

TEMI Teacher of the Year 2021
Phil Yee (Canadian)



Motto: "English for Life!"

Phil has been a valuable member of TEMI for many years, often supporting Helene on her nation-wide presentations with his computer/technical skills.

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Phil's comment:

Believe it or not, when I first came to Japan, I didn't want to teach, but it was the best way to pay the bills. However, once I started teaching children, my passion for teaching grew. Using the **Challenge Books** helped me give kids the building blocks to English speaking.

Meeting Helene was a huge impact on my life. Her TEMI system has helped my school, and I have made several life long friends that I met through TEMI. I will always be grateful for meeting Helene and Sohei.

Helene's comment:

When Phil attended our summer TEMI In-house seminar, I was impressed with his quiet compassion for his school and students. I could tell from how he interacted with our students here that he was a gifted teacher. He has nourished and groomed many students of all levels in Mie, has taken them to Canada, has coordinated superlative Christmas parties and has made a difference in his students' lives. He has sent his teachers to TEMI seminars and has supported TEMI and me through-out the years without my asking. He is the most generous person with his time and his heart than anyone I know.

