



Introducing the East Asian Association of Medical English Teachers (EAMET)

EAMET is a new academic association established as of the summer of 2017. The aim of EAMET is to establish a multi-national, multi-disciplinary organization which shares an interest in sharing and developing the quality of medical English teaching and learning in the East Asian region. Members are expected not only include teachers but also healthcare workers, researchers, and students

The goal is to create a hub and resource center (based at the University of Miyazaki) from which practitioners and educators who join can submit and retrieve classroom materials, research papers, engage in collaborative ideas and requests online, collect details about related conferences and seminars, with the future goal of producing a regular newsletter and, eventually, hosting a small specialized conference.

But why 'East Asia'? We believe that this part of the world shares certain defining cultural and linguistic features which impact both the nature of language pedagogy and medical education. While the region manifests the notion of unity in diversity, it also sets itself apart as distinct from other regions of the world. Rather than depend on Anglo-American models, EAMET seeks to unite medical English teachers in the region to collaborate with their peers using English to foster local management of our shared circumstances.

Outside Japan, we are trying to establish EAMET hubs within each country in the region. As of August 2017, we have established relations with Brawijaya University in Malang, Indonesia, and we will very soon establish ties with two universities in Thailand, Prince of Songkla University in Hat Yai and Thammasat University in Bangkok, as well as National Cheng Kung University in Tainan, Taiwan. Gradually, we hope to establish a hub in every country in East Asia.

EAMET's home on the Internet is <http://www.med.miyazaki-u.ac.jp/home/eamet/>, which we plan to continually expand. Click the "Join Us" link to register (for free).

In order to access or upload materials and to fully utilize the site registering yourself as a member is required, but there is no cost. Once established as a member, we hope that you will both contribute to and benefit from our site with links and uploads of content related to the topic of teaching and learning Medical English, particularly within the East Asian milieu.

We hope that more and more will develop an interest and come to actively participate in this new organization. For information contact Mike Guest at <michael@med.miyazaki-u.ac.jp>.