

# ESL Program

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## ***Farewell Goodbye!***

It was a pleasure to have all of you part of our Summer English as a Second Language Program.

Thank you for making this 2005 summer enjoyable with our faculty and staffs. Also thank you for sending Diane pictures, articles for our newsletters.

We wish you good luck and hope to see all of you this fall or next summer. We will miss you.

Thanks for those who brought their hometown food to share. It was delicious.



## ***Fall 2005 Registration***

*Registration is currently open!*

**Fall 2005 Courses**  
**September 8 - December 12**  
**Registration Deadline:**  
**September 5**

**492.071.01 Strengthening Oral Fluency in English - Intermediate**  
\$795 Link-Farajali  
M W 6:00-7:30 pm

**492.072.01 Strengthening Oral Fluency in English - Advanced**  
\$795 Moran  
M W 6:00-7:30 pm

**492.073.01 Enhancing Fluency for Oral Proficiency Tests**  
\$795 Link-Farajali  
Sa 9:00 am-noon

**492.077.01 Written Expression for Academic and Professional English**  
\$795 Palmer  
T 6:00-9:00

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# NEWSLETTER



The ESL certificate ceremony was a great success, plenty of laughter, conversation, and eating.



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## Does Sport Matter?

by Han

Do you have any interesting experiences with manners? Good or bad? What was the situation or treatment? How did you feel? I always wonder about the manners of the fans at soccer or baseball games. They are really crazy about their team, even wearing team clothes or screaming cheers! So, when they watch a game, many rude manners can happen.

In Taiwan, people like baseball, and they are crazy for the baseball team they support. As the game starts, all of the people who support another team are "enemies." They will be abusive and quarrel, even fight, just for one point or the referee's ruling. If the other team loses the game, they will laugh at those fans without consideration. These manners are bad and strange really, but the fans don't think so. They say: To show our loyalty to the team, we must do this. As I remember, one year ago, my friends and I went to see a baseball game, and our team lost. When we walked to the exit, a fan who supported the other team spoke loudly and purposely: I sympathize with those fans! Their team lost ... such a terrible team! One of my friends was very angry after he heard that, and he asked the man: What did you mean? They argued about this, and then fought.

The same situation happens in Europe and South America, even more terribly. There, people are crazy for soccer. As everyone knows, soccer fans have a special name, called "soccer villains." They not only just fight and quarrel in the game. When their team loses, big tumult will happen, and many persons will be injured, even die. So, every time a game begins, police have to stand by carefully. I remember very clearly, three years ago, all people in the world were crazy for the World Cup of Soccer Games. When Argentina lost the game to England, their people couldn't believe the truth. They despaired and got angry --- chaos happened. I saw many persons who burned the cars, destroyed the stores, yelled and were abusive on the TV. As the same time, the Korea team beat the Italian team, and the Italian people felt the referee's ruling was very not fair. When I went to Italy after that match, a waiter in a coffee shop asked me: Are you Korean? If you are, get out the door! This reaction scared me!

The most amazing thing is the fans will throw food, cans, and clubs to the ball players who they support when the team loses terribly. They will hate that team that they support and will hurt the players, because they feel disappointed. I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw this at first. Such an extreme and strange notion!

It seem like good-manners never exist between games and fans. A gentle person will become a savage when he enters the gym to see the game. It's a very interesting phenomenon no one can prevent and control. Maybe you can try to join them next time, and you can get crazy, too.

## Globalization is Americanization?

by Lu Fu

Does Globalization mean Americanization? When I think about this question, a very huge problem comes into my mind. What is Americanization? Does it mean McDonald's restaurants are everywhere? Does it mean Coke and Pepsi in every place? Of course, it does not. Through history, I believe that we can find something we want to know.

So what I know is that America is composed of many kinds of people from around the world. There are people who came from Europe, South America, Asia, etc. All people who came from different cultures came together in the same place, communicating, dealing with each other, living together, changing experiences, sharing different cultures and finally shaping the America we know today.

With advanced transportation and communication technologies, we contact more people around the world than ever before. We also share different cultures and experiences just like the people new to America did hundreds of years ago.

Let us talk about the case of international language we use today. This is a world of comparing. As long as you are strong enough, you survive. For the model society, the meaning of survival implies its culture exists. Because of the power and market of America, English has become an international language; American culture has become a dominant culture in the world. Looking at the history of America, Caucasian people who spoke English have had a lot of power for a long time, so now we have to learn English and I come to ESL-program.

In my personal opinion, I think globalization is not Americanization because there are too many cultures in the world that influence each other. To be exact, in Taiwan, people are crazy about Korean soap operas and people like the way the Japanese dress. Also we have sushi everywhere in the world, just like KFC and Pizza-Hut. What I am thinking about is "Americanization is a small module of globalization." Many cultures interact and influence each other and make a new world. I believe this is globalization.