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Nori received his doctoral degree in 2007 and came back to Japan as a faculty member at Hiroshima University. He holds the Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) in speech-language pathology and works with children and adults who have various communication disorders. Now Nori's caseload exceeds over 30, which is pretty heavy for faculty members; however, he enjoys seeing clients, teaching students, and conducting research projects.