical about subject that they are learning, stupid questions, even ESS. Otherwise nobody will understand even the meaning of the ESS. Now that we are trying to do as much as we can, ESS will be much better club that nobody can imagine.

Sincerely yours
Genya Morishita

Planning Department

My name is Masumi Shimokawa. I am a sophomore and a member of the speech section. My job is planning two training camps of E.S.S. in a year.

Before training camp

At first, I decide where we go, choose a hotel, and find a place for sightseeing. Second, I ask the meeting member to suggest what you want to do and need in each training camp. Third, after deciding the hotel, some members of E.S.S. and I will go there to check it. Fourth, making the time schedule and other materials, and making the pamphlet with other members of meeting members. These are job that must be done before the training camp.

Planning a spring training camp

At the spring training camp, there are mostly sophomores and juniors, so this training camp focuses on improving academic skill. Every year training camp is held in Kinki region for four days in last March.

Planning a summer training camp

At the summer training camp, there are many freshmen. It focuses on mixing the people from different sections and the school years. The purpose of this club is to improve the English skills and to make a good relationships in E.S.S. We also hold this training camp in Kinki region for 4 days in middle August.

At the training camps

I try to create a good atmosphere, keep smiling, and talk to all E.S.S members. If the planner does not enjoy the camp, other members of E.S.S. cannot enjoy either.

Planning each training camp is too hard, but it is a good experience for me. I am really proud of this job, and I want to connect my excellent this experience to future successes. Thank you very much.

Sincerely Yours
Masumi Shimokawa

Coordination Department

Hello, my name is Miduki Agata. I am a sophomore in English Studying Society and a member of discussion section. I feel honored that I have the chance to introduce my job in the E.S.S.. My job as coordination department mainly has two tasks. Please let me explain my job.

Managing The Joint Discussion for Freshmen

The Joint Discussion for Freshmen is one of the largest events of the E.S.S., which includes other universities' students. In this event, about 300 students came from universities in the Kinki area. It wasn't only a discussion for freshmen, but also an opportunity to share information about each E.S.S.. As a matter of fact, managing this large-scale event was very tough for me. There was a huge pressure as I had experienced because I had not joined the previous year. However, I learned many important things through this event and it made me grow up. For the first time I often felt negative and had much pressure to manage it. However, thanks to their cooperation and support, my negative feelings became less and less. Consequently, through this event, I'm really grateful to all the members for being able to have such precious experience in my life.

Searching for the judges

The other task had was to ask some foreign professors to be the judges, when E.S.S. held events, mainly for the Speech Contest and E.S.S. training camps during each long vacation. Then, every time I wonder how I can look for such judges, because most of the professors are busy whenever I ask them to do so. Also whenever I talk to them, I feel nervous because of my lack of speaking ability in English. However, the more I talk with them, the more I came to feel comfortable and feel much gratitude to them, because they make an environment to talk with them easily without feeling nervous and also seem to have passion to support us. I am very thankful to be able to have such precious opportunity to talk with the professors.

These things are my tasks. To tell the truth, I have faced many troubles so far since I became a coordination department. However, when I compare what I am now with what I used to be before being in this position, I feel that I am getting to grow up little by little. I think it's all thanks to this role and proud of my serving this role in E.S.S. Thank you very much.

Sincerely Yours.

Miduki Agata

Financial Affairs

Hello, my name is Ayaka Tamura. I have learned a lot from E.S.S. club life and through the activities of executive of E.S.S. I hold the Financial Affairs office, and I am glad to have chance to introduce my job.

To collect and manage operational expenses of the club and every event

I collect operating money of E.S.S club once in a year, and also collect the money for managing every E.S.S. event, such as training camp. After collecting, I manage the funds and inform and announce all the E.S.S. members how these money were used.

To manage the planning of booth of school festival

In school festival season, I manage the project of food booth proceed of the booth, and I decide how to use the money.

These things are my job. I am still inexperienced worker as one of the executive members, but I try my best. I am thankful for this E.S.S. club, so I would like to work more actively and be a nice senior for my juniors.

Sincerely Yours
Ayaka Tamura

The General Affairs Manager

My name is Genya Morishita, a junior and a member of the discussion section. I'm honor to be talking about my job as one of conference members of ESS. I am going to write about my two essential jobs in ESS briefly.

Application of the classes

One of main jobs of the general affairs management is to send application papers for using classes to the student affairs. This job is about the application of classes that we each ESS section use in every activity. In every month I submit the application paper to the student affairs by the deadline. This application is essential job for ESS to do the activity safely every time.

Supervise the ESS member list

Another main jobs of general affairs is to supervise the ESS member list. Every month, I check the number of the ESS members and submit it to cultural organizations HQ by the deadline.

My extra work is to take pictures in every ESS event. I also upload those pictures on the Skydrive.

As one of conference members

I really appreciate and take pride in my job. As a general affairs manager, although I sometimes at a loss with dealing problems concerning the meanings of the job and relationships with student affairs, I sincerely take this to my heart and enjoy this job until I will retire.

One of my seniors said that being a conference member means no rest, and we have to spend all the time concentrating on the ESS at any time. We conference members have no time to concentrate on myself. I personally think that executive members take many more responsibilities than the other members. I'm still wondering the exact meaning of the responsibility sometimes. I recently have got used to do my job at last. It is not too much to say that I'm still a baby a conference member.

I hopefully will get the meaning of the responsibility by the end of my retirement. I'll try to take all precious opportunities in front of my situations.

Sincerely Yours.

Genya Morishita

Speaking promoter

My name is Mamoru Ishigami, a junior and I'm a member of the drama section. I would like to explain my job of Speaking Promoter.

Tanimoto Presidential Cup

This is a traditional speech contest of the ESS. It was held in the middle of September this year. In this contest, our ESS members and other university students deliver own speeches. This contest was an ESS event that is not only improve speaking ability but also communicate with other universities through the contest itself and a reception to communicate each other. In this year, this contest change the style, we hold this contest in presentation style.

Greeting

We hold so many events and we try to touch with English together. I can spend time practicing and learning English with them. Thus, I want to work for ESS to get own skills more and more in order not to regret to do. Thank you very much.

Sincerely Yours.
Mamoru Ishigami

Secretary

My name is Takumi Nishihara and I am a fresh man of speech section. It has been about two months since the job left to me by my predecessor. I am going to explain my job. My duties can be divided into two main parts.

Drawing up the minutes

It is no exaggeration to say that drawing up the minutes is the most important job of secretary. I prepare the minutes during meetings. Usually, I use a computer for making the record, but I draw up the minutes by hand when the meetings deal with important matters.

Taking roll of members

Taking roll of members is another job of secretary. The secretary takes roll at every event and lists those who arrive late or are absent.

I don't do job of secretary well. However, I always do my best. The secretary is not always appreciated but the secretary is the unsung hero of E.S.S. So, I am proud of this job.

Sincerely Yours.
Takumi Nishihara

Chairperson

My name is Ayano Notsu, a junior and a member of the debate section. I would like to explain my job as a chairperson of the E.S.S.

Managing conference meeting

One of my main jobs is to manage every conference meeting. In every meeting, a few E.S.S. conference members bring a master plan of the event for members to check. Then members exchange their opinions and suggestions, I have to listen to their opinions and ideas with an open mind. Also, I usually make the schedule for meetings and events with event manager.

Event support

I am also responsible for as event support. Some E.S.S. events need extra staff. In those cases, I help the event manager.

As one of a conference members

This year, I have attended conference meetings. It has increased my opportunities of think about E.S.S. From this experience, I have learned that I sometimes need to take charge or enforce rules even when working with friends. This has prepared me for work at a company after graduating, but the more importantly each person has learned responsibility for the club. Members learn the importance of attendance and informing others of absences in advance. The job has been more difficult than I had imagined, but together we have created a positive environment.

Chairperson is a great job for me to connect with a lot of members in this club. There are about two months remaining in my job term as one of the conference members. I would like to continue enjoying doing my job. Thank you very much.

Sincerely Yours.

Ayano Notsu

The Head of the Section Leader

I am Naoko Shisa, a sophomore and a member of the speech section. I'd like to introduce my two main jobs.

Section Initiation Ceremony

We held the event in two days. The first day we held a ceremony. We welcomed freshmen through giving a speech by section leaders, and made them conscious of the members of E.S.S. The second day we held a reception. Freshmen introduced themselves, and talked with sophomores and juniors. I was glad that everyone enjoyed it, and I hope freshmen have motivation and interest in E.S.S. more and more.

Section leaders' meeting

Section leaders conduct a meeting once or twice every month. We tell present situations and problems of each section, then discuss them. Moreover, two sections do activities together in order to deepen the interaction and get to know other section's activities each other. We also report the activities in the meeting.

I understood the difficulty and importance of this job recently. To be honest, I might not have worked enough in the former period. I reflected on myself, so I have more motivation than before. I try to make better relationship between sections and better sections for every E.S.S. member.

Sincerely yours.

Naoko Shisa

The Leader of the Debate Section

My name is Ayano Notsu, a junior and a member of the debate section. It is my great pleasure to tell you about my job as a leader of the debate section.

In our section, we focus on debate, and sharing opinion with others. There are two groups: for and against and we decide the winner through rounds. There are about 60 minutes in a round. Through this debate, we can learn how to tell our own opinions to others, logically. Also, we talk about a variety of areas, so we can learn about many things. What is important for our activity is reflection. After finishing the activity, we have to argue our position. Afterwards, we discuss the activity and our performances such as goal, time schedule and English grammar. By doing so, we identify strengths and weaknesses of and make the activity better and better.

This year, there are 3 members in our section. There are few members in our section, but, I hope we will be dedicated to our section activity and make better relationships with other section members.

Sincerely Yours
Ayano Notsu

Debate section

To get skill of speaking English logically

Ayano Notsu

To improve English skill and talk in English fluently through conversation

Asuka Umehara

To speak English using long sentence

To study English everyday

To make chance to speak English

Juri Inui

The leader of the Discussion section

Hello, I am Tsuyoshi Kubo, the leader of the Discussion section. The members of our section are enthusiastic about studying English. Next I would like to introduce our section's activities.

Our section has three main activities. One is Free Discussion. In Free Discussion we share our opinions with each other about a variety of topics. Another is called PDD, Policy Determine Discussion. It is a discussion in which we discuss the ways to solve serious problems taking place in Japan. Usually it takes more than three hours to finish, and we need a lot of information to prepare for the discussion. Through the PDD, we can get logical thinking and knowledge of current events. The other is Value Discussion. Last year our section began including it in the main activities. In this discussion, we share our opinions and values about a given topic. The difference from Free Discussion is that there are strict rules regarding turn taking. Following rules, we succeed in making our discussions deeper.

This year we have seven freshmen. I hope we can enjoy E.S.S. club as a part of our college life, and can find something worthy for us in it.

Sincerely yours.

Tsuyoshi Kubo

Discussion Section

I'll do my best.

Nao Kakio

No dictionary, no Japanese-English translation.

Genya Morishita

Don't hesitate, be confident for use.

Akira Tanimoto

The great opportunity to share my own ideas with the nice members having high motivations for improving English abilities.

Mizuki Agata

Get English skills for my future.

Tsuyoshi Kubo

I want to speak English fluently.

Risa Nishibata

Increase my vocabulary.

Haruka Yamamoto

I improve my English skills.

Kana Hashimoto

Explore the English world.

Eri Hamada

Everyday English

Takekazu Koshio

The Leader of the Drama Section

I am Yuka Matsuyama, a sophomore and the leader of the Drama section. I'd like to introduce drama section.

Our activity is performing dramas in English. Usually, we develop basic skills for English musicals, such as scenario readings, singings, and dancing. Through these activities, we also focus on improving our pronunciation. At the moment of writing this journal, we are practicing for a stage performance of "Memphis", for Gaidai Festival. We are hopeful that this performance will have concluded with success and appeal for the audience. Sometimes we have problems such as long practice schedules and interpersonal problems, but we are highly motivated for our acting.

This year, three freshmen have joined us and we have 12 members in total. All the members of the drama section are individual and cheerful. We hope all the members enjoy the drama section's activities from the bottom of our heart's and keep our close relationships forever.

Sincerely yours.

Yuka Matsuyama

Drama Section

I will get many skills of acting, dancing, singing and pronunciation.

Mamoru Ishigami

I'd like to challenge a new thing by the drama activity.

Manami Takagi

I never let anyone lead me in acting.

Yuka Matsuyama

I'll try to improve my English and the drama activity.

Himeno Tajima

I will become a different person.

Kanako Seiji

The Leader of the Speech Section

I am Naoko Shisa, a sophomore and a member of the speech section. I'd like to introduce the speech section.

We do activities for 5-gaidai during fall semester. 5-gaidai is a speech contest for freshmen. Kansai Gaidai University, Kobe City University of Foreign Studies, Tenri University, Kyoto University of Foreign Studies, and Osaka University will participate in the speech contest, and 5-gaidai will hold on December 8th this year. Therefore, I want speech section members to get skills to make a speech through ordinary activity. For example, we focus on the way to make a speech in September and October. We will focus on delivery such as pronunciation, intonation, and gesture in November and December. This year every sophomore and junior will help freshmen to pass the preliminary and succeed in giving a speech in 5-gaidai.

Three freshmen entered the speech section, so there are 20 people in the speech section. Four great juniors and a sophomore are studying abroad from September, so everyone is a little sad. However, we keep good relationships. I hope that we will enjoy speech activities and improve our skills.

Sincerely Yours.

Naoko Shisa

Speech Section

Using English with correct grammar and positiveness.

Ayaka Tamura

I want to improve my speaking ability.

Tomoyo Umemoto

To improve English ability.

Motomi Tanaka

I will try to improve my English skill, especially speaking!

Masuni Shimokawa

I will study hard to gain a skill of making a speech and teach the know-how to freshmen, so I want them to make great speeches in 5-gaidai.

Naoko Shisa

I always do my best to improve ESS.

Takumi Nishihara

I want to speak English fluently as if I am a half American and half Japanese.

Ranka Fukao

I want to make a speech in 5-gaidai.

Ayaka Suwa

The leader of Oral Speed Communication section

I hope all is well with you, dear E.S.S. members. My name is Hiroaki Tsutsumino, the leader of Oral Speed Communication, OSC section. I am really glad to have this chance to introduce this section.

Our section's goal is to go to study abroad. Now three seniors from our club have gone abroad, and two sophomores retired this club at the beginning of this semester. Thus, there are only freshmen left in the club. However, we work hard to make our dreams come true.

Now let me tell you about the content of our activity. The primary activity is discussion with native-speaker lecturers. They give me tips not only on frequent pronunciation but on also many global and current issues, so we can get the global information and native sounds.

In conclusion, it has been for only two years since this section was made. However, I hope this section will be a major section like all the other sections. In order to do so, we will keep working and work even harder than now. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours.

Hiroaki Tsutsumino

Oral Speed Communication Section

I would like to go to Austraria.

Aki Ota

I want to improve my English skills.

Kaho Okano

I want to talk with many foreign people.

Kaho Tsunomori

I am studying oral skills with having fun.

Saki Miura

I want to improve my conversation skill.

Shima Ishihara

I want to be able to speak English well.

Takuya Isohashi

I want to speak English fluently with foreign people.

Yosuke Amakata

I want to speak English more fluently.

Yuka Matsumoto

