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### Communication is "The Secret" to Mastering English

The Committee of Education for International Standardization

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# **1. International Standardization** The Mission

#### **1.Global Reach**

The IEC members come from around the world. Each member

is different, but they have one thing in common: IEC's mission to be globally recognized as the leading platform for standards, conformity assessment systems and related services needed to facilitate international trade and technologies.

#### 2.Values

The IEC promotes world trade and economic growth and encourages the development of products, systems and services that are safe, efficient and environmentally friendly.



# 2. International Standardization The Approach

#### **1. Before-Meeting**

Letter, Email, SNS, Tel., Preoperational Mtgs.

#### 2. At Meeting

Discussion, E-mail, SNS,

#### 3. Coffee Break, Lunch, Dinner

Face to face, Small Mtgs., Email, SNS, Tel.

#### 4. Post Meeting

Follow-up meeting, Letter, Email, SNS, Tel.



# **3. International Standardization The Skills**

- Mind of a Negotiator
   Communicative Mind
   Cultural Understanding
   Technical Understanding
- 5. Human Network

These skills can only be had by people who connect by understanding the mindset (thinking-way) of the listeners.



#### 4. Why, What, Who, When, Where, Who These six elements are different in many circumstances, and should be deeply analyzed before and during interactions to reach a solution.

The way to realize this is through:

COMMUNICATION



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- Los Angeles: Real estate developer of single and multifamily housing
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- Entertainment promotion
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- Berlitz: Language instruction and sales Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, Los Angeles and Tokyo
- Tokyo Metropolitan school system: Coaching debate and thinking skills at Ryogoku junior high school
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2003 created a methodology to guarantee communicative success in English for a Japanese doctor, a urologist.



I. Communicating in English well and Speaking English well are different

Fact: Japanese are intelligent, there are Japanese Nobel Peace Prize winners, the Shinkansen, and world-class architecture.

However, many(most?) Japanese do not communicate in English well.

People from developing countries often communicate better than the Japanese. Why do Japanese professionals fail so badly at communicating in English?



# **Communicating in English well and Speaking English well What's the difference!?**

**Speaking English well** does not equal **Communicating in English well** What is communication? The true perspective **The Good** An American salesperson: Why is he a good communicator in many situations? **The Bad Japanese speakers of English: Why are they** 

bad communicators in so many situations?



II. English Communicative Success: This does not work...

Public school English language instruction English Conversation Schools After 12 years in Japan I do not know ANY honest English conversation schools or programs. Tests: TOEIC & TOEFL

> Rakuten: Failure at Communication Shukan Gendai 4.15.2013 (週刊現代) <u>http://bit.ly/12E911f</u>

A Review of TOEIC http://bit.ly/187lc7n

"... may have self confidence in the language classroom, but using their language skills in the real world may be quite a different thing."

Means it doesn't work!



# **English Communicative Success: This does not work...**

A Review of TOEIC http://bit.ly/1871c7n

" It is possible for students to score very high on the TOEFL, but not be able to use oral or written English in context."

Means it doesn't work!

"Many examinees become expert in taking language tests, but do not learn how to use the language." Means it doesn't work!
"TOEFL and TOEIC tests operate in an "artificial reality." Means it doesn't work!
The Japanese have not had a realistic non-Japanese environment to develop communication skills – until NOW!



**English Communicative Success:** This does not work...

ETS(an American company) created: TOEIC(for Japan) to measure Business English TOEFL to measure Academic English

The tests test different sets of knowledge about the English language. There are similarities, so, both TOEIC and TOEFL in a broad sense measure the KNOWLEDGE of English.

The tests do what they are supposed to do – they measure KNOWLEDGE.



**English Communicative Success:** This does not work...

**TOEIC and TOEFL are not designed to measure** communicative ability for Japanese. **Communication has a cultural component that is** difficult to test for. **PROBLEM:** The communicative culture of the Japanese people prevents them from communicating at a level that non-Japanese can understand. Japanese are intelligent. Intelligence is not an issue. The Process is the issue.

**SOLUTION:** The Standards and The Ultimate



# III. Japanese Communicative Success:

This works! The best Japanese oral communicators are the best LISTENERS!

They know what to say because they have listened to enough people to understand their minds and hearts.

Listening is the foundation to great communication in any language.



# Japanese Communicative Success: This works!

"English-speaking parents teach their children the names of things; in Asia, they tend to stress emotions and feelings," explained researcher Tetsuo Kobayashi. Source: Baby's Growth Diary, 398 infants between February and April 2007 Japanese as children listen to their mother, father, sister, brother, grandparents, family, friend, Music and TV before they say their first words. Gohan was the first word to be spoken, number 4 was "mama", number 8 was "papa",

as stated by NTT's Communication Science Laboratories.



# Japanese Communicative Success: This works!

Japanese communication is based on making statements and a try-by-myself to understand without upsetting the other.

Listening is the key element to understanding. A person has to be a good listener to understand.

If communication is unclear it is common to make a statement so that the other party can respond and hopefully the situation will be clear.



# **IV. English Communicative Success:** This works!

English communication is based on asking questions and the other party is responsible for making himself understood. Emotions and feelings are not-so-important.

LISTENING is the key element to understanding. A person has to be a good listener to understand. Japanese and English are different If communication is unclear it is common to ask questions so that the other party can respond and hopefully the situation will be clear.



## **English Communicative Success: The Secret**

The Ultimate Communicator Methodology

Talk about your INTEREST Talk about what you want to Discover Talk about what you must

Throw away the textbooks!

The American Salesperson: Why is he a good communicator?



**English Communicative: Success The Foundation** 

TOTAL Listening Focus Comprehension confirmation Questioning skills empowerment Opinion development Logical Support (from an English speaker's perspective)



## **Comprehension CHECK!**

You did not know THIS! Japanese who live in Japan do not communicate effectively because English speakers in Japan are told to: "Be sensitive and kind to the Japanese way of communicating."

"Speak slowly and use more simple vocabulary."

"Do not require the Japanese to think deeply."

"Do not require the Japanese to explain logically."



## **Comprehension CHECK!**

English speakers who live in Japan: a. talk unnaturally only for Japanese in Japan b. communicate unnaturally only for Japanese

ALL Japanese professionals who go to foreign countries know this is true! Japanese who go to foreign countries almost never understand what the English speakers are saying. English speakers in Japan do not talk like **English speakers who are outside of Japan! Develop the listening and thinking skills in Japan** so that you can communicate in English at anytime, anywhere, and in critical situations.



### **Comprehension CHECK!**

Discuss with an English speaker who is: a. "not sensitive to Japanese culture" b. "not sensitive to Japanese shyness" **English speakers in Japan ARE NOT REAL! REAL English speakers** a. are not-so-sensitive to Japanese culture b. have no-idea about communicative shyness Japanese professionals must communicate in a way that REAL English speakers understand! Understanding the Japanese communicative culture is not important for English speakers! And now is not the time for them to learn.



# V. English Communicative Success: The Guarantee

The Ultimate Communicator Methodology Talk about your INTEREST Talk about what you want to Discover Talk about what you must

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# VI. English Communicative Success Let's Win!

Guaranteed Communicative Success The Winning Communicative Solution

The Standards set by the committee for Education for International Standardization The Ultimate Communicator Methodology Improved LISTENING and THINKING ability using video and internet based sources for high-level communicative development. An ecologically friendly program – no textbooks are ever used.



# VII. Be Prepared for any listening or interactive situation

With The Ultimate Communicator Methodology you will be able to understand and communicate about ANY subject from aeronautics to medicine or American movies to How to Play "Chopsticks" on the Xylophone

**GUARANTEED**!

