



Realizing that nation's prosperity will depend a lot on on its English communication skills, the country's leaders began to highly prioritize English education beginning in the mid-1990's.

Being able to speak English well has been essential in getting jobs in any of the major multinational corporations in most countries. Job applicants have to pass interviews in English, usually conducted by native speakers, in order to be considered for important positions. Nowadays, it would be impossible for college graduates who are not conversant in the English language, to land a good job to major corporations in their own countries.

Questions for Discussion

- 1) How do you feel about having to learn English? Explain.
- 2) How important is the ability to converse to the success in today's business world?
- 3) How do you think of the English ability of Japanese / Taiwanese ten years ago?