

Call for Participants!

The Workshop Initiatives for Language Learning (WILL) is organizing the International Conference on SMILE Projects and International Communication Education 2024 (SPICE2024), previously called the SMILE symposium, in Kaohsiung, Taiwan. WILL will also host the First International Workshop Initiatives for Teachers (I-WIT2024).

Let us learn about the collaboration courses among Asian schools and discuss the current issues in Education!

Fourth International Conference on SMILE Projects and International Communication Education 2024 (SPICE2024)

SPICE2024 is an international conference focusing on intercultural communication and foreign language education, the utilization of ICT, and the development of new educational programs. The main event includes practical reports from the 21 international collaborative pairs (42 classes) of “the SMILE* project” implemented from April 2023 to February 2024.

【Venue】 National Kaohsiung Normal University, Kaohsiung, Taiwan with remote participation available online

【Date and Time】 Saturday, 24th, February 2024 from 12:00 – 17:50 (Taiwan Time)

【Language】 Conference language is English

【Organization】

- Organized by the Workshop Initiative for Language Learning (WILL)
- Supported by The Telecommunication Advancement Foundation, Japan.

【Fee】

- Free for presenters and participants invited by WILL
- Free for on-site and online participants from Taiwan*
- 2,000 JPY for other on-site and online participants

*Note: We promote this conference for participants from Taiwan.

【Registration】

- The website for registration is <<https://kotoba-kobo.jp/en/spice-2/>>
- The deadline for registration is Thursday 15 February 2024.**
- Those who have successfully registered will receive an email from WILL by Sunday the 18th of February 2024.**
- The URLs of the conference will be sent to participants by Wednesday, the 21st of February 2024.
Notification of a presenter’s registration will be sent by the 31st of January 2024.

【Timetable and contents】

The time for your presentation is available at <<https://kotoba-kobo.jp/en/spice-2/>>.

【Webex Meeting URLs】

The symposium will be held simultaneously on-site and online via Webex. The URL for each meeting room will be sent to participants by email by Tuesday, 20th February 2024.

First International Workshop Initiatives for Teachers 2024 (I-WIT2024)

WILL will also conduct the first International Workshop Initiative for Teachers (I-WIT2024), where teachers and students from different countries get to know the current ELT situations in Asia, particularly in Taiwan, and exchange information and ideas about language education and more from the 24th to 26th, February 2024 (including SPICE2024 above).

【Dates】

From Saturday 24 to Monday 26, Feb. 2024.

【Fee】

Presenters at The International Conference on the Smile Project and Intercultural Communication Education (SPICE2024): 18,000 JPY

Other participants: 20,000 JPY (incl. registration fee for SPICE2024)

*Fee are only for the workshop. Participants need to pay for their own transportation, lodging, meals, etc.

【Simplified Timetable (Taiwan Time)】 (subject to change)

<Saturday 24th February 2024>

Morning

[Workshop 1] Opening of I-WILL and a campus tour on National Kaohsiung Normal University (NKNU).

[Workshop 2] Group Discussion with participants and NKNU students, using Taiwanese English textbooks as reference. (Participants are also requested to bring their own textbooks).

Afternoon

[Workshop 3] Participation in SPICE2-24

Evening

Banquet (Dinner fee will be collected on-site)

<Sunday 25th February 2024>

Free all day. Visiting scenic sights such as Xizihwan, Chengqing Lake, and bustling night markets may provide you with new sources for classes.

<Monday 26th February 2024>

Morning

[Workshop 4] Lecture, Q&A, and exchange of opinions

Title: “Current English Education Situation in Taiwan”

Speaker: Shu Fen Yeh, Associate Professor, Chung Shu University

Afternoon

[Workshop 5] Visit to National Feng-Hsin Senior High School (FHSB), including examination of English textbooks used at FHSB, class observation, campus tour, interview with FHSB teachers and students, and closing ceremony.

*Participants will receive a certificate of participation from WILL.

*The participation fee, once paid, will not be refunded.

*For inquiries, please contact WILL office, office@kotoba-kobo.jp

More detailed information is available at <https://kotoba-kobo.jp/en/iwit-e/>.

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