

Twinning Society off to Japan

ESL course being offered in Towada City

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Towada City, Japan will get to hear first hand what the Lethbridge Twinning Society has to offer this upcoming weekend.

Harold Pereverseff, president of the LTS, will be leading an English as a Second Language workshop and symposium on Saturday and Sunday, in Towada City.

People who are attending are not only from Towada City. Pereverseff said he is expecting other cities in Japan to attend the seminar and workshops as well.

Pereverseff will be attending the event along with Diane Minamide, Dr. Sepideh Maoodi and Elma Guinto. The four are attending the event as invited guests under the sponsorship of the Towada City-Association for International Relations (T-AIR.)

The relationship between LTS and T-AIR was formed in 2002 under the “sister city” model and allows people the opportunity to become involved and learn about each other’s culture, language and arts.

The symposium will encourage and advise those attending of the opportunities to study ESL in one of the three facilities in Lethbridge which include the University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge College and the Flexibility Learning Systems.

The four representatives speaking will be able to provide first hand experience and knowledge to the people attending.

Citizens of Towada City have already been coming to Lethbridge to study ESL, but Pereverseff said his hope is “to bring awareness to all the people in Japan that Lethbridge offers this program.”

The workshop will also be attended by the representative from the Alberta Japan Office, which is based in Tokyo. Pereverseff believes that “once that happens it will bring a lot of credibility to Lethbridge, and the three facilities, because that’s the go-to people in Japan.”

The LTS will also be exploring the possible opportunity of Japanese as a Second Language (JSL) coming to Lethbridge.

“There’s a teacher there that will be on the panel as well, and we’re going to try and figure out how to tap into that, whether it’s through distance learning i.e. through the computer, or if we’re actually going to be able to bring somebody (to Lethbridge) in intervals to do Japanese language training.”