

The 21st Annual Meeting of the Central Association of Teachers of Japanese (CATJ 21)

Saturday, April 11 - Sunday, April 12, 2009
Michigan State University

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CATJ annual conferences provide a forum for discussion of major issues relating to the quality and future of Japanese language instruction in the U.S., as well as problems unique to our setting. A regional group such as ours has an important mission to promote timely sharing and updating of information and to strengthen the network of Japanese language educators in the area.

The theme of the 2009 conference is **‘Communities: Fure-ai within and beyond the Japanese language classroom.’**

Communities is one of the 5Cs (or five main objectives) of the National Standards.

- Standard 5.1: Students use the language both within and beyond the classroom setting.
- Standard 5.2: Students show evidence of becoming lifelong learners by using the language for personal enjoyment and enrichment.

The theme represents something more than just these objectives. That is, to promote the view of

- a classroom as a community consisting of individuals who experience social and cultural interactions with each other
- the teaching profession as a community consisting of members who exchange ideas and materials with each other.

Hence, the Japanese translation of the word is given as **fure-ai** (‘touch/contact each other’), rather than komyunitii.

