



Student success: Merii Inaba, Japan

Name: Merii Inaba

From: Yokkaichi, Japan

Occupation: Engineer

Course:

Quatorial + 5 Tutorial programme

1st September–23rd November, 2012

Accommodation:

Family Host

Level of English on entry: B1

Level of English on exit: B2/C1

Goal for the course:

To be able to manage projects with foreign companies & give confident presentations in English.

Current use of English: Not often

Main area of English to improve:

Speaking, pronunciation and intonation.

Particular focus on:

- *Improve pronunciation*
- *To be able to express herself in English using the correct intonation both in a business context and personal life.*

Merii is an engineer for a large Japanese electronic company. She is often exposed to meeting with clients from across the world and needs to be able to have confident meetings in English. Although Merii arrived with a good level of English, she needed to work on her English pronunciation and intonation.

“The teachers at OISE London are kind and helpful and able to adapt to different cultures. I have enjoyed taking part in the social activities and I think it is very important for interaction and for me to understand the British culture in a deeper way. I’m also glad that I have met so many international students”.

Merii Inaba

Specific areas she worked on included:

- Improving her natural English pronunciation, spoken fluency and oral comprehension.
- To develop a socio-cultural understanding of Britain and Europe as a whole in order to facilitate better international business relationships.
- Assistance in writing detailed reports about her experiences studying in London and the social activities she took part in.
- To develop a knowledge of the forms, conventions and styles used in official business language in a wide range of written texts and spoken situations.

Outcomes: Due to her enthusiasm and spirited involvement in all her lessons, Merii has greatly improved her knowledge about the language but also about British culture. As well as discovering British culture, she has learned both linguistic and cultural norms which put her on the road to mastering her second language. We wish her the best of luck.

“Merii has made a noticeable improvement since she started at OISE. She has made a huge effort to immerse herself in English culture, developing an ability to communicate in both formal and informal environments. She has enthusiastically participated in all her lessons and the school’s social programme.”

Tom,

Private tutor at OISE London

