

Language Center News

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A Message from the Editor

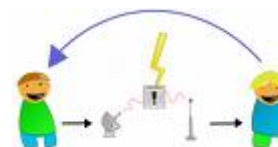


Hello Everyone,

As you may already be aware, the Language Center was set up to enhance proficiency in English, and other languages, of students, staff and external learners. During this and the coming months we are teaching staff members and students, going into field training in November 2008, an intensive English course called Communicative Grammar I. We are also planning to offer third foreign languages (Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Arabic, Spanish, French, German, and Russian), which are considered very important to the hospitality industry, in the upcoming semester. Many other English courses will be announced very soon, too.

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Communicative Grammar I



Below is the details of the course called Communicative Grammar I that the Language Center is offering to both staff and students:

Course Description

This course is designed for learners at the beginners level of English proficiency. It teaches grammatical structures for communicative purposes and allows learners to build upon all four-language skills important for effective communication: listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

Learners

Dusit Thani College staff whose English proficiency test result (Writing Part) is between 0 and 10, or those whose score is more than 10 but would still like to brush up their English skills.

Dates & Times

Tuesdays & Fridays, 10.00 - 11.00 hrs. or 15.00 - 16.00 hrs.

Starting Tuesday, September 16, - Friday, November 28, 2008

Course Duration

20 hours

Course Fee

Free of Charge

TOEIC PREPARATION COURSE (2nd Class)

Our first TOEIC preparation class has successfully completed. Many of our TOEIC learners have asked for another TOEIC preparation course, so the Language Center is planning to offer a second TOEIC preparation class in the upcoming semester. We are considering teaching the Redesigned TOEIC course in place of the Classic TOEIC course. Details of the course will be announced very soon.

TOEIC TEST UPDATE

The Language Center is still accepting TOEIC test applications until October 3rd, and the TOEIC test date will be on **Saturday, October 11th, 2008**. So far, 17 DTC students have applied for the TOEIC test. In order that the Center for Professional Assessment organizes the test for us, we require 8 more students to apply. As you may already know, if the number of Dusit Thani College students applying for the TOEIC test is less than 25, the TOEIC test is subject to cancellation. In such an event, the TOEIC test fee will be fully refunded, and applicants can, instead, apply directly for the test at the Center for Professional Assessment at a cost of 1,200 Baht.

Differences between Redesigned TOEIC and Classic TOEIC Test

The following table shows the differences between redesigned TOEIC and Classic TOEIC test:

Classic TOEIC	Redesigned TOEIC
Listening Comprehension (45-50 minutes)	
100 items	100 items
Photos: 20 questions	Photos: 10 questions
Question-Response: 30 questions	Question-Response: 30 questions
Short Conversations: 30 questions (30 conversations with 1 question each)	Short Conversations: 30 questions (10 conversations with 3 questions each)
Short Talks: 20 questions	Short Talks: 30 questions (10 short talks with 3 questions each)

Classic TOEIC	Redesigned TOEIC
Reading Comprehension (One Hour and Fifteen Minutes)	
100 items	100 items
Incomplete Sentences: 40 questions	Incomplete Sentences: 40 questions
Error Recognition: 20 questions	Error Recognition: Cloze Passages: 12 questions (3 reading texts with 4 questions each)
Reading Comprehension: 40 questions	Reading Comprehension: 28 questions (7-10 reading texts with 2-4 questions each)
	Double Passages: 20 questions (4 pairs of reading texts with 5 questions each)