



KODOKAN

ENGLISH & DEBATING SOCIETY

By Mr. Michihiro Matsumoto

Direct Teaching Since 1986

Kodokan is the only private school of Mr. Michihiro Matsumoto, the prominent interpreter and educator in Japan.

Our philosophy is “the 5 T’s.”

- 1. To study beautiful and useful English-language expressions and ideas**
- 2. To learn useful techniques to read the English-language magazine “TIME”**
- 3. To get the latest information through the special guest series**
- 4. To debate with participants and guests from all over the world**
- 5. Together with our mentor, Mr. Matsumoto**

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BIOGRAPHY OF MR. MATSUMOTO

Born in 1940 in Osaka. Graduated from Kwansei Gakuin University. While working at Nissho Iwai Corporation (current name: Sojitz Corporation), studied English by himself, without going abroad. In the 1970’s, interpreted at the U.S. Embassy of Japan on the recommendation of Mr. Sen Nishiyama (the simultaneous interpreter of Apollo 11’s 1969 lunar landing), and hosted an English language interview program on NHK TV. Besides these illustrious achievements, he’s also famous as being the first Japanese preacher of debating.

Other accomplishments also include: being chairman of The International Debate Development Association, and hosting Inter-Cultural English Exchange debate tournament. Matsumoto sensei has written more than 130 books regarding English, English education and Japanese culture.