

Second Career Talk on Mar. 29, 2014

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Encouraging incident after Career Talk on 29 March 2014: a message to AinA Committee Members

AinA Committee members, I'd like to share with you an encouraging incident after the Career Talk. When I was leaving OLC after the Talk, 3 F4 girls stopped me, with an eager smile. One of them asked me, "Mrs Li, my English is not good. Can you tell me how I can improve it?" Then all of them looked at me eagerly. Seeing their genuine wish to improve, although I was already late for my appointment, I stayed and shared some ideas with them briefly. Two of their questions are:

- When told to read more English books, their response was "I tried to read English books, but after reading 2 or 3 sentences, I found that I couldn't understand what the book was talking about, so I lost interest."
- Another question: "I learn grammar, but when I write, I can't seem to be able to make use of the grammar I've learned."

Let us all language educators think about why they have such questions!

Anyway, it seems to me that they were inspired by the talks and really saw the importance of English language proficiency! I think the wish to improve is very important, because it will have a positive impact on their learning attitude. If what you're all doing is leading students towards this direction, then let me congratulate you all for doing a great job!!