Oral-Training Assignments on September 30

1. Do the Evaluating Web Pages tutorial
2. Write a reflection on…
3. How you want to develop your participation in groups during this year
4. **What are your strengths in terms of group participation?**
5. **What areas do you want to develop? (Set goals for yourself.)**
6. Reflect on your use of Chinese

After checking all the definitions of the role terms, I found myself playing “maintenance roles” most often during a group discussion. In terms of group participation, I think most of us are “Information and Opinion Giver” which is not that distinctive while compared with the other roles; after all, giving opinion is one of the most fundamental requirements in Oral Training Class.

I think myself do the best job on the role “Supporter and Praiser,” for I always listen carefully to others’ ideas and then try to make feedback on their good points, and I can accept every kind of opinions, and I’ll also try to make my own comments discussed and acceptable to other participants. On top of that, I regard myself as a “Tension Releaser” in a group as well. When the time comes, I’ll manage to make fun with words, actions, crazy ideas, and so on. In addition, actually, I think of myself as a “Summarizer” of task roles. I would like to put together related suggestions and restates them. By doing this, not only can I help improve group’s comprehension sometimes, but I can also make the topic that we are talking about more clear to myself. Because I occasionally get the point more slowly than other people.

Regarding areas that I feel like developing, I pulled most of other roles I expect to be, including task as well as maintenance roles, together as a new category which is related to “leadership.” That is to say, to take these roles, we have to become the leader, or controller of the group, dealing with every assigned tasks with the rest, taking care of each member and assuring of mission completed. “Communication Facilitator,” “Information and Opinion Seeker,” and “Director and Role Definer,” to name but a few. If a good discussion is wanted, such a role is absolutely needed. However, it is no easy work to take control and not make people feel dominated at the same time. To accomplish assignment is important, though, it is equally necessary to maintain a decent discussing atmosphere and attendants’ peaceful mood so as to have the talking keep go on.