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Topic: chatroom

Subject: Re: chatroom

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SouthLily,

My previous post was not intended for those old regular chatters who are the frequent visitors to the chat room. (From what I have seen, the size of regular chatters here is fairly small.) I was referring to those members who are wanting to improve their oral language but somehow seem to be shy away from the chat room.

I used to visit another chat room operated by a so called English learning social site in Taiwan. In fact, that was where I met Wolfy online. I used to volunteer to help out in the chat room all the time to facilitate the discussions with specific topics. Speaking from my experience, a chat room would definitely flourish if the members feel that they have been encouraged to participate. Many of us from that site later became good friends. In fact, I wrote the book with three of them without even meeting them in person. Unfortunately, that site was sold and the administration changed. We ended up leaving there.

Members come and go, but only the ones who feel "at home" would stay. So "the regulars" can actually make a difference to make the newcomers feel at home in the chat room, a non-threatening environment to learn.

Wolfy,

Reading your post is like reading my last few entries posted at the other English site where we met. Whenever I come to this place, I don't see anybody in the room. The only member I encounter once in a while is 123. It might be a good idea for someone to set up regular scheduled discussions at a specific time if you want to encourage the new chatters to join in. I remember we used to have discussion groups organized by Eason and facilitated by us as well as those concerts hosted by people we know.

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