

広島国際大学の英語カリキュラムは、日本人教員と英語ネイティブの教員が協力しながらつくっています。本学では3人のネイティブ教員が教えています。今回はその中のお一人、ドナルド・チェリー先生から新入生の皆さんに贈る英語メッセージを掲載します。

Welcome to the Beginning of Your Journey!

By Donald Cherry

Hello everyone. Welcome to Hiroshima International University. I came here 18 years ago, and I have been very happy working with the excellent teachers and students at this university. I am originally from the United States, but I have been in Japan for about 30 years. I have lived in Osaka, Takasaki (Gunma Prefecture), Kanazawa, and now Hiroshima. I am very happy here in Hiroshima, and have enjoyed exploring the area – the mountains, the Inland Sea and its islands, and the many exciting sites in Hiroshima City. I am sure you will enjoy your time here. I encourage you to take advantage of all the university and the area has to offer. There is a lot to see and do.

I teach the freshman courses English Communication and English Reading. My style of teaching is probably very different than the style of teaching you have experienced before. I advise you to come to my class with fresh eyes and an open mind. I will do my best to challenge you in different and interesting ways. I am also an advisor once a week for an English-only conversation lunch hour called English House.

I find learning foreign languages to be fascinating. I am not such a great Japanese speaker, but I do enjoy studying, speaking, and writing Japanese. I find it fascinating that there can be such a wide variety of languages on this earth. I find it truly incredible that human beings could invent so many different ways to speak and write. I have briefly studied Chinese, French, Spanish, Korean, and Hindi. One aspect I find especially interesting among these languages is how different the pronunciation of each one is. I also enjoy learning the different writing systems among these languages.

My other interests are cycling, hiking, and writing. I have cycled and hiked a lot in the mountains around Hiroshima Prefecture, as well as on the islands in the Inland Sea. I also like writing, and I have written and published poetry, fiction, and essays both in Japan and the United States.

Again, welcome to Hiroshima International University. I believe this will be the first step in a wonderful journey of exploration!