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## Pre-task 1:

Please be adequately prepared for the role playing game to be played on the day 1 as follows:

- 1) Select a country which is different from your real one. Any real (i.e. non-imaginary) country you like will be OK. You will be playing a role of a person from the country you selected. (For example, if you are a Japanese, you can play a role of an Egyptian, but not a role of a Japanese in the game.)
- 2) Have a nickname for you to use in the game.
- 3) You can set your age, occupation, family structure, religion, hobby and other matters of concern as you like.
- 4) You have to know the basic facts about the country you have selected such as
  - > the official name of the country and the word for the nationality ("Republic of Peru" and "Peruvian" for Peru, for example) in English,
  - > the location in the world,
  - > the capital and other major cities,
  - ➤ the official language(s) (You do not need necessarily to be able to speak them, of course.),
  - > the inhabitants (ethnicity, size of population), f)
  - > major industries of the country,
  - > the type of government system the country has,
  - > cultural characteristics,
  - foreign relations of the country,
  - > current issues of the country (if possible) and etc.

You should be OK to say those things in English about your real country, shouldn't you?

- 5) You will be working with other group mates. Prepare questions to ask them to get to know each other such as:
  - ♦ May I have your name, please?
  - ♦ May I ask you where you are from? / Where are you from?
  - ♦ What do you do?
  - ♦ What do you do on weekends?
  - ♦ Do you have plans for the future?
  - ♦ Do you happen to know/like...?
  - ♦ Etc.

Also, please be ready to answer these questions when you are asked.

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- 6) Prepare a self-introduction. A good self-introduction will impress people with IMPACT in the first meeting, define yourself and differentiate you from others. You should be OK to give a good self-introduction in English in everyday life, shouldn't you?
- 7) Rehearse your talk to say all the above sufficiently. Spend as much time for the rehearsals as you have used to compose the sentences. Remember that speaking to others is quite another matter than reading your story in front of them.

## Pre-task 2:

Please be adequately prepared to give a simple and persuasive talk of 2 minute in the group on the day 1 about the following topic:

"(...put the name of a product/service here...) from (...put the name of your country...) is a potential export item for (the world or a specific country/area)"

## Example 1:

Anti PM2.5 masks from Japan is a potential export item for China.

## Example 2:

Tapioca milk tea chain stores from Taiwan is a potential export item for any countries.

- 1) Select a product or a service which is made in your country, which is not so well-known at present, but which is of good quality and which will probably sell well in other countries generally or in a specific country or area for some reasons.
- 2) "Your country" can be the real one or the one you have selected for the Pre-task 1.
- 3) Explain why the product or service you have selected can be a promising one and try to attract a buying public.
- 4) You can bring and use photos or product samples for a better understanding of your explanation.

The instructor of the Group Work Sessions is hoping that you will like this kind of communication games. Have fun. ©