



# Teaching English in Macao

*The new academic year begins early in September this year. When the new academic year begins, there will be some new faces: new teachers, new staff and new students.*

*In Yuet Wah College, there is a new English teacher who is Japanese. Her name is Sofia Akagawa.*

*Sofia would like to share about her teaching experiences in Macao.*



Students are my inspiration; everyday I learn something from them. Students are full of potential and they are all very bright. For me, they are like diamonds before being polished. I like to see their happy faces when I enter the class. They make me happy.

Students are very helpful to me. When they try to help me with the things I don't know in school, they try their best and use English because they know that I do not understand Cantonese. They are wonderful little gentlemen! I would like to think that if we trust them with our whole heart they will respond. Of course, sometimes we need to wait, we need to be tolerant about certain things. And I admit, this is a challenge sometimes.

My desire is that the students can build

their own virtue for life. I believe that if people want others to respect them, people must show respect for others... Everyone wants to feel that he/she counts for something is important to someone. Invariably, people will give their love, respect and attention to the person who fills that need. A consideration for others generally reflects faith in oneself and faith in others.

I sincerely appreciate this precious opportunity to stand in front of the students in Macao. I consider this as an honorable fate. Ten years from now, if one of the students can remember me I will be one of the happiest teachers in Macao.

*Sofia, Akagawa*