

## 2023 LTANT Conference Grant Reflection

Yuta Masuda

I have enjoyed 2023 Language PD with the following 3 reasons, and I am grateful to LTANT for having provided the wonderful opportunities!

### 1) Share “why and how to differentiate” to our colleague

It is a fact that our students will not be motivated if the materials are too hard or too easy. In fact, some students would completely shut down or feel a waste of time. At the same time, the practical ways for teachers to differentiate in the daily classroom is not that easy. Oftentimes, it involves more lesson plans and also creates management problems by a group of students who are not directly supervised. The solution is blended learning: to teach each unit by a structured sequence and also to implement technology for visible learnings. For further details, please find [here](#).

### 2) Learn new ideas from Language colleagues

The best session that I attended was one of the keynote speakers discussing 3D and AI in language class. I have often felt that it is difficult for my students to experience Japan in Alice Springs. Japan is a very foreign country for the vast majority of them unless they are attending a trip to Japan in June 2024. The program called ImmerseMe sounded very interesting, and I will further research over the X-mas holiday.

### 3) Networking with other Language teachers

It is no secret that real learning and ideas come from informal chat, so I attended a follow up dinner with other teachers. I am the only Language teacher at my campus, and I often feel not only isolated but also stuck with the same old pedagogies. I prefer real face to face talk much more than online.