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On Oct. 9, Bill Pellowe and Trevor Holster will give a presentation / workshop during the [Fukuoka JALT Conference and Bookfair](#) in Fukuoka on the [Peer Assessment add-on for MOARS](#)

. MOARS is a free, open-source Mobile Audience Response System for students to use with iPod Touch, iPhones, and other mobile browsers.

Our presentation is at 12:00. Here's the abstract:

Performance assessment using peer-assessed tasks such as presentations or essay writing can improve engagement and provide learning opportunities for performers and raters through "learning-by-teaching." However, data collection and analysis limit the practicality for classroom teachers. The presenters demonstrate an open-source audience response system designed for classroom use that can output data files for many-faceted Rasch analysis, allowing detailed analysis of students as both performers and raters. This presentation is aimed at classroom teachers, assumes no previous experience with the software demonstrated, and will be especially useful to those who want to do peer feedback research.