



What is your name? Where are you from?

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How long have you been at Stanford? And how long do you expect to be here?

I've been at Stanford for six months. I expect to be here for more than three years.

Are you a student or a spouse at Stanford? What are you/your spouse studying?

I am a spouse at Stanford. My husband is a postdoctoral researcher at the School of Medicine.

How did you hear about the CCIS? What do you know about the work they do with Stanford students and spouses?

I know that the CCIS helps Stanford international students and spouses by way of providing English classes, throwing parties, hosting events and so on.

Which CCIS programs are you participating in and in what capacity?

I have actively participated in the English-in-Action program. The CCIS set up a suitable language partner for me and we meet regularly—once a week.

I also participated in a lunch party organized by CCIS on International Women's Day.

When and how did you decide to participate in these CCIS programs?

I decided to participate in the English-in-Action program almost from when I first I got here. It was January. I got some information about the program from the Bechtel International Center.

How has your experience been taking part in CCIS's programs?

English-in-Action (EIA): My language partner, assigned to me by CCIS, helped me a lot with adjusting to life in this area. She was very considerate, and experienced with helping international people who lack communication skills and knowledge of local cultural rituals. Through the EIA program, I became a part of Stanford and earned the power to be myself. Also, she and her husband helped me to look for a job. Their advice and comments were so very valuable.

Women's Day party: It was very fun to meet various people from different countries. The participants brought their own foods and they were really great! Everyone enjoyed the food and conversation. There was an atmosphere of respect for each country's culture.

What message would you like to give to the CCIS?

I personally thank you for giving me wonderful opportunities to meet nice people in a comfortable environment. And as an international spouse at Stanford, I can see and notice your constant efforts to support us in adjusting to and enjoying the life in Stanford.

I'd like to send my sincere appreciation to CCIS.

Hyejin