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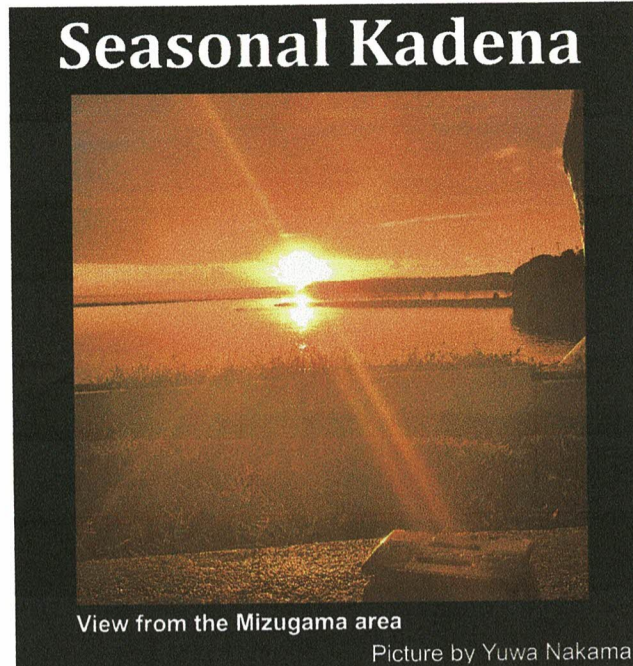
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Seasonal Kadena

View from the Mizugama area

Picture by Yuwa Nakama

Kotowaza Quiz

by Yuwa Nakama

Which sentence is the closest meaning to the Japanese proverb *Omoi tattaga kicitzitsu?*

1. "There is no time like the present."
2. "No one knows what the future holds."
3. "Nothing is lost for asking."

Answer = 1

A direct translation of this proverb to English from Japanese might be "It is the auspicious day when you have just thought of it." It means that as soon as you have decided to start something, start it right away.

Chat, games, and study for high school visitors to KLI



KLI and Kadena High School students share experiences.

by Lishu Kinjo

High school students from Kadena popped by KLI as they think about their lives after graduation. The group of eight hung out, playing games and learning about KLI life from the college's present students. The event, which took place on June 15th, saw the students separated into two groups as they played a

rhythm game for ice breaking and then heard from KLI students about what to expect if they choose to study at the specialist language college.

Entry to KLI is for 18 to 25 year old people who have lived in Kadena town over three years, and students receive a scholarship from the local government for the two years of attendance.

In the classroom

Getting ahead of the crowd with PC skills

KLI students receive computer skills classes three times a week and career guidance once a month from Yuko Miyazato. Yuko is also a representative of From30 corporation who travels to teach at vocational schools and other locations in Okinawa. *KLI Times'* Matthew Hayashi asked her about her thoughts on her work and her class.

Why did you choose to teach at KLI?

Because KLI asked me. Actually, I was thinking of refusing because of the difficulty in coordinating my time with other things.

But when I listened to their story I got a deep impression because I understand KLI has passion, strictness and kindness to teach students.

What is in your thoughts when giving career guidance?

I am trying to not deny students their opinion about their own futures. And I am also trying to give information about their needs.

What do you think are KLI's strong points compared with other schools?

The strong points are that they can study with



Teacher Yuko Miyazato teaches KLI students PC skills.

students of different ages and they can learn English from teachers from various countries and with international experience. And students are able to spend two years with plenty of time to learn and grow for themselves.

How did you decide to start a company?

At first I wasn't going to start a company but I felt something pushing me. You only live once. I guess it matched me and I'm grateful to have been blessed to have people around me.