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Your study. Better together.

A considerable number of new students joins the University of the Ryukyus every year. Some are born and raised in Okinawa. Others come from smaller islands of the Ryukyu Archipelago or from mainland Japan and some come from different countries, in Asia, Africa, Europe, Oceania, and America. Most of these students don't know anyone in Okinawa and find themselves busy with classes and assignments, which occupy an important part of their times. Part-time jobs can also be a reason of stress and tiredness among young students. Sometimes, we struggle to find the strength and motivation to endure the challenges of everyday life. But no worries! These problems have a solution. Friends and colleagues at university can be a great support. Some people think that studying with friends is time consuming and can lead to distractions. Others prefer to study at home, so that they can remain in their bed, eat food, and don't have to think about make-up or hairstyle. Every student has his or her own preference and one option isn't necessary better than the other. However, studying together provides some important advantages:

Explaining hard concepts to other people helps to improve presentation skills and to retain concepts in your memory. You can try explaining a chapter of your textbook to a colleague or to a friend. Once you can do it, you will have learnt the chapter properly and you will not easily forget. Group study allows to hear informations from others too. It's easier to understand hard topics, when we can hear them many times! Finally, group study is fun and can enhance creativity, give rise to interesting discussions and even start new friendships. Of course, I will be happy to study with you. Come see me at the University library!

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