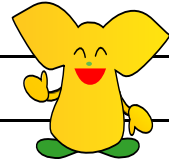


ステップアップレッスン・今月のフレーズ (夏の会話編その3)

1	Summer vacation is coming to an end. もうすぐ夏休みも終わるね。
2	Have you finished your homework yet? 学校の宿題は終わった?
3	What was your most memorable event this summer vacation? 夏休みの一番の思い出は?
4	I've been studying every day. ずっと勉強していたよ。
5	You're such a hard worker! 頑張りやさんだね!

Did you enjoy your summer vacation?
(夏休み楽しかった?)



Teacher's Room



Hello, everyone! How are you? I'm great!
We had a BBQ Party at Sports Magic Kuwana on July 23rd. Three WinBe students' families and my family got together. We played with water guns, shooting paper targets on each other's heads, did bouncy balls scooping, and had delicious BBQ. It was so much fun!!
Our next event will be a Halloween Party in October. I hope more and more people will join!
Mike



Thanks for coming!

こんにちは、みなさん！元気ですか？私はとても元気です！
7月23日、スポーツマジック桑名でバーベキューパーティーをしました。WinBeの3家族と、私の家族が集まりました。それぞれ頭に付けた紙の標的を水鉄砲で打ち合ったり、スーパーボールすくいをしたり、とっても美味しいバーベキューを食べました。とっても楽しかったですね！
次は10月にハロウィンパーティーを企画しています。もっともっと多くのお友達が集まってくれるといいな。
マイク

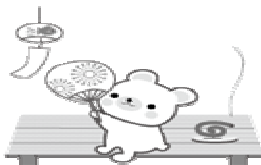
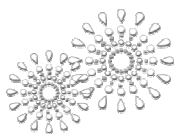
Yingluck must show wisdom, strength to reunite Thailand

Politicians who fall from power often leave behind thought-provoking comments. Five years ago, Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra was ousted in a coup that took place while he was visiting the United States. "I came here as prime minister," he said upon exiting New York, "but leave as an unemployed man."

Currently, he lives in exile in a foreign country. In the Thai general elections, an opposition party led by his younger sister, Yingluck Shinawatra, a candidate for prime minister, secured the majority of seats. Perhaps one may say she gained a measure of revenge on those who had ousted her brother. But will Thailand's first female prime minister be able to overcome the criticism that she is merely her "big brother's puppet?"

Civil unrest between people in red shirts and those in yellow ones is still fresh in our minds. Protesters disrupted international conferences and occupied airports. In a bloody clash with security forces in April 2010, Japanese journalist Hiroyuki Muramoto was killed while photographing the protests. Conflict between the pro-Thaksin reds and the anti-Thaksin yellows, which split the nation in two, continues to rock the "land of smiles."

Thaksin was convicted of corruption. Although he was a billionaire, he was also generous to the poor. He is immensely popular, but is loathed at the same time. While his sister is calling for "national reconciliation," the rift between the reds and the yellows remains deep. It is not easy for the two sides to put behind their differences and blend with each other to make the color orange.



今月の
読み物

タイに初の女性首相

権力の座から滑り落ちた政治家はときに、味わい深い言葉を残す。5年前、タイの首相だったタクシン氏は訪米中にクーデターで失脚した。「私は首相としてここに来たが、無職の男として去ることになった」は、ニューヨークを去る際のひと言だ。

現在は放逐された状態で異国暮らしに甘んじている。そんな兄の無念を、妹が晴らしたことになる。タイで総選挙があり、氏の妹インラック氏を首相候補にした野党が過半数を取った。初の女性首相は「兄の操(あやつ)り人形」の批判を跳ね返すことができようか。

赤シャツ派と黄シャツ派に割れての騒乱は記憶に新しい。国際会議の妨害。空港の占拠。治安部隊との流血衝突では日本人カメラマンが落命した。赤の親(しん)タクシンと黄の反タクシンによる国内二分は今も、「ほほえみの国」を揺るがし続ける。

タクシン氏は汚職で有罪判決を受けている。だが億万長者ながら貧者に手厚かった。人気は根強く嫌悪も激しい。妹は「国民和解」を掲げるが、赤と黄の溝は深い。オレンジ色に溶けあうのは容易ではない。



9月の予定表

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