

Curriculum Vitae

Personal Information:

- Name: Ken Oshiro
- Nationality: Japan
- Hometown: Okinawa

Education:

- March 1980: Graduated from the College of Education, University of the Ryukyus with a major in English, including one year of study at Olivet College in Michigan, USA, as part of the Ministry of Education's Overseas Student Dispatch Program.
- March 1993: Completed a master's program at the Graduate School of Education, University of the Ryukyus (Major: English Education)

Work Experience:

- April 1983 - March 1995: Teacher at public schools, including the Middle School Attached to the University of the Ryukyus.
- April 1995 - March 2004: Lecturer/Assistant Professor/Professor at Okinawa International University.
- April 2004 - March 2020: Professor at the College of Education, University of the Ryukyus (Retired in March 2020).
- April 2020 - Present: Honorary Professor at University of the Ryukyus.
- April 2020 - Present: Visiting Professor at the College of Education, University of the Ryukyus.
- April 2020 - Present: Visiting Professor at the Open University of Japan Okinawa Learning Center."

Administrative Positions at University of the Ryukyus:

- April 2009 - March 2012: Principal of the Middle School Attached to University of the Ryukyus
- April 2012 - March 2016: Director of the Faculty Development Center for Teachers at University of the Ryukyus

- April 2018 - March 2020: Vice Dean of the College of Education at University of the Ryukyus

External Roles:

- 2007: Member of the Foreign Language Specialist Committee, Subcommittee on Elementary and Secondary Education, Central Council for Education, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)
- 2006: Advisor for Japan Teacher Training Center Overseas Dispatch Program (Until 2007)
- 2007: Instructor for MEXT "Training Workshop for English Activity Leaders in Elementary Schools"
- 2007: Chairman of the Committee for Creating DVD Materials for English Activity Leaders at Japan Teacher Training Center
- 2007: Committee Member for Assisting in the Development of MEXT Course of Study (Foreign Language Activities)
- 2007: Committee Member for Assisting in the Development of MEXT "Curriculum Guidelines for Foreign Language Activities"
- 2007: Committee Member for Assisting in the Development of MEXT "Guidebook for Foreign Language Activities and Foreign Language Training in Elementary Schools"
- 2009: Committee Member for MEXT Research and Survey Project for Improving English Education
- 2011: Member of MEXT Learning Evaluation Working Group
- 2011: Member of MEXT School Research and Development Planning and Evaluation Committee
- 2012: Committee Member of MEXT "Efforts to Strengthen English Communication Skills and Logical Thinking" Planning and Evaluation Meeting
- 2013: Committee Member for MEXT "English Education Enhancement Regional Base Project" Planning and Evaluation Meeting (Chair)
- 2014: Collaborative Committee Member for MEXT Educational Research and Development Planning and Evaluation Meeting (Chair)
- 2014: Committee Member of MEXT English Education Enhancement Regional Base Project Planning and Evaluation Meeting (Chair)
- 2015: Committee Member for Assisting in the Development of MEXT Course of Study (Foreign Language Activities)"
- 2015: Committee Member for Assisting in the Development of MEXT Course of Study (Foreign Language)"

- 2015: Committee Member for Assisting in the Development of MEXT "Guidebook for Teaching Elementary School Foreign Language Activities and Foreign Language"
- 2015: Member of MEXT Elementary School New Educational Material Creation Committee
- 2015: Vice Chair of MEXT Elementary School New Educational Material Creation Review Committee
- 2015: Committee Member of MEXT Course of Study Special Taskforce (Elementary, Middle, and High School Core Meeting)
- 2016: Chair of MEXT Evaluation Committee for Promoting Foreign Language Education in Response to Globalization (Until 2017)
- 2017: Collaborative Committee Member for MEXT Educational Research and Development Planning and Evaluation Meeting
- 2018: Chair of MEXT Commission for Effective Instruction of Elementary School English Using Private Organizations and the Dissemination of Results (Until 2019)
- 2020: Supervisor and Lead Instructor for MEXT Commissioned Project "Online Teacher Training (Elementary School Teacher Program)" (Ongoing)

Roles in academic societies

- Chairperson of Kyushu-Okinawa Branch, Japan Association for Children's English Education (2004-2016)."
- Vice President of Japan Association for Children's English Education (2012-2017).
- Permanent Director of Elementary School English Education Society (Since 2007 to present).

Publications (Edited and Authored):

- "Illustrated Guide to All Units and Lessons for English teachers (Middle School Grades 7-9)," Toyokan Publishing, 2022.
- "Latest Methods in English Language Education," Kenkyusha Publishing, 2019.
- "Comprehensive Overview of the Elementary School MEXT Guidelines," Toyokan Publishing, 2017.
- "Quick Guide to New Elementary School English Guidelines (Foreign Language Activities) - Practical Guidebook," Kairyudo Publishing, 2017.
- "Quick Guide to New Elementary School English Guidelines(Foreign Language) - Practical Guidebook," Kairyudo Publishing, 2017.
- "Developments in Elementary School English Education," Kenkyusha Publishing, 2010.
- "Explanation and Development of Elementary School Guidelines," Kyouiku Publishing,

2008.

- "Practical Manual for Elementary School Foreign Language Activities," Obunsha Publishing, 2008.
- "Results and Challenges of English Immersion Education in Japan: A Case Study of Okinawa Amicus International School," Research commissioned by Japan English Proficiency Test Association, 2016.
- "Comprehensive Study of Locally Rooted English Education in the Region (Okinawa Prefecture): Focusing on Elementary School English Education," Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (C) Project Number 17520384, 2007.