

Teacher Development SIG Annual Conference June 2018

“Teacher Journeys”

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TD SIG was very happy to bring Teacher Journeys back to Tokyo on June 15, 2018. It was the conference’s seventh year, and our second time collaborating with Tokyo JALT.

The conference took place at Rikkyo University in Ikebukuro. We began with a featured presentation by Dr. Christina Gkonou of University of Essex. She encouraged us to reflect on the role teacher emotion plays in our teaching practice. In total there were sixteen presentations across four sessions throughout the day. I particularly enjoyed presentations on mentorship and goal-setting for and by students. In the afternoon featured presentation, Dr. Tomohisa Machida of Akita International University explained the current state of elementary school English education, and how some teachers are developing through teacher training. In total, there were about 60 attendees, and all seemed to leave the conference stimulated and even energized for Monday morning.

We’d like to express our gratitude to Tokyo JALT for making this conference a success, and to Rikkyo University for graciously hosting us. **Check out further updates from TD SIG about Teacher Journeys 2019, a collaboration with NanKyu JALT which will take place at Sojo University in Kumamoto on Saturday June 15, 2019.** We hope to see you there!

<https://sites.google.com/view/teacherjourneys2019/>

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