

Oral Proficiency Interview and its Application to Classroom Activities

Talk by Professor Osamu Kamada, Nanzan University, Japan
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Date: December 4 (Saturday)

Time: 11:30 am

**Venue: Council Chamber, Meng Wah Complex
Building 8/F, HKU**

Language: Japanese

In his talk, Professor Kamada will discuss what it means to be orally proficient in Japanese and introduce how to measure and assess oral proficiency by the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI). He also demonstrates an OPI with a Japanese learner in Hong Kong. This lecture will be electronically sent to an audience in Guangdong University of Foreign Studies by using Skype.

The talk will be followed by an afternoon workshop during which participants will design practical teaching materials and discuss how to develop teaching methods and techniques to improve learners' oral proficiency. (Facilitators: Professor Kamada and Dr. Iwasaki)

About the speakers:



Dr. Osamu Kamada is a Professor of Japanese Educational Linguistics, Nanzan University, Japan, and an OPI Tester-Trainer. His research interests include discourse analysis, second language acquisition, and pedagogy in Japanese as a second language. He has published a number of books such as "Nihongo no inyoo (Reported Speech in Japanese)" 2000 Hituji Shobo and "Proficiency o sodateru (Nurturing Proficiency)" 2008 Bonjinsha.



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All are welcome.

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