

PAAL NEWSLETTER

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Prefatory Note



Dear PAAL Members,

I am honored to serve Pan-Pacific Association of Applied Linguistics (PAAL) as a co-chair of PAAL-Korea. PAAL is a nonprofit, international organization of researchers and practitioners who work on English education and applied linguistics in Asian and Pan-Asian contexts. It was established in 1996 by Dr. Kyung-Ja Park of Korea University and Dr. Michiko Nakono of Waseda University. Since then, PAAL has made outstanding progress due to the dedication of its former presidents and the continuous participation of its members.

The journal of PAAL has been rated as a major journal registered at the Korean National Research Foundation. We have held international conferences inviting eminent scholars under various themes. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, last year PAAL hosted the first all-virtual conference successfully with the theme of “English Language Teaching and Learning in the New Normal.” This year PAAL conference will be held virtually on August 20-21 under the theme of “Practice and Research in Language Learning and Assessment.” We sincerely hope that this conference will help advance knowledge in language learning and assessment fields. I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to PAAL Japan and all the conference committee members for all their hard work to ensure the efficient and smooth proceeding of this conference.

I believe it is time for PAAL to take a second great leap forward. To open a new chapter in PAAL’s history, our Board will take the initiative to hold joint workshops and international conferences to provide a collaborative venue for scholars and professionals. Once again, I would like to thank PAAL-Japan for hosting this year’s conference. I look forward to meeting you at the conference.

Unkyoung Maeng
Co-chair of Pan-Pacific Association Applied Linguistics



Dear PAAL members,

I am extremely delighted and honored to become a co-chair of Pan-Pacific Association of Applied Linguistics, following in the footsteps of my predecessor, Prof. Kouichi Ano, who has worked tirelessly for our association. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for that. I also would like to express my deepest gratitude to the two co-founders of PAAL, Emeritus Professor Kyung-Ja Park of Korea University and Emeritus Professor Michiko Nakano of Waseda University. Without their tremendous effort and dedication, PAAL would not have evolved into what it is now.

So far I have enjoyed attending PAAL conferences every year since I first attended and presented at the second conference in 1997, held under the name of the Japan-Korea Association of Applied Linguistics (JKAAL), a predecessor to the current PAAL. Every time I attended a conference, I always felt that I had gained some academic and teaching insights through friendly and mutually supportive discussions with both the presenters and participants. Therefore, I have no doubt in mind that our conferences will continue to be the place where both practice and research can influence each other in the field of applied linguistics.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, regrettably, we were not able to hold a conference in 2020. However, last year we successfully held our first online 25th conference thanks to the hard work by PAAL Korea. On behalf of all the PAAL members, I would like to extend our thanks to the PAAL Korea.

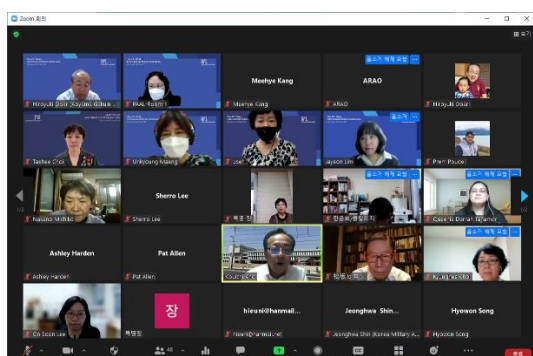
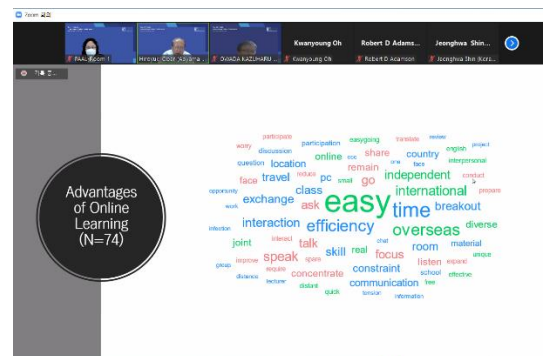
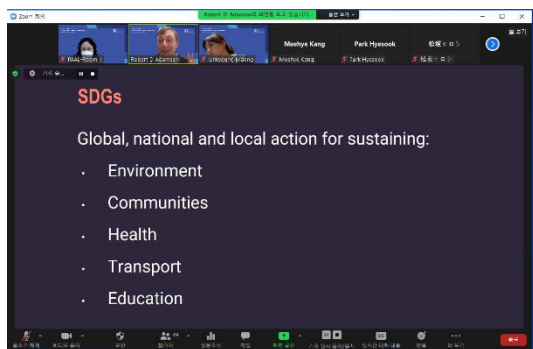
Now I am happy to announce that we have our 26th PAAL conference online in August 2022 under the theme of Practice and Research in Language Learning and Assessment for two days, Aug. 20 (Sat.) and Aug. 21 (Sun.), sponsored by Meiji University. I would like to thank Conference Chair Prof. Masanori Oya for all the arrangements.

I sincerely hope that we will be able to meet together online and engage in academic exchanges at this year's conference. I am really looking forward to seeing you all then.

Kazuharu OWADA
Co-chair of Pan-Pacific Association Applied Linguistics.

PAAL Conference

The 25th PAAL International Online Conference was held on August 20, 2021, sponsored by The Institute of British and American Studies, Korea University. The theme of the conference was English Language Teaching and Learning in the New Normal. The first keynote was addressed by Bob Adamson (Univ. of Nottingham Ningbo) under the title Post Covid-19 Language Education for the Sustainable Development Goals. After that, Hiroyuki Obari (Aoyama Gakuin University) delivered the second keynote speech under the title Improving the Higher Order Thinking Skills of L2 learners through COIL and CBL with AI and VR. Highlighting the conference was the symposium held under the title English Teacher Education in the New Normal. There were 29 oral and 14 poster presentations, and the total cumulative number of presenters in both was more than 100.



The 26th PAAL International Online Conference

Theme

Practice and Research in Language Learning and Assessment

Date

August 20 (Sat) – 21 (Sun), 2022

Invited Speakers

Professor Naoko Ozeki (Meiji University)

Professor Anthony Green (University of Bedfordshire)

Dr. Fumiyo Nakatsuhara (University of Bedfordshire)

Important Dates for PAAL 2022 International Online Conference

Abstract Submission Deadline: May 31st, 2022

Deadline for Early-Bird Registration: July 15th, 2022

Conference: August 20–August 21, 2022

Proposal Submission

- Abstracts from various subfields in applied linguistics and language teaching and learning are welcome.
- For all the information regarding the conference, go to the PAAL website at <https://www.paaljapan.org/>
- For more information regarding the submission of proposals and other inquiries, please send an email to paalconference@gmail.com

Presentation Types

- Oral Presentation:
 - 20 min. for presentation and 10 min. for Q&A
- Student Oral Presentation (undergraduate/graduate students):
 - 20 min. for presentation and 10 min. for Q&A
- Poster Presentation
 - 45 mins for Q&A