



What is your name? Where are you from?

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My name is Chiyo Hashimotos. I'm from Japan.

How long have you been at Stanford? And how long do you expect to be here?

I have been here about two years and I'm hoping to stay here as long as I can!

Are you a student or a spouse at Stanford? What are you/your spouse studying?

I am a spouse at Stanford. My husband studies Physics here. Before moving to Stanford, I was working as a researcher on health policy in Japan.

How did you hear about the CCIS? What do you know about the work they do with Stanford students and spouses?

The first time I heard of the CCIS was when I was new to Stanford and went to the Friday Morning Coffee. Some of my friends and some volunteers at the Coffee let me know about two programs of the CCIS—English classes and English-in-Action (EIA).

Which CCIS programs are you participating in and in what capacity?

I have participated in both the English classes and the EIA program.

I took some English classes, especially around when I was new to Stanford. I joined the conversation practice class, the writing class and the reading class. The teachers were very nice and kind and always motivated me to learn not only English but also about life and culture in the United States.

I have also been taking part in the EIA program. My EIA partner is a very cheerful and active lady. It was almost one year and nine months ago that I first met her. Since then I have always enjoyed getting together with her. The EIA program is supposed to get over in one year, but we completely forgot about this! We still enjoy each other's company and have a good time together.

So far we have done a lot of activities together, including cooking, shopping, having coffee, going out for dinner and playing board games. We have also attended the Bechtel International Center Potluck dinner together. Moreover, she and her husband often invite my husband and me over to their place, for dinner and dessert with their friends and family. I always feel very happy to see them.

How has your experience been taking part in CCIS's programs?

Every program of CCIS has been great and very helpful to me. But the most wonderful program I have ever been in is the EIA program. I love it!

It's a great experience and allows me to enjoy the wonderful company of local people, and to learn about American culture and society. And of course it is a good opportunity for English practice! Every time I see my partner, I wish I could express everything I want to say in English, using more appropriate words and phrases. It's good motivation for me to keep learning English.

What message would you like to give to the CCIS?

Dear CCIS,
Thank you so much for your help. I love CCIS! Thank you!
Chiyo