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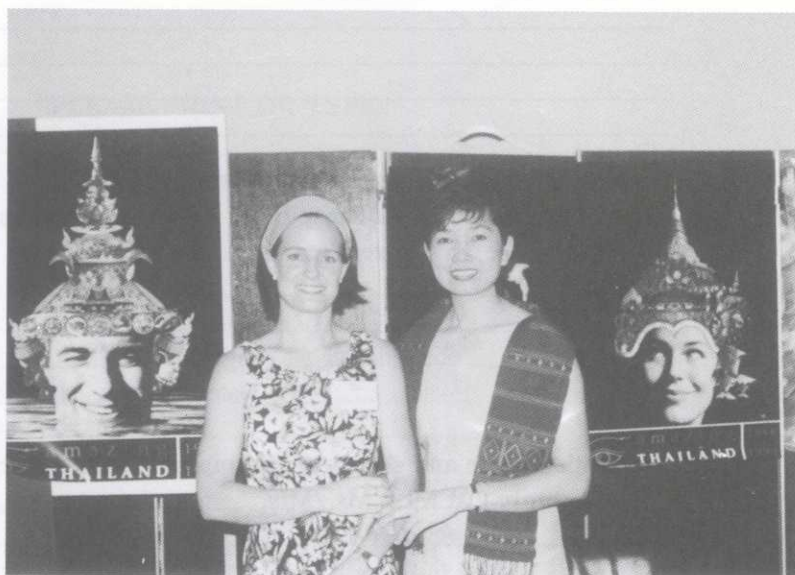
A Fruitful Experience from the 30th Annual International Summer Workshop at LIOJ, Odawara, Japan

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It has been a dream of my life to get a splendid chance to visit Japan. I was offered a scholarship from ThaiTESOL and LIOJ to participate in the International Summer Workshop at the Language Institute in Odawara, Japan. The trip was very exciting not only was the workshop fruitful but the participants were activated and motivated. The punctual express transportation also gave me wonderful memories.

Travelling from place to place, you can easily get lost if you do not concentrate on the signs or directions. I have found the transportation there very convenient, especially the express train. The passengers (including my group) had to rush to catch the express train because it always left on time. I also found that the Japanese were friendly and helpful. Without their help, we might have faced some problems. Fortunately, we were lucky!

I would like to congratulate LIOJ on the successful 30th Annual International Summer Workshop. There were above 85 Japanese teachers of English and 8 International scholars from 5 countries (2 from Thailand, 3 from Laos PDR, and one each from Hong Kong, Vietnam and Korea) participated in this Workshop. I was impressed by the Workshop organization. The schedule was well-organized. Each



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participants attended the morning session they had previously chosen. Also, some presentations were repeated so the participants' chances of seeing the presentations they wanted were quite high. I presented *'English Camp: Self-evaluation of Learning Experiences'* twice. It was about the activities aimed to reinforce students ability in using English. The fundamental of English Camp organization which are the management, activi-

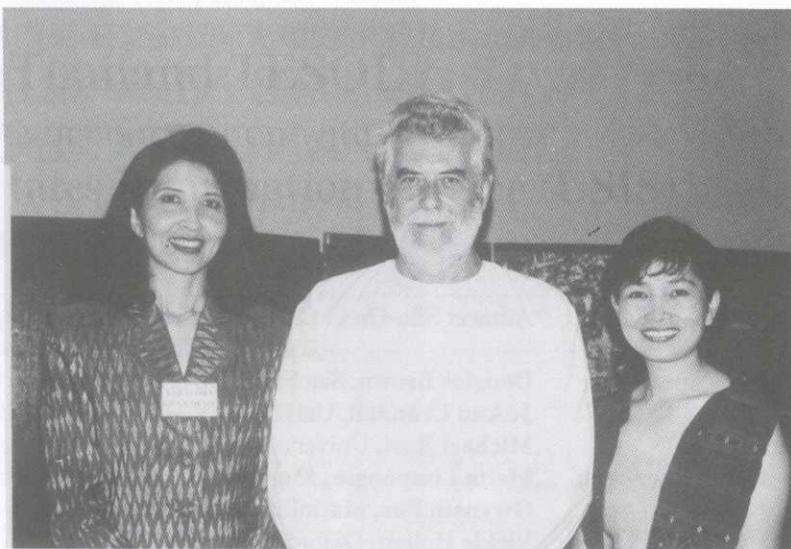


With James Kahny

ties, and evaluation, were demonstrated. The participants found that students' role as self-assessors was

interesting and practical for evaluation.

The most remarkable event which was held to give everyone a chance to meet and to learn about each other's countries was the International Night. There were representatives from about 14 countries. All the participants, had a great time and enjoyed singing, dancing, and playing games. Representing Thailand Ajarn Naraporn and I demonstrated the Thai game called '*Mon Son Pa*'. The Japanese teachers were familiar with this kind of game, and they were interested in and enjoyed the chants while they were playing the game.



Ajarn Naraporn, Alan Maley, and myself.



A visit to downtown with Ajarn Naraporn and friends.



Sawadee Kha/Krub!

I would like to thank my instructors, my friends, my staff and my family who have been very supportive. And a special thanks to ThaiTESOL, Ajarn Naraporn Chan-Ocha, and Jim Kahny (LIOJ) for

giving me an unforgettable experience. Lastly, I'd like to thank all the participants at the 30th Annual International Summer Workshop 1998 at LIOJ.

I would like to encourage

ThaiTESOL members to bring out their talents and experiences and share their thoughts at the next ThaiTESOL conference in January 1999. See you there. ■

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