

# 7月31日で退職します



## Brendan先生

Brendan先生が、7月31日をもってマイク英会話学院を退職することとなりました。Brendan先生は3年間マイクでBabyクラスから大人クラスまで指導。また、Mike's International Soccer Schoolでは、サッカーを通して英語の楽しさを全力で指導してくれる等、最高のパフォーマンスを見せてくれました。夏期特別集中コースで英語で阿波踊りを指導する等、自らの日本文化への興味と知識をフルに生かした授業を展開。大人クラスでは、ゼロから始める英会話コースや、京王友の会での初級コースをはじめ、丁寧でユーモア溢れる楽しいレッスンをもたらしてくれました。様々な場面で学院をサポートし、子供から大人までいつも明るく接してくれたマイク自慢の先生でした。沢山の生徒さんへ英会話の楽しさを教えてくれてありがとうございました！今後の活躍も期待しています！3年間本当にお疲れさまでした！

To the students of Mike's English School:

I came to Japan three years ago and all the while never realized I was spending more time at Mike's than anywhere else. I was spending more time with you, the students, than with anyone else. Mike's is a big, big reason why I enjoyed living in Japan so much. I will be asked time and again what I enjoyed most about Japan. My answer will be all the great people I met, all the amazing students I had the pleasure of getting to know the past three years.

All of you made Mike's such a great home for me. Really, you all made it easy for me to come to Mike's everyday with a whole lotta energy and enthusiasm. So thank you. Thank you for sharing your stories. Thank you for helping me understand Japan. Thank you for all the gifts, and especially, a big thank you for putting up with me and my somewhat strange adoration for *Kimi no Na wa*. And of course, a special thank you for coming to support Tokyo Tama Sakura!

The past three years went by very quickly. Speaking from the heart here, I'd rather not let it end. But three years is still three years. The reason I'm deciding to leave Mike's is a very simple one: It's time.

I originally came to Japan 'cause I was looking for an adventure and I wanted to be a teacher. I'm happy to say I did both of those things, and it is only because of you, the students, I saw my wishes realized. I'm glad I could return the favor and play a small role in helping you achieve your own English goals. And yet, I do feel that looming sense of guilt because I may have taken more than I gave.

The decision tore me in two. I loved it here at Mike's and I wouldn't want to teach anywhere else. I want to stay. But I can't. Again: It's time. Time for me to leave teaching behind, return to the States and start the next phase. In spite of my own selfishness, I know all of you will send me off saying "Good Luck!" and "Do your best!" In that, I also feel immense appreciation.

I too wish you the best of luck moving forward. I know you will continue to do your best learning English. I admire you all for the effort you give, coming to class again and again, day after day, week after week, month after year. That's what it's all about: Embracing the struggle. The thrill of the pursuit lasts longer than the fleeting moment of success.

I wish you all the best of luck and I hope you keep up the hard work!

'Till Next Time

Brendan