



Upcoming Meetings

At the [ZAZA City Palette, 5th floor](#)

Sunday, September 13th, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Members: Free - Non-members: ¥1,000

Sharing 18 Years of Experience with Language Immersion in a Japanese K-12 School: Insights and Implications

By Dr. Mike Bostwick

Overview

The presentation describes the development of Katoh Gakuen's English Immersion Program - the first English immersion school in Japan. Immersion education is an intensive form of content-based foreign language instruction in which at least 50% of the students' academic instruction is done through the medium of a foreign language. Katoh Gakuen is also the only immersion school in Japan with accreditation from the Japanese Ministry of Education and the prestigious International Baccalaureate Organization.



The presentation will highlight two areas of interest:

- 1) The overall organization of the program and how the program came into existence. The school has developed a unique model of bilingual education in order to meet the challenges and goals of the school. A video and discussion of how students learn academic content through a foreign language will be presented.
- 2) What we have learned from our experience as a pioneer in immersion education in Japan will be shared. Areas of discussion include - first and second language development, language and identity, and implications for language instruction in non-immersion contexts.

If you have questions, please check our [JALT website \(www.hamajalt.org\)](http://www.hamajalt.org), or contact Dan Frost at 053-460-7956 or you can also contact Dan at his e-mail: danshonest@yahoo.com. See you in September!