

Institute's workshop facilitates language study

The Language Institute of Japan, located in the Asia Center Odawara in Kanagawa Prefecture, held its 29th International Summer Workshop for Teachers of English in early August. A total of 55 Japanese people took part in this year's workshop, most of them junior and senior high school English teachers, along with some 20 foreigners including six English teachers invited from Thailand, Laos, South Korea, Vietnam and Hong Kong.

During the weeklong workshop, the participants brushed up their English in sessions with American, British and Australian instructors, held panel discussions among themselves and participated in cultural events presenting the ethnic dances and songs of their various countries.

The annual international summer workshop began in 1969 and has so far attracted some 3,900 participants including more than 130 Asian teachers of English.

The Asia Center Odawara,

which provides sleeping accommodations for its students in addition to its main hall, conference rooms and language laboratory, is currently used not only for intensive English lessons and other foreign-language training. It also hosts regular meetings of the Odawara Lions Club and

other local community organizations as well as weddings and other ceremonial events.

The center has 18 meeting rooms ranging from a small room for up to 10 people to the main hall capable of seating 150, and each room is equipped with a video monitor and writing board. It is of-

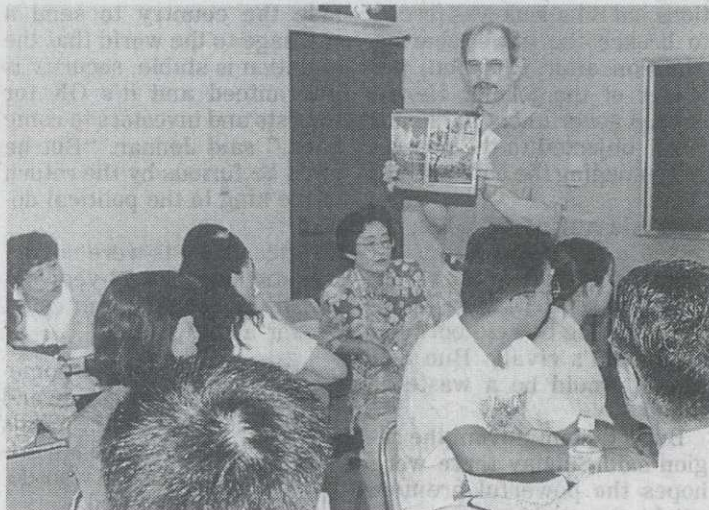
ten used for intensive language study programs conducted by schools and companies, according to Keisuke Nakayama, president of the center.

The LIOJ has organized a variety of English courses since 1995 for the people of Odawara, including courses for infants, primary school students and for junior and senior high school students.

Among the schools visiting the center for language study programs this year are Tokyo Metropolitan Fukagawa High School and Kodaira High School.

Charges for using the meeting rooms range from ¥10,000 for a room seating up to 10 people to ¥80,000 per day for the main hall. Overnight accommodations start from ¥8,000 for a single room and ¥15,000 for a twin bedroom. Breakfast is served for ¥900, lunch for ¥1,100 and dinner for ¥1,800.

For further information, call the Asia Center Odawara at (0465) 22-6131.



JAPANESE AND ASIAN teachers of English receive a lesson from a native English speaker at the International Summer Workshop for Teachers of English in Japan at the Asia Center Odawara in Kanagawa Prefecture, last month.