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# JETAA AUSTRALIA

<u>JETAA Chapter Name:</u> 	Sydney JETAA 
<u>Number of Members:</u>	Approximately 350 (also includes the Northern Territory)
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● President</li><li>● Secretary</li><li>● Treasurer</li><li>● Social Coordinators (2)</li><li>● Newsletter Editor</li><li>● Webmaster</li><li>● Membership officer</li><li>● Database Officer</li></ul>
<u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u>	Sydney JETAA provides information, support and social activities for former JET Programme participants and their associates. We are also actively involved in promoting Japan, Japanese culture and the JET Programme in NSW and strengthening ties with the local Japanese community.
<u>List of Chapter Activities:</u>	We hold a wide range of social and cultural events throughout the year. Events in 2007 included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Japanese Festival</li><li>● Monthly meetings</li><li>● Pub Trivia Night</li><li>● JET pre-departure orientation and dinner</li><li>● Sake-tasting and Onsen in the Blue Mountains</li><li>● Careers and Networking Night</li><li>● Taiko Workshop</li><li>● Japanese film nights</li><li>● Participation in JETAA International and Regional conferences</li><li>● Yukata workshop</li><li>● Christmas Party</li></ul>
<u>Website:</u>	<a href="http://www.sydneyjetaa.org">http://www.sydneyjetaa.org</a>
<u>Contacts:</u>	Sharon van Etten (President) or Sasha Anderson (Secretary) : <a href="mailto:jetaasydney@yahoo.com.au">jetaasydney@yahoo.com.au</a>
<u>Finding a job:</u>	The JETAA careers information and networking evening is held each October, providing a valuable opportunity for former JETs to meet members of the Australian and Japanese business communities, government agencies and universities.



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	<p>The Sydney Morning Herald's Saturday edition has a large range of job advertisements.</p> <p>Online job sites: <a href="http://www.seek.com.au">www.seek.com.au</a>; <a href="http://www.careerone.com.au">www.careerone.com.au</a>; <a href="http://www.mycareer.com.au">www.mycareer.com.au</a>; <a href="http://www.apsjobs.gov.au/">http://www.apsjobs.gov.au/</a> (Australian Public Service); <a href="https://jobs.nsw.gov.au/Start.asp">https://jobs.nsw.gov.au/Start.asp</a> (NSW State Government); <a href="https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/jobs/">https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/jobs/</a> (NSW teaching jobs)</p> <p>Japanese specialist recruitment agencies: Staff service, Nihon Brain Centre, Advantage Partnership</p>
<u>Cultural and Sporting Groups:</u>	<p>We maintain close contact with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Consulate-General of Japan in Sydney</li> <li>● The Japan Local Government Centre (CLAIR, Sydney)</li> <li>● The Japan Foundation</li> <li>● The Australia-Japan Society</li> <li>● The Australia-Japan Business Association</li> <li>● Rotary Exchange Students to Japan Alumni Association</li> <li>● TaikOz</li> </ul>
<u>Further Study:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Any major university</li> <li>● <a href="http://www.tafe.com.au">www.tafe.com.au</a> (TAFE)</li> <li>● <a href="http://www.jpof.org.au">www.jpof.org.au</a> (The Japan Foundation)</li> </ul>

<p><u>JETAA Chapter Name:</u></p> 	<p>Victoria/Tasmania/South Australia</p>
<u>Number of Members:</u>	Approximately 280
<u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u>	Vic/Tas/SA is an amalgamation of three state chapters, with the main committee based in Victoria and sub-chapters in Tasmania and South Australia. The sub-chapters are semi-autonomous, each having their own local representative on the committee and they organize their own events and budget, receiving support and assistance from Victoria.
<u>List of Chapter Activities:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Karaoke Night (January) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Victoria</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Moonlight Cinema (January) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Victoria</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Annual Day Trip: Onsen and Winery tour (February/March)</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Victoria</li><li>• Hanami Viewing event (September)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Victoria, Tasmania &amp; South Australia</li></ul></li><li>• Careers Night (November)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Victoria</li></ul></li><li>• Bonenkai (December)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Victoria, Tasmania &amp; South Australia</li></ul></li><li>• Film &amp; Dinner Night (Various throughout year)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Tasmania &amp; South Australia</li></ul></li><li>• Obon Social Function<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Tasmania &amp; South Australia</li></ul></li><li>• Returnee Function<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Tasmania &amp; South Australia</li><li>– Victoria: official function at Consul-General's residence in February.</li></ul></li></ul>
<u>Website:</u>	<a href="http://melbourne.jetalumni.org/">http://melbourne.jetalumni.org/</a>
<u>Contacts:</u>	Zosia Romanowski (President): <a href="mailto:sausage80@gmail.com">sausage80@gmail.com</a> Josephine Souter (SA Rep): <a href="mailto:josephine.souter@gmail.com">josephine.souter@gmail.com</a> Rachael Stivicic (Tasmania Rep): <a href="mailto:sappray@yahoo.se">sappray@yahoo.se</a>
<u>Finding a job:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Online job-search websites, such as <a href="http://www.seek.com.au">www.seek.com.au</a> and <a href="http://www.mycareer.com.au">www.mycareer.com.au</a></li><li>• Staff Services Australia: a specialist recruitment firm dealing with Japanese companies in Australia.</li><li>• More general recruitment companies.</li><li>• Company/government department websites usually have a section where vacant positions are listed.</li><li>• The Australia/Japan Society of Victoria (AJSV) has strong ties to the Japanese/Australian business community and they run a variety of social events throughout the year.</li><li>• The Victoria chapter runs an annual Careers Seminar in November.</li></ul>
<u>Cultural and Sporting Groups:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Australia/Japan Society of Victoria (<a href="http://www.ajsvictoria.org.au">http://www.ajsvictoria.org.au</a>).</li><li>• Australia Japan Society (Northern Tasmania) <a href="http://www.ajstas.netfirms.com/page_1.htm">http://www.ajstas.netfirms.com/page_1.htm</a></li><li>• Japan Australia Friendship Association (South Australia) <a href="http://www.jafa.asn.au/">http://www.jafa.asn.au/</a></li><li>• Japan Club of Victoria (<a href="http://www.jcv.org.au/">http://www.jcv.org.au/</a>).</li><li>• Martial Arts schools can be found in most suburbs of Melbourne.</li></ul>
<u>Further Study:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Japan Language Teachers' Association of Victoria (JLTAV)</li><li>• Monash University's Japanese Studies Centre.</li></ul>



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<u>JETAA Chapter Name:</u>	JET Alumni Association of Western Australia
<u>Number of Members:</u>	300+
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Employment and Social Representatives, Newsletter Editors, General committee
<u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u>	JETAA WA can provide returnees like you many opportunities to continue your relationship with Japan and to meet the right people to assist you in forwarding your Japan related ambitions, be they employment or otherwise. Most of all it's about connecting with those that have shared many of the same experience whilst living and teaching in Japan
<u>List of Chapter Activities:</u>	Activities include: Outgoing JET info night and sayonara party; Quiz nights and regular social events; Employment seminars and guest speakers; and Returnee party.
<u>Website:</u>	<a href="http://want.jetalumni.org/">http://want.jetalumni.org/</a> or find us on Facebook or Yahoo Groups
<u>Contacts:</u>	Brad Baker (Pres): <a href="mailto:bradleywbaker@hotmail.com">bradleywbaker@hotmail.com</a> Dan Woods (VP): <a href="mailto:danwoods@gmail.com">danwoods@gmail.com</a> Nick John (Social): <a href="mailto:regularjohn13@gmail.com">regularjohn13@gmail.com</a>
<u>Finding a job:</u>	Our members work in a variety of industries including, but not limited to Japanese corporations, translation and education. Our Employment Representative can advise you of a range of suitable options.
<u>Cultural and Sporting Groups:</u>	Many of our members are associated with or members of The Australia Japan Association of WA, Japan Society and the Japanese Studies Society (UWA) and the Hyogo Prefectural Government Cultural Centre.

<u>JETAA Chapter Name:</u>	JETAA Chapter: Canberra (AU5) 
<u>Number of Members:</u>	140+
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	President Secretary Treasurer Social Coordinator Webmaster Newsletter Editor



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<u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u>	
<u>List of Chapter Activities:</u>	Shinnenkai Dinner February Canberra Multicultural Festival February Regional Wine Tasting March AGM April Pre-departure Orientation June – July Trivia Night July Hanami Picnic September Field Trip (2007 Cowra, 2008 TBA) September Canberra-Nara Candle Festival October <i>Okaerinasai Kampai</i> Drinks November <i>Bounenkai</i> December Movie Nights/Dinners Throughout the year Monthly <i>Oshaberikai</i> Meetings Throughout the year Quarterly General Meetings Throughout the year O-Shaberikai Monthly
<u>Website:</u>	<a href="http://www.canberra.jetalumni.org">www.canberra.jetalumni.org</a>
<u>Contacts:</u>	President, Murray Woodford – <a href="mailto:woodford_murray@yahoo.com.au">woodford_murray@yahoo.com.au</a>
<u>Finding a job:</u>	Private sector: <a href="http://www.seek.com.au">www.seek.com.au</a> or <a href="https://jobsearch.gov.au">https://jobsearch.gov.au</a> ● Public sector grad jobs: <a href="http://jobsearch.gov.au/government/Gradlink.aspx">http://jobsearch.gov.au/government/Gradlink.aspx</a> ● Or individual departmental websites for higher level public service jobs.
<u>Cultural and Sporting Groups:</u>	We participate in the Australia Japan Society's annual sporting activities, including softball competition and 'Sports Day'. Canberra is home to the AJS ( <a href="http://www.ajsact.com.au/index.html">http://www.ajsact.com.au/index.html</a> ).
<u>Further Study:</u>	The Australian National University <a href="http://www.anu.edu.au/">http://www.anu.edu.au/</a> ● The University of Canberra <a href="http://www.canberra.edu.au/">http://www.canberra.edu.au/</a> ● The Australian Catholic University <a href="http://www.acu.edu.au/">http://www.acu.edu.au/</a> ● Canberra Institute of Technology <a href="http://www.cit.act.edu.au/">http://www.cit.act.edu.au/</a>



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<u>JETAA Chapter Name:</u>	JETAA (Qld) Inc.
<u>Number of Members:</u>	330
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter Editor, General Committee Members
<u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u>	We are an active and enthusiastic chapter involved in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Distribution of an electronic newsletter</li><li>● Running a Photo Competition every two to three years which is exhibited during Japan Week</li><li>● Hanami under the jacaranda trees in New Farm Park</li><li>● Sponsoring a sake tasting night during Japan Week</li><li>● Conducting an Australia-Japan Trivia Night during Japan Week</li><li>● Holding regular functions including dinners, lunches and sometimes even karaoke</li><li>● Collaborating with the Consulate-General of Japan, Brisbane in recruitment of JETs through interview panels, Q&amp;A desks and workshops for departing JETs</li></ul>
<u>List of Chapter Activities:</u>	See above
<u>Website:</u>	Help! We don't have one.
<u>Contacts:</u>	President – Michael Jennings – <a href="mailto:jenno73@hotmail.com">jenno73@hotmail.com</a> or 07-3665-3255
<u>Finding a job:</u>	Queensland boasts a strong trading relationship with Japan and a relatively high number of Japanese living in and visiting Queensland. This translates into a number of career opportunities for returning JETs. Interested JETs should look at <a href="http://www.seek.com.au">www.seek.com.au</a> or contact a recruitment firm.
<u>Cultural and Sporting Groups:</u>	Contact the Consulate-General of Japan, Brisbane for further information ( <a href="http://www.brisbane.au.emb-japan.go.jp">www.brisbane.au.emb-japan.go.jp</a> ).
<u>Further Study:</u>	Queensland universities and colleges offer courses in Education, Japanese, Asian and International Studies at institutions across the state. A number of Japan-related scholarships and grant programmes are also available. Contact the Embassy of Japan Canberra ( <a href="http://www.japan.org.au">www.japan.org.au</a> ) and the Japan Foundation Sydney ( <a href="http://www.jpf.go.jp/e/about/program/index.html">www.jpf.go.jp/e/about/program/index.html</a> ).




## JETAA BRAZIL

<u>JETAA Chapter:</u>	BRAZIL (BR1)
<u>Number of Members:</u>	66
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	- Chapter Rep. (Country Rep) - 05 Regional Reps. (where there are Japanese Consulates and the Embassy )
<u>Activities:</u>	- Members helping Consulates and the Embassy in recruitment, selection, interview process of new JETs and pre-departure orientation. - Introducing the JET Programme at events held by the Consulates, Brazilian Japanese Culture Society, Japanese Government Scholarship Program Alumni Association and Universities. - Cooperation with special Committees for the 100th Celebration of Japanese Immigration in Brazil & Nippaku Kouryu nen.
<u>Website:</u>	<a href="http://www.sp.br.emb-japan.go.jp/pt/cultura_jet.htm">http://www.sp.br.emb-japan.go.jp/pt/cultura_jet.htm</a> <a href="http://www.jetprogramme.org.br/">http://www.jetprogramme.org.br/</a>
<u>Contacts:</u>	crisagara@hotmail.com <a href="mailto:cjicultural4@arcstar.com.br">cjicultural4@arcstar.com.br</a> (Consulate General in SP)
<u>Finding a job:</u>	- contact the Consulates or Embassy (where applied for JET) as well as the JETAA-BR Chapter to be included in mailing list, for job opportunities.
<u>Cultural and Sporting Groups:</u>	(no)



## JET AA CANADA

<u>JETAA Chapter:</u>	Ottawa (CN1)  
<u>Number of Members:</u>	320+
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	President Vice President (2) Treasurer Secretary Social Coordinator (2) Communications (2) Membership Coordinator
<u>Activities:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly Social Event (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month) – e.g. movie nights, pub nights, karaoke, Japanese restaurant</li> <li>• Japanese Lessons (Feb-Apr &amp; Oct-Dec)</li> <li>• Ottawa Natsu Matsuri (Japanese Summer Festival)</li> <li>• Katakana Name Writing (Ottawa Tulip Festival)</li> <li>• Cooking Class</li> <li>• Re-entry Seminar for Returning JETs</li> <li>• Networking Wine &amp; Cheese</li> <li>• JET Recruiting &amp; Orientation</li> </ul>
<u>Chapter Summary:</u>	The Ottawa Chapter of the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme Alumni Association, or JETAA Ottawa for short, is an active group of JET alumni who are helping to give this government town some Japanese flavour. We volunteer at festivals, help prepare the next generation of JETs for their departure as well as organize monthly social and cultural events of interest to our membership.
<u>Website:</u>	<a href="http://ottawa.jetaa.ca">http://ottawa.jetaa.ca</a>
<u>Contacts:</u>	<a href="mailto:jetaaottawa@yahoo.ca">jetaaottawa@yahoo.ca</a>
<u>Finding a job:</u>	The Re-entry Seminar and the Networking Wine & Cheese (held between mid Oct & mid Nov) are aimed at providing recently-returned JETs as well as alumni looking to change jobs with tips on resume building and marketing the JET experience (Seminar) as well as a series of contacts through which to start the job search (Wine & Cheese).
<u>Cultural and Sporting</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ottawa Japanese Community Association</li> </ul>




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<u>Groups:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canada Japan Society of Ottawa</li> <li>• Oto-wa Taiko</li> <li>• Numerous martial arts and ikebana groups</li> <li>• Contact JETAA Ottawa for more info</li> </ul>
<u>Further Study:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ottawa Japanese Language School</li> <li>• Carleton University offers Japanese Language Classes</li> <li>• JETAA Japanese Language Classes</li> <li>• Contact JETAA Ottawa for more info</li> </ul>

<u>JETAA Chapter Name:</u>	JETAA British Columbia & Yukon Territory (JETAABC) – CN6
<u>Number of Members:</u>	approximately 620 – remember, lifetime membership is absolutely free!
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	President, Secretary, Treasurer, External Liaison, Career & Personal Development Coordinator, Social Coordinator, Technical Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator, Senior Advisor, Membership Coordinator, Newsletter Editor
<u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u>	<p>Boring description that belies the fun we have:</p> <p>“The JET Alumni Association of British Columbia and Yukon (JETAABC) is one of Canada’s most active chapters. Its mission is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Provide a community for JET alumni returned from Japan</li> <li>* Foster a connection between Japan and Canada, and between alumni and their communities</li> <li>* Support and promote the Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme</li> </ul> <p>Please join us for events and discussion!”</p> <p>Sign up for JETAA now, before you leave Japan - membership is free for life. Then look us up when you get back and come out to enjoy together with us!</p>
<u>List of Chapter Activities:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Preparation Seminar &amp; Reception</li> <li>* Regular Food Nights</li> <li>* Pub Nights</li> <li>* Volunteer Appreciation Boat Cruise</li> <li>* JET Alumni vs. Mokuyokai Bowling Competition</li> <li>* Korean Spa/Food Night</li> <li>* Career Development Seminar</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Summer BBQ</li> <li>* Shiatsu Workshop</li> <li>* Snowshoeing Hike with Mokuyokai &amp; JETAABC</li> <li>* Sake and Shochu Tasting Event</li> <li>* Ready, JET, Go! Dragonboat Fundraisers</li> <li>* Japanese Language Proficiency Test Volunteer Proctors</li> <li>* Ikebana Class</li> <li>* Japanese Cooking Class</li> <li>* Annual General Meeting &amp; Bonenkai</li> </ul>
<u>Website:</u>	<p>www.jetaabc.ca</p> <p>QR Code:</p>  <p>on Facebook Groups: JETAABC</p>
<u>Contacts:</u>	membership@jetaabc.ca, president@jetaabc.ca
<u>Finding a job:</u>	<p>career@jetaabc.ca</p> <p>(* Please note that JETAABC does not have the power to find jobs for alumni, but we may know people who know people.)</p>
<u>Cultural and Sporting Groups:</u>	Ready, JET, Go! dragonboat team, Ready, JET, Throw! dodgeball team
<u>Further Study:</u>	<p>career@jetaabc.ca</p> <p>(* Please note that JETAABC does not hold Japanese classes, but we may know people who know people.)</p>
<u>JETA A Chapter:</u>	Southern Alberta (CN7)
<u>Number of Members:</u>	50+
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	<p>Co-Chairs (2)</p> <p>Treasurer</p> <p>Secretary</p>



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	<p>Social Coordinator  Webmistress  Language Coordinator  Membership Coordinator</p>
<u>Activities:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Events, e.g. pub nights, karaoke, Japanese restaurant</li> <li>• Taiko Workshop (March)</li> <li>• Cooking Class</li> <li>• Re-entry Seminar for Returning JETs (shared with NAJETAA)</li> <li>• JET Recruiting &amp; Orientation</li> </ul>
<u>Website:</u>	<a href="http://www.sajetaa.org/">http://www.sajetaa.org/</a>
<u>Contacts:</u>	<a href="mailto:sajetaa@gmail.com">sajetaa@gmail.com</a>
<u>Finding a job:</u>	The Re-entry Seminar (held between mid-Oct and end of Oct) is aimed at providing recently returned JETs with tips on resume building and marketing the JET experience (Seminar). Jet Alumni are also a great source of contacts.
<u>Cultural and Sporting Groups:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calgary Nikkei Cultural &amp; Senior Centre</li> <li>• Todoroki Tiako</li> <li>• Numerous marital arts and ikebana groups</li> <li>• Contact SAJETAA for more info</li> </ul>
<u>Further Study:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mount Royal College and University of Calgary offers Japanese Language Classes</li> <li>• Japanese Language Meetup in Calgary</li> <li>• JETAA Japanese Language Classes</li> <li>• Contact SAJETAA for more info</li> </ul>



# JETAA FRANCE

<u>JETAA Chapter Name:</u>	JETAA France
<u>Number of Members:</u>	70
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	5 : President, Vice-President (2), Secretary and Treasurer elected every spring at the General Assembly
<u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Promoting the JET Programme: visits to universities, cooperation with the Japanese Embassy for posters, active participation in the pre-departure meeting and in the interviews for selection, display at the CLAIR Paris office's booth at the French Mayor Congress.</li><li>● Promoting this experience to professionals: regular contacts with the Japanese Chamber of Commerce in France, the France-Japan Business Exchange Committee, and the JETRO Paris Office.</li><li>● Promoting grass-roots exchanges: setting up original presentations on Japanese culture at the Japan House of the Paris Campus, organizing annual Shinnenkai, Hanami and picnics.</li></ul>
<u>List of Chapter Activities:</u>	Organizing the 2008 JETAA International Meeting in Paris (September 25-28). <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Organized the first JETAA European Conference in Paris in 2004, gathering existing chapters as well as smaller groups, leading to a mobile European photo exhibition. The European chapters are willing to expand European representation and activities.</li></ul>
<u>Website:</u>	<a href="http://www.france.jetalumni.org">www.france.jetalumni.org</a>



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<u>Contacts:</u>	Mr. Romain Jourdan (Secretary) - CLAIR Paris Office Tel +33 1 40 20 09 74 – Email: <a href="mailto:jourdan@cp.netntt.fr">jourdan@cp.netntt.fr</a> Ms. Yvonne Chu-Kit (Chair) - Email : <a href="mailto:jetaafrance@yahoo.fr">jetaafrance@yahoo.fr</a>
<u>Finding a job:</u>	All job offers are disclosed to members through the mailing list. The group is also an associate member of the France-Japan Business Exchange Committee <a href="http://www.cefj.org">www.cefj.org</a>



# JETAA GERMANY

<u>JETAA Chapter Name:</u>	JETAA Germany
<u>Number of Members:</u>	220
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	German National Representative—Frank Bender
<u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u>	
<u>List of Chapter Activities:</u>	Mailing-list with all informations, job-offers, etc. Returners Meeting in Berlin Photo contests Networking-database and XING GROUP: JETAA Deutschland Alumni (see: <a href="http://www.xing.com">www.xing.com</a> )
<u>Website:</u>	<a href="http://www.jetalumni.org">www.jetalumni.org</a>
<u>Contacts:</u>	Frank Bender Kastanienhain 28 65812 Bad Soden am Taunus Germany Phone: +49-6174-255860 Fax: +49-6174-255859 E-mail: <a href="mailto:genki-sport@gmx.de">genki-sport@gmx.de</a>



## JETAA IRELAND

<u>JETAA Chapter Name:</u>	JETAA Ireland (IJET AA)
<u>Number of Members:</u>	250 approx.
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary, Events Co-ordinator(s)
<u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u>	IJET AA works closely with the Embassy of Japan in Ireland and other Japanese groups to provide support, social events and advice for all former JETs. Family, friends and members of other JETAA chapters are also welcome at IJET events.
<u>List of Chapter Activities:</u>	Film nights Table Quizzes Japanese cooking demonstrations Returners' reception (hosted by Embassy of Japan) Trips to Japanese cultural events e.g. Taiko drumming, koto concerts Pre-departure language classes for new JETs
<u>Website:</u>	<a href="http://www.ie.emb-japan.go.jp/ijet.htm">http://www.ie.emb-japan.go.jp/ijet.htm</a>
<u>Contacts:</u>	<a href="mailto:jetaaireland@gmail.com">jetaaireland@gmail.com</a> (IJET AA Committee) <a href="mailto:jet@embjp.ie">jet@embjp.ie</a> (JET Programme co-ordinator)
<u>Finding a job:</u>	Advice on finding Japan-related jobs can be found in IJET's Returners' Guide, available from the Embassy of Japan or IJET AA
<u>Cultural and Sporting Groups:</u>	In addition to visits by Japanese cultural and sporting groups, societies dedicated to pursuits such as Kendo and Go exist.
<u>Further Study:</u>	Evening classes are run throughout the country and DCU and UL offer some Japanese courses.



# JETAA JAMAICA

<u>JETAA</u> <u>Chapter:</u>	Jamaica
<u>Number of</u> <u>Members:</u>	26
<u>Committee</u> <u>Positions:</u>	President, Vice President/Treasurer, Secretary
<u>Activities:</u>	<p>Planning and execution of school visits – primary to tertiary level;</p> <p>Engage in JET promotions and promotion of Japanese culture at various events such as International Days;</p> <p>Assisting Embassy of Japan with coordination of cultural events;</p> <p>Assist in the recruitment, screening and selection of new ALTs;</p> <p>Assisting Embassy of Japan in pre-departure orientations for outgoing ALTs;</p> <p>Preparation of Handbook for outgoing ALTs;</p> <p>Preparation and circulation of Annual Newsletter to current JETs and JET Programme stakeholders;</p> <p>Essay Competition for High School Students to promote awareness of Japan;</p> <p>Any other promotional activities as may arise during the course of the year or as requested by the Embassy.</p> <p>Photo exhibition and talk/seminar for primary level students and teachers to learn more about Japan through pictures taken by current JETs as well as photos taken by JET Alumni.</p>
<u>Website:</u>	<a href="http://www.jamaica.jetalumni.org">www.jamaica.jetalumni.org</a> (to be updated by February 2008)
<u>Contacts:</u>	<p>Kay Dunkley – President</p> <p><a href="mailto:keiosakasama@yahoo.com">keiosakasama@yahoo.com</a></p> <p>1-876-376-3780</p>
<u>Finding a job:</u>	Jamaica has many opportunities for business creation at this time. However, for the most part most returnees find jobs on the basis of their formal area of study or through their network of contacts. The period for finding a job may extend up to 6 months depending on the individual's expertise and the job market at the time.
<u>Cultural and</u> <u>Sporting</u> <u>Groups:</u>	The Alumni Association does not have any formal cultural and sporting groups, at this time however we meet on a social basis during the year. There is a plethora of cultural and sporting groups and associations across the island to which returning JETs can become affiliated.
<u>Further</u> <u>Study:</u>	Many returnees have engaged themselves in further studies (Japanese or otherwise). There are opportunities to continue studies in Japanese and numerous opportunities to continue tertiary studies up to the doctorate level in a range of disciplines.



<u>JETAA Chapter Name:</u>	JETAA Eastern Japan
<u>Number of Members:</u>	More than 500, mainly in Tokyo and surrounding areas but also including all prefectures in Eastern Japan
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Chapter President / Chapter Representative(s)</li><li>● Entertainment Officer</li></ul>
<u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Provides a network for former JETs in Eastern Japan providing formal and informal online and in-person opportunities to network with current and former JETs, as well as people and organizations in Japan affiliated with or interested in the JET Programme</li><li>● Disseminates information relevant to former JETs and current JETs in Japan completing their contracts</li></ul>
<u>Overview Chapter Activities:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Sponsor networking events and informal gatherings, including a Shinneikai</li><li>● Hold job fairs for former JETs and JETs soon-to-complete their contracts</li><li>● Provide Internet-based information for living in Japan, including Internet-based employment information, much of which involves former JET-specific interest by employers</li><li>● Support and attend events held by different Japanese government ministries and related organizations</li><li>● Volunteer activities in collaboration with different foreign embassies</li><li>● Support and attend JET Program(me)-related events such as the Returnees Conference, JET Program(me) Welcome Receptions, JET Program(me) anniversary events, etc.</li><li>● Promote the JET Program(me) and promote and represent the JET Alumni Association in Japan to Japanese and foreign media and a variety of Japanese domestic and international organizations</li><li>● Work with JET Alumni groups worldwide in a variety of areas, including networking, promoting the JET Program (me), etc.</li></ul>



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<u>Website:</u>	<a href="http://www.jetaa.com">www.jetaa.com</a>
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<u>Finding a job:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Hold job fairs for former JETs and JETs soon-to-complete their contracts</li><li>● Provide Internet-based information for living in Japan, including Internet-based employment information, much of which involves former JET-specific interest by employers</li></ul>

<u>JETAA Chapter Name:</u>	Japan Exchange and Teaching Program(me) Alumni Association Western Japan Chapter
<u>Number of Members:</u>	110
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	Chair, Vice-Chair for Shikoku & Treasurer, Vice-Chair for Kyushu, Vice-Chair for Kobe, Secretary
<u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u>	Chapter includes Nagoya, and all areas west of Nagoya, was active several years ago, but became inactive until earlier this year when a few alums decided to serve on the Executive Committee
<u>List of Chapter Activities:</u>	<p>On July 6 we had a Revolution Day Party in cooperation with the St. David's (Welsh) Society and the St. George's (English) Society at an Australian pub newly opened by a former JET. Revolution Day is the day the English celebrate American independence, because that is the day they were certain they were rid of us, or so I am told. We had about 30 people attend the event.</p> <p>I attended the new JET orientations in Tokyo, and found it to be very helpful to meet people from AJET, and CLAIR, as well as enjoyed the stroll down memory lane.</p>



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	<p>We also tried to organize a viewing party for the Yodogawa Fireworks with the Danish Chamber of Commerce in Western Japan. The DCCWJ gets great seats directly across from the launch site for the fireworks. Unfortunately, the tickets were pricey, and we did not get a good turnout, but I think it would rank as the best view I have ever had of a fireworks event, and I plan to join the DCCWJ again next year for the fireworks.</p> <p>In November we had a gathering at Rokko Island for a cheese fondue.</p> <p>We are working on resurrecting the home page, and it should be up in the next couple months or so.</p>
<u>Website:</u>	<a href="http://www.jetaa.com">www.jetaa.com</a>
<u>Contacts:</u>	S. McIntire Allen
<u>Finding a job:</u>	We hope to hold a job fair with EJ next year in Kobe and Tokyo.
<u>Cultural and Sporting Groups:</u>	
<u>Further Study:</u>	



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<u>JETAA Chapter Name:</u>	JETAA Wellington
<u>Number of Members:</u>	190 (updated December 2007)
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Secretary, Web Faciliator
<u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u>	The close-knit chapter has been going strong for over 10 years with old and new members working together to create a community of ex-JETs in Wellington. As a local or new arrival to the city JETAA has a range of events to suit returning JETs with an interest in Japan. We have excellent relationships with affiliated Japanese interest groups in the city and work closely with the Japanese Embassy to maintain ties with the wider community.
<u>List of Chapter Activities</u>	<p>October 2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quiz night– annual Japan-themed quiz night held at local pizza restaurant. Cover on the door allowed for tabehodai pizza. <i>Objective: to provide a social occasion for alumni to meet each other.</i></li> <li>• Onsen &amp; Haiku weekend - members and friends went on a trip to the N Island's best and most secluded hot springs. Haiku were written and performed during the weekend, and six different hot springs were visited in total. <i>Objective: to provide a social occasion where alumni could meet each other</i></li> <li>• Regional Conference, October 2007 The chapter sent two delegates (President &amp; Treasurer) to attended the Oceania Regional Conference In Canberra, Australia. <i>Objective: sharing ideas on chapter administration &amp; activities between alumni chapters</i></li> </ul> <p>November 2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wainuiomata High School Prize sponsorship –The chapter sponsored a school prize for the most-improved Japanese language student, with dictionaries to the value of 100\$ being awarded. <i>Objective: to promote (i) the study of Japanese language, and (ii) the JET Programme .</i></li> </ul> <p>December 2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bonenkai– the annual bonenkai was held at Hede restaurant. There was a strong turn-out of around 40 members, including several recently-returned alumni. Representatives from local</li> </ul>



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	<p>sister cities and other Japanese groups were also in attendance</p> <p><i>Objective: to provide a social occasion where alumni could meet each other.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ January 2008</li><li>➤ Tongariro Crossing Weekend with Auckland JETaa</li><li>➤ Members walked the famous day walk at Mt Doom and socialised in the evening.</li><li>➤ <i>Objective:</i> : to provide a social occasion where alumni could meet each other</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Japanese Film Night project (January 2008). In conjunction with the Embassy of Japan, three Japanese films were shown for free at a local theatre. <i>Objective: to promote (i) Japanese culture through film, and (ii) the JET Programme .</i></li><li>• BBQ picnic (to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2008)– held at a local reserve. Second year of this event</li><li>• <i>Objective: to provide a social occasion where alumni could meet each other.</i></li></ul>
<u>Website:</u>	<a href="http://www.wgtnjetaa.org.nz">www.wgtnjetaa.org.nz</a>
<u>Contacts:</u>	<a href="mailto:wgtnjetaa@hotmail.com">wgtnjetaa@hotmail.com</a>
<u>Finding a job:</u>	Email us for more information
<u>Cultural and Sporting Groups:</u>	None at present



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<u>JETAA Chapter Name:</u>	JETAA South Island
<u>Number of Members:</u>	227
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter Editor, PR/Liaison Coordinator, Events Coordinator, Webmaster.
<u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u>	<p>JETAASI aims to hold a variety of events during the year to help JETs maintain their personal ties with Japan, and to promote Japan, Japanese culture and the JET programme in the community.</p> <p>We work closely with the Christchurch Consular office of Japan in the promotion and selection of candidates on the JET programme each year, and are continuing to establish ties with local Japanese organisations to promote mutual aims.</p>
<u>List of Chapter Activities:</u>	<p>Events to the end of 2007:</p> <p>We held the Oceania Regional conference in October 2007 and enjoyed hosting 25 delegates in the Garden city. The weekend consisted of a trip to Hanmer Springs Thermal village, a Trivia evening, sightseeing around the city and the conference progressing over 1.5 days. We were able to increase awareness of some international issues for JETAA and discuss ways of promoting and growing JETAA between and within NZ and Australia.</p> <p>Also held was a Bo-nen-kai in November 07, with networking drinks and then a Japanese dinner where respected speaker Mr Dick Hockley shared his recollection of the beginnings of Japanese language instruction and culture exchange in Christchurch.</p> <p>Events coming up:</p> <p>In February and March we are organising a summer picnic with the local Japanese community, and will run two stalls in community events to promote the JET programme. Origami demonstrations are proving a good way to draw in old and young!</p>
<u>Website:</u>	<a href="http://www.southisland.jetalumni.org">www.southisland.jetalumni.org</a>
<u>Contacts:</u>	Susi Batterbury: <a href="mailto:jetaasi.president@paradise.net.nz">jetaasi.president@paradise.net.nz</a> or Consular office of Japan in Christchurch: <a href="mailto:cultural.info.sec@jpncon.org.nz">cultural.info.sec@jpncon.org.nz</a>
<u>Finding a job:</u>	Contact the Consular office of Japan, log on to sites such as <a href="http://seek.co.nz">seek.co.nz</a> , keep an eye on government websites, talk to JETAA members about your interests so we can introduce you to someone in a similar field, and network wherever possible.



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<u>Cultural and Sporting Groups:</u>	Contact The Consular office, the Japan Society of Canterbury, or JETAA regarding cultural and sporting groups in the South Island.
<u>Further Study:</u>	Contact JETAA SI, Consular Office, University of Canterbury or Christchurch Polytech (CPIT) for information.

<u>JETAA Chapter Name:</u>	JET Alumni Association of Auckland
<u>Number of Members:</u>	566
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Events Coordinator, Orientation Events Facilitator, Educational Events Coordinator, Sponsorship Coordinator, Webmaster, and "Friends of the Committee" – those who assist but don't hold an official position.
<u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u>	<p>JETAA Auckland is fully funded by CLAIR. Our goals are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• assist and support JET participants in their readjustment to life in New Zealand,</li><li>• assist in the promotion and implementation of the JET programme, and</li><li>• promote international relations between Japan and New Zealand.</li></ul> <p>JETAA Auckland organises events for its members, helps the Consulate General of Japan with various aspects of the JET programme, and produces a newsletter, among other things. Membership is free.</p>
<u>List of Chapter Activities:</u>	<p>JETAA Auckland plans a number of events throughout the year for members. Here is a list of events we have held / will be holding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AGM Dinner</li><li>• Kayak trip to Rangitoto</li><li>• Assisting with pre-departure question and answer sessions and orientations for new JETs</li><li>• Regular social drinks</li><li>• Hanami</li><li>• NCEA Japanese language workshop for high school students studying Japanese</li><li>• Video competition for secondary schools throughout New Zealand</li><li>• Quiz Night</li><li>• Bonenkai (end of year dinner)</li><li>• Walking the Tongariro Alpine Crossing</li><li>• Golf tournament for members and the Japanese community.</li></ul>
<u>Website:</u>	<a href="http://auckland.jetalumni.org">http://auckland.jetalumni.org</a>



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<u>Contacts:</u>	Paul Buckland – president: <a href="mailto:jetaaa@yahoo.co.nz">jetaaa@yahoo.co.nz</a>
<u>Finding a job:</u>	<a href="http://seek.co.nz/">http://seek.co.nz/</a> <a href="http://jobstuff.co.nz/">http://jobstuff.co.nz/</a> <a href="http://jobs.search4.co.nz/">http://jobs.search4.co.nz/</a> <a href="http://cheno.com/job">http://cheno.com/job</a>
<u>Cultural and Sporting Groups:</u>	New Zealand Japan Society of Auckland - <a href="http://auckland.nzjapan.net/">http://auckland.nzjapan.net/</a>
<u>Further Study:</u>	University of Auckland - <a href="http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz">http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz</a> AUT - <a href="http://www.aut.ac.nz/schools/languages/course_information/japanese/">http://www.aut.ac.nz/schools/languages/course_information/japanese/</a> Unitec - <a href="http://www.unitec.ac.nz">http://www.unitec.ac.nz</a>



# JETAA SOUTH AFRICA

<u>JETAA Chapter Name:</u>	South Africa (SA1)
<u>Number of Members:</u>	50+
<u>Committee Positions</u>	President Secretary Treasurer Social Co-ordinator
<u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u>	<p>JETAA South Africa has three broad objectives:</p> <p>Firstly, to provide support for the JET Programme by assisting in the advertising and promotion of the JET Programme; by providing comprehensive pre-departure information for JETs; by providing support for current JETs and a support network for returning and returned JETs; and maintaining a link between the JET Programme and its members.</p> <p>Secondly, to foster a broad and deep understanding between South Africa and Japan by maintaining and supporting members' interest in Japan and Japanese society; by supporting and interacting with other organisations concerned with Japan-South Africa relations; and by providing members with the opportunity to share views about their experiences.</p> <p>Thirdly, to strive toward forging a national JETAA Community by maintaining regular contact with all JETAA-SA members; by encouraging and promoting activities; and by participating in supporting the objectives of JETAA on a global basis.</p>
<u>List of Chapter Activities:</u>	AGM- February/March Pre-Departure Q&A Session – June Pre-Departure Orientation – July Returnees Party – November Socials – throughout the year General Meetings – throughout the year
<u>Website:</u>	None available
<u>Contacts:</u>	E-mail to <a href="mailto:nuhogi@gmail.com">nuhogi@gmail.com</a> Nuria Giralt, President
<u>Finding a job:</u>	The Embassy of Japan in South Africa sends out information or links to jobs so it's important to let them know your most recent contact details.
<u>Cultural and Sporting</u>	N/A



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<u>Groups:</u>	
<u>Further Study:</u>	Any major university for studies related to Japan The Wits language School for courses in Japanese

<u>JETAA Chapter Name:</u>	London (EW1)
<u>Number of Members:</u>	2000
<u>Committee Positions</u>	Chairperson, Vice-chair, Treasurer, Events Officer(s), Communications Officer
<u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u>	JETAA London offers a wide variety of events for all returning JETs. Those wanting to maintain an informal social network, or use our links to get re-established back in the UK, will find plenty available and we work in partnership with other Japan-related organisations in London for more cultural goings-on. Yoroshiku!
<u>List of Chapter Activities</u>	<p>JETConnect – networking evenings, next event being held in the offices of Accenture, London.</p> <p>Monthly pub nights – in Fluid bar, Farringdon.</p> <p>Speed Dating – very popular, two/three events held a year.</p> <p>Japanese restaurant nights – continuing the mission to visit every Japanese restaurant in London.</p> <p>Pre-departure Q&amp;A Day for New JETs and Parents – July, a chance to offer your words of wisdom to the newbies.</p> <p>Returner’s Party – September.</p> <p>Careers Information Day (for returning JETs) – late September</p> <p>The JETAA Ball – black tie and lots of fun!</p> <p>Sake tasting and sushi making with the Japan National Tourist Organisation</p> <p>Film nights – free or next to nothing previews of Japanese films, recently including Memoirs of a Geisha and Letters from Iwo Jima.</p> <p>Reduced price tickets for Japan-related events in London including recent performances by Kodo taiko drummers.</p>
<u>Website:</u>	<a href="http://www.jetaa.org.uk">www.jetaa.org.uk</a>
<u>Contacts:</u>	<p>David Giddings (Chairperson) <a href="mailto:london@jetaa.org.uk">london@jetaa.org.uk</a></p> <p>Charlie Fisher (Vice Chair) <a href="mailto:londonvc@jetaa.org.uk">londonvc@jetaa.org.uk</a></p> <p>Steve Turner (Communications Officer) <a href="mailto:londoncomms@jetaa.org.uk">londoncomms@jetaa.org.uk</a></p>
<u>Finding a job:</u>	<p>Newspapers &amp; Internet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Guardian newspaper: Thursdays &amp; Saturdays – graduate careers section</li> <li>● Guardian Jobs online also highly recommended</li> <li>● Try <a href="http://www.rec.uk.com">www.rec.uk.com</a> for recruitment agency web sites</li> </ul> <p>Japanese recruitment agencies in London:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="http://www.centrepeople.com">www.centrepeople.com</a></li> <li>● <a href="http://www.people-first.co.uk/">http://www.people-first.co.uk/</a></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="http://www.jac-recruitment.co.uk/">http://www.jac-recruitment.co.uk/</a></li> <li>● <a href="http://www.pasona.co.uk/">http://www.pasona.co.uk/</a></li> </ul> <p>Careers Information Day, usually in late September, is organized by JETAA UK for returning JETs to meet interested companies, universities and organizations.</p>
<u>Cultural and Sporting Groups:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Embassy of Japan – info on all events in London <a href="http://www.uk.emb-japan.go.jp/">http://www.uk.emb-japan.go.jp/</a></li> <li>● Japan Society &amp; Japan Society Conversation Club (monthly Japanese conversation club in London) <a href="http://www.japansociety.org.uk/">http://www.japansociety.org.uk/</a></li> <li>● Taiko Meantime is a very popular drumming group who have demanding standards <a href="http://www.taikomeantime.co.uk">www.taikomeantime.co.uk</a></li> </ul>
<u>Further Study:</u>	Various, try SOAS for language lessons, London Metropolitan University, LSE, and University of London. JETAA London are looking into launching Japanese lessons – watch this space.

<u>JETAA Chapter:</u>	EW2 Midlands
<u>Number of Members:</u>	Approximately 350
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Database Co-ordinator, Newsletter Editor, Events Co-ordinator
<u>Activities:</u>	<p>Annual Taiko workshop led by Joji Hirota            Regular Japanese cinema evenings            Bi-monthly Japanese restaurant visit            Pre-departure event            Returners' Christmas party            Sake workshop            Visit to Tatton Park Japanese gardens            Go Workshop            Cookery Days            Kimono appreciation event</p>
<u>Website:</u>	<a href="http://www.jetaa.org.uk">www.jetaa.org.uk</a>
<u>Contacts:</u>	<p>Chair – Ali Bond (<a href="mailto:abond@jetaamidlands.fsnet.co.uk">abond@jetaamidlands.fsnet.co.uk</a>)            Secretary – Clare Anderson (<a href="mailto:ca26@le.ac.uk">ca26@le.ac.uk</a>)            Treasurer – Jon Inegbedion (<a href="mailto:j.c.inegbedion@warwick.ac.uk">j.c.inegbedion@warwick.ac.uk</a>)            Database Co-ordinator – Lynne Davis (<a href="mailto:lynne@tanukihouse.com">lynne@tanukihouse.com</a>)            Newsletter Editor – Matt Young (<a href="mailto:matthewjryoung@yahoo.co.uk">matthewjryoung@yahoo.co.uk</a>)            Events Coordinator- vacant position</p>
<u>Finding a job:</u>	Annual Careers Information Day, organized by JETAAUK.
<u>Cultural and Sporting</u>	Links with the Anglo-Japanese Association in Leicester

<u>Groups:</u>	
<u>Further Study:</u>	Japanese lessons are undertaken at the University of Warwick, Coventry, the University of Leicester and the Brasshouse Centre, Birmingham

<u>JETA A Chapter Name:</u>	EW3 - JETA A NW
<u>Number of Members:</u>	134
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer
<u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u>	We represent ex-JETs living in the north west area of England, which covers Manchester, Liverpool, Cumbria and Lancashire. We aim to have an activity once every couple of months. We have strong links with the Japan Centre NW which is part of Manchester University and we often invite Japanese students from the university to our events.
<u>List of Chapter Activities:</u>	Karaoke at Tiger Tiger, Manchester Taiko performance in Preston Kodo at Brigewater Hall, Manchester Japanese conversation evening at Japan Centre Anime and Japanese film at Cornerhouse cinema, Manchester Trip to Japanese gardens at Tatton Park
<u>Website:</u>	We have use of the national jetaa website but we do not yet have our own.
<u>Contacts:</u>	Chair: <a href="mailto:Helen_coulson@hotmail.com">Helen_coulson@hotmail.com</a> Vice-Chair: <a href="mailto:joubing@yahoo.co.uk">joubing@yahoo.co.uk</a> Treasurer: <a href="mailto:ojosdepanda@yahoo.co.uk">ojosdepanda@yahoo.co.uk</a>
<u>Finding a job:</u>	No specific events.
<u>Cultural and Sporting Groups:</u>	Not yet.
<u>Further Study:</u>	We have some contacts for Japanese teachers and the Japan Centre can offer lessons and contacts.

<u>JETAA Chapter Name:</u>	EW4 - Wales
<u>Number of Members:</u>	68
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	Chair: Charlotte Evans Treasurer: Peter Willis Communications: Neil Taylor Event Organisers: Sarah Poole and Daniella Holland
<u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u>	We are a new chapter and primarily a social networking group. We have a yahoo group and a facebook group and warmly welcome new members.
<u>List of Chapter Activities:</u>	Thus far we have organized the following activities; a hanami picnic, a trip to watch Wales Vs Japan in the Rugby world cup, a hike in the Brecon Beacons, and various theatre outings to Japanese plays in Cardiff. We also organize regular pub meetings for committee members which any one is welcome to join.
<u>Website:</u>	
<u>Contacts:</u>	<a href="mailto:jetaawales@yahoo.co.uk">jetaawales@yahoo.co.uk</a> Charlotte Evans: <a href="mailto:charlottepa2003@yahoo.co.uk">charlottepa2003@yahoo.co.uk</a> Peter Willis: <a href="mailto:peterwillisuk@yahoo.co.uk">peterwillisuk@yahoo.co.uk</a>
<u>Finding a job:</u>	
<u>Cultural and Sporting Groups:</u>	
<u>Further Study:</u>	

JETAA Chapter Name	JETAA Scotland (SC1)
Number of members	309
Short Description of chapter	JETAA Scotland has lots of support from an active membership. Stronger links have continued between JETAA Scotland and other Japanese related societies and associations, especially with the Japanese Society for Scotland. A representative from JETAA Scotland attends the

	<p>monthly meetings of the Japanese Society for Scotland.</p>
<p>List of chapter activities</p>	<p>Japan - Scotland Ceilidh</p> <p>Our yearly ceilidh - in 2007 it was held at the Glasgow multicultural centre. Skerryvore ceilidh band played, Japanese children sang whilst wearing kimono and Mio Shapely played harp as accompaniment. In 2008, it will be held in Edinburgh in February.</p> <p>Edinburgh Festival</p> <p>Each year in August, we organise to see Japan related shows in the Edinburgh Festival. We have also become friends with Gamarjobat hilarious comedy mime performers from Japan and meet up with them after their festival show for a meal each year.</p> <p>Mountain Biking weekend</p> <p>Another yearly event in November has become a mountain biking weekend in Scotland's glorious scenery. Don't worry though if you don't fancy biking, there are walking, sightseeing and shopping activities as well as socialising and catching up with old friends.</p> <p>Ski Weekend</p> <p>Weather permitting we also organise a ski / snow sports weekend each year. Again, people are free to follow other activities during the day such as sightseeing around Fort William or Loch Ness.</p> <p>BBQ</p> <p>A great way to get into the summer mood is to come along to the JETAA Scotland BBQ. In 2007, this was held in the Consul General of Japan's residence with Karaoke and sports day games. Members from all Japan related societies in Scotland are invited and young children are welcome</p> <p>Japanese Language and culture evenings</p>

	<p>If you are keen to keep up your interest in Japanese and like to have creative and fun lessons these evenings will be just your cup of tea.</p> <p>Cultural activities include kimono wearing, tea ceremony, calligraphy and origami - all in Japanese!</p> <p>We also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Help with the JET Pre Departure Orientation in Edinburgh and hold a social event for new JETs.</li> <li>▪ Hold an annual AGM</li> <li>▪ Attend JETAA UK meetings and JETAAi meetings</li> <li>▪ Volunteer for non JETAA events such as the Lauriston Castle Hanami</li> <li>▪ Have Japan related food and social evenings</li> <li>▪ Karaoke evenings</li> </ul> <p>Contact us at: <a href="mailto:Scotland@jetaa.org.uk">Scotland@jetaa.org.uk</a></p>
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<u>JETAA Chapter:</u>	JETAA N. Ireland
<u>Members</u>	68
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	Chairperson, Vice-chair, Treasurer
<u>Activities:</u>	<p>Japanese Restaurant Nights – visit a Japanese restaurant</p> <p>Pre-departure Q&amp;A Day for JETs – July at Japanese rest.</p> <p>Kendo Evening ( 3 hour Kendo lesson with instructor)</p> <p>Mikado Theatre Evening: preceded with dinner</p> <p>Japanese Film Evenings: Director: Goro Miyazaki</p> <p>JET Presentation: at Queen’s University, 5<sup>th</sup> Nov</p> <p>Annual Christmas Gathering: Dinner and meeting</p>
<u>Website:</u>	<a href="http://www.jetaa.org">www.jetaa.org</a>
<u>Contacts:</u>	<p>Elaine Mulholland (Chapter Chair)</p> <p><a href="mailto:elaine_mulholland@yahoo.com">elaine_mulholland@yahoo.com</a></p> <p>Suzanne McMillan (Vice-Chair/Country Rep)</p> <p><a href="mailto:suzannekito@yahoo.com">suzannekito@yahoo.com</a></p> <p>David Philpot (Treasurer)</p> <p><a href="mailto:dqphilpot@yahoo.com">dqphilpot@yahoo.com</a></p>
<u>Finding a job:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Annual Careers Day at the University of Ulster &amp; Queen’s University</li> <li>- “Giz a job” at the South Eastern Regional College</li> </ul>
<u>Cultural and Sporting Groups:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Links with the NI Japanese Society</li> </ul>



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	- Queen's University Career's Department
<u>Further Study:</u>	Japanese language lessons can be attended at the Belfast Metropolitan College



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### JAPAN EXCHANGE TEACHING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION USA—JETAA USA

Welcome back and thank you for your interest in the JET Alumni Association. Approximately 21,000 former JET participants reside in the United States, making us the largest national network of JET alumni in the world. There are currently 18 active JETAA chapters in the US, many of which are experiencing membership growth in their subchapters as well.

The next few pages are filled with details of activities in the 18 regional chapters and contact information for current chapter officers. As country representatives for JETAA USA, we would also like to share a few of this year's notable events with you.

#### 2007-2008 JETAA USA Highlights:

- \* Annual National Conference (Aug. 2007 Atlanta, GA / Aug. 2008 Seattle, WA)
- \* Annual International Meeting (Sept. 2007 Toronto, Canada / Sept. 2008 Paris, France)
- \* Award for Educational Excellence to JETAA USA from the Japanese American National Museum (Los Angeles, CA)
- \* 20th Anniversary *Kintetsu* Essay contest (15 winners received round-trip airfare to Japan, 1 week JR Pass, and 3-night hotel stays)
- \* Participation in the 2007 and 2008 Conference for Returning JETs (Yokohama, Japan)
- \* Promotion of local chapter development with emphasis on sub-chapters
- \* Development of international web portal and Centralized Membership System (JETAAi: [www.jetalumni.org](http://www.jetalumni.org))
- \* Creation of national web page ([www.usa.jetalumni.org](http://www.usa.jetalumni.org))
- \* Strengthening of relationships with CLAIR, MoFA, JLGC, and local Japanese Consulates
- \* Continued communication between local levels and international levels of the alumni organization

For general questions about JETAA activities in the United States or to find out if there is an active community of former JETs in your region, please contact the 2007-2008 JETAA US Country Representatives. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

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<u>JETAA Chapter Name:</u>	JETAA Chapter: Washington, D.C. (US1)
<u>Number of Members:</u>	450
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Executive: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer</li> <li>● Chairs: AdHoc, Career/Grad School Night, Japan/Asia Events Outreach, Newsletter, Online, Returnee Handbook, Social, Volunteer</li> </ul>
<u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u>	JETAA DC is a very active chapter with recently returned members working and playing along side veteran JETs. Our active members range from early 1990's returnees through last summer's returnees which helps with networking. We usually host at least two different types of events each month and we try to mix up social events along side language, volunteer or business meetings. We are always welcome to new suggestions and new members. JETAADC is looking forward to meeting all of the returnees to the nation's capital this summer!
<u>List of Chapter Activities:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Regular: monthly Happy Hours, quarterly business meetings</li> <li>● Winter: Bonenkai and Shinnenkai</li> <li>● Spring: Japan-America Society of Washington D.C.'s Annual Sakura Matsuri Street Festival, Grad School Night</li> <li>● Summer: social event with new JET participants, new JET orientation, Pre-Departure reception</li> <li>● Fall: Career Night, Welcome Back Reception, JETAADC Rally (scavenger hunt)</li> <li>● Periodic: volunteer events (3-4 per year), Nihongo Dake/Hanbun dinners (3-4 per year), other social events such as karaoke nights, sento outings, sporting events, hiking, tubing, etc.</li> </ul>
<u>Website:</u>	<a href="http://www.dc.jetalumni.org">www.dc.jetalumni.org</a>
<u>Contacts:</u>	Michelle Spezzacatena (President) – <a href="mailto:president@dc.jetalumni.org">president@dc.jetalumni.org</a> Heather McDonald (Vice President) – <a href="mailto:mc_blurred_dc@yahoo.com">mc_blurred_dc@yahoo.com</a> Yahoogroups: <a href="mailto:jetaadc@yahooogroups.com">jetaadc@yahooogroups.com</a> Facebook group: Search for 'JETAADC'
<u>Finding a job:</u>	We post many job opportunities on our yahoogroups list. In addition, we hold a Career Night every fall in which JET alumni serve as panelists and share their experiences and advice with newly returned JET participants. Our monthly happy hours and periodic social events also provide good networking opportunities.
<u>Cultural and Sporting</u>	Many JET alumni play on the Japan-America Society softball team in



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<u>Groups:</u>	the international education league. We also form ad-hoc softball teams to participate in the Ambassador's Cup, a semi-annual tournament with the Embassy of Japan and several other Japan-related organizations.
<u>Further Study:</u>	We offer periodic Nihongo Dake/Hanbun dinners throughout the year. Through our listserv we also provide information on local language tables, private teachers, or classes.

<u>JETAA Chapter Name:</u>	US2, New York
<u>Number of Members:</u>	Approx 1100
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, Social Chair, Database Manager, Philadelphia sub-chapter Rep
<u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u>	JETAA New York is one of the largest chapters in the US, covering the metropolitan New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania areas. We have an extremely diverse and active membership base, and we work to help our newly returned members adjust to life in the New York area as well as find a job after their return. For new and established JETAANY members alike, we provide numerous opportunities to reconnect with their Japan experience through our own signature events and in collaboration with a vibrant Japanese cultural scene in the greater New York area. We also work closely with both CLAIR's New York office and the Consulate General of Japan in New York City.
<u>List of Chapter Activities:</u>	Regular Nihongo Dake Dinners and Happy Hours, yearly Softball Tournament, JETAANY Career Forum, Pre-Departure Orientation, Quiz Night, Japanese Dance Lessons, Art Gallery Visits
<u>Website:</u>	<a href="http://www.jetaany.org">http://www.jetaany.org</a>
<u>Contacts:</u>	President: Rob Tuck, <a href="mailto:president@jetaany.org">president@jetaany.org</a> VP: Megan Miller, <a href="mailto:vicespres@jetaany.org">vicespres@jetaany.org</a> Secretary: Carol Elk, <a href="mailto:secretary@jetaany.org">secretary@jetaany.org</a> Database (membership registration): Shannan Spisak, <a href="mailto:database@jetaany.org">database@jetaany.org</a> Webmaster: Lee-Sean Huang, <a href="mailto:webmaster@jetaany.org">webmaster@jetaany.org</a> Newsletter Editor: Steven Horowitz, <a href="mailto:newsletter@jetaany.org">newsletter@jetaany.org</a>
<u>Finding a job:</u>	Online job postings: <a href="http://jetaany.org/forum/jobs/?recent=495">http://jetaany.org/forum/jobs/?recent=495</a> Or Contact our secretary, Carol Elk at <a href="mailto:secretary@jetaany.org">secretary@jetaany.org</a>
<u>Cultural and Sporting Groups:</u>	N/A
<u>Further Study:</u>	Numerous colleges and universities offer post-grad degrees in: Japanese language/ culture / literature East Asian / Comparative Asian language and culture ESL / TOESL International Education / International Affairs



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	<a href="http://jetaany.org/guide/japan-related-resources-archives/">http://jetaany.org/guide/japan-related-resources-archives/</a>
<u>JETAA Chapter Name:</u>	New England (US3)
<u>Number of Members:</u>	Approx. 147
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	President, Vice President, Treasurer, Clerk, Webmaster, Social Chair, Social Committee and we will be creating a new advisory board made up of previous officers
<u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u>	<p>Our chapter mostly organizes around Consulate-sponsored events &amp; activities and supports other events &amp; learning related to Japan. Many members are interested in taking our Japanese classes and attending events, like the Nihongo Dake Dinner, in which Japanese is spoken.</p> <p>In the next year, we will try to promote our members' artistic skills and interest in Japan. We are planning to hold a Japan-related photo exhibition and possibly a digital story telling workshop, which would allow our members to combine a variety of audio and digital media.</p>
<u>List of Chapter Activities:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Welcome party for new alumni</li> <li>● Japanese classes</li> <li>● Happy Hour</li> <li>● Visits to the Japanese collection at local museums</li> <li>● Shinnenkai</li> <li>● Nihongo-dake dinners</li> <li>● Pre-departure orientation</li> <li>● Japanese crash-course for pre-departure new JETs</li> <li>● Book club for Japanese literature in translation</li> </ul>
<u>Website:</u>	<a href="http://www.nejetaa.org">www.nejetaa.org</a> (under construction)
<u>Contacts:</u>	<p>Newransky, Chrisann (President), <a href="mailto:chrisann@alumni.brandeis.edu">chrisann@alumni.brandeis.edu</a>  Victor, Elizabeth (Vice President), <a href="mailto:elizabeth_victor@hotmail.com">elizabeth_victor@hotmail.com</a>  Chevarley, Kate (Treasurer), <a href="mailto:kate.chevarley@gmail.com">kate.chevarley@gmail.com</a>  Tebbets, Geoff (Clerk), <a href="mailto:navi_user@hotmail.com">navi_user@hotmail.com</a>  n/a (Webmaster)  BJ Hill (Social Chair), <a href="mailto:highwaytohill@yahoo.com">highwaytohill@yahoo.com</a></p>
<u>Finding a job:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Jobs posted through mailing list (see web site for sign-up details)</li> <li>● "Using your JET Experience to Get Hired" career advice on website</li> <li>● Networking happy hours with Japanese Business Society of Boston and Japan Society of Boston</li> </ul>



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<u>Cultural and Sporting Groups:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Book club</li> <li>● Participation in the local Japanese school's Bunkasai</li> <li>● Koto performance</li> <li>● Nihongo Dake dinners</li> <li>● Subsidized Japanese classes winter 2007</li> </ul>
<u>Further Study:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Digital Story-Telling Workshop for media related to Japan (photos, video, audio)</li> </ul>

<u>JETAA Chapter Name:</u>	JETAA of the Southeast (JETAASE); US4
<u>Number of Members:</u>	254 members, and growing!
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	<p>President – (Millie Linville, Ibaraki 2001-2003)  Vice President – (Renea Bartlett, Fukushima 2003-2004)  Secretary – (Vacant)  Treasurer – (Alex Brakebill, Ehime 2003-2006)  Education Coordinator – (Jennifer Butler, Shizuoka 2001-2004)  Newsletter Editor – (Robert Anderson, Kumamoto 2002-2005)  Social Coordinator(s) – (Zena MaNais, Yamanashi 1999-2002; Nicole Hebert, Saga 1998-2000)</p>
<u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u>	JETAASE is an active and growing chapter. In 2007, our chapter hosted the US National Conference in Atlanta, GA. Our priority is present and future JET Alumni! We offer social events for new and old Alumni, workshops and seminars to further education and career, and continue the promotion of cross-cultural understanding between the US and Japan via several events and activities.
<u>List of Chapter Activities:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Quarterly Culture and Lecture Series</li> <li>● Monthly Social Hour @ local hangout spots.</li> <li>● Monthly Executive Officer meetings.</li> <li>● January – Annual Shinnenkai Celebration.</li> <li>● February – JET Interviews; Community Luncheon (Community Luncheon brings key stakeholders together to plan benefits for JET Alumni and the Japan/JET community.)</li> <li>● March – Iron Chef Potluck (Alumni and friends bring dishes with selected ingredients. Judges pick best in each category.)</li> <li>● April – Hanami Picnic at Annual Dogwood Festival.</li> <li>● June – Annual Q&amp;A Session for new JETs.</li> <li>● August – Pre-Departure Orientation for new JETs.</li> <li>● September – Welcome Back Picnic; JapanFest.</li> <li>● October – Annual camping trip in South Carolina.</li> <li>● September – November – Recruiting for potential JETs.</li> </ul>



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<u>Website:</u>	<a href="http://www.jetaase.org">http://www.jetaase.org</a>
<u>Contacts:</u>	<a href="mailto:president@jetaase.org">president@jetaase.org</a> <a href="mailto:vp@jetaase.org">vp@jetaase.org</a>
<u>Finding a job:</u>	We have several resources for JET Alumni: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Check out our website at <a href="http://www.jetaase.org">www.jetaase.org</a> and click on the "Beyond JET" link for jobs, links, and a directory</li> <li>2) We have a relationship with Pasona, Inc., an international recruiting company interested in JET Alumni</li> <li>3) Our expansive Alumni network, with professionals ranging from dance instructors to epidemiologists, can help you find a job you'll love</li> </ol>
<u>Cultural and Sporting Groups:</u>	Our chapter does not have cultural or sporting groups defined, however, there are messages sent through our email list whenever events come up. We also attend various cultural and sporting events together. We're always open to suggestions!
<u>Further Study:</u>	Our executive committee often hosts "Nihongo Dake Dinners", not official JETAASE events, but something individuals members host. Some will form study groups prior to the Japanese Language Proficiency Test each December. Many of our members are interested in continuing study, and there is opportunity through our partnerships with the Japan-America Society of Georgia and the local Seigakuin Japanese School in Atlanta. Our quarterly culture and language events bring local professionals and alumni together to discuss various Japanese topics, and this may be a great way to make a connection with a teacher of Japanese.

<u>JETAA Chapter Name:</u>	US 5, Mid-South JETAA
<u>Number of Members:</u>	~110
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Webmaster
<u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u>	Mid-South JETAA is hoping to remain active as the Japanese consulate in New Orleans relocates to Nashville. We have been able to reestablish some social activities after regrouping following Katrina. New members are needed and welcome to organize activities and take on leadership roles.  In addition, the mid-south chapter is currently building a sub-chapter in Kentucky and looking forward to establishing a new chapter in Nashville in 2008.
<u>List of Chapter Activities:</u>	The Mid-South chapter assisted with consular activities such as JET Q & A Session and pre-departure orientation.  Additionally, JETAA hosted a month-long intensive Japanese class, a mixer with local Japanese university students, a Japanese cooking night, and had a tent with Japanese Dress-up at the New Orleans annual Japan Fest.  Our biggest event in 2007 was a multi-chapter event in which we invited JETAA members throughout the U.S. to come to New Orleans for a volunteer project. We



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	<p>had about 20 members participate representing six states.</p> <p>For two days, we volunteered with a local animal shelter and a lower 9<sup>th</sup> ward community clean-up. The Consul General also hosted a reception at his residence for newly returned JETs and the volunteers.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">    </div>
<u>Website:</u>	<a href="http://www.no.jetalumni.org">www.no.jetalumni.org</a> (coming soon)
<u>Contacts:</u>	<p>President: <i>Emily Winckler</i>          Email: <a href="mailto:president.no@jetalumni.org">president.no@jetalumni.org</a></p> <p>Vice President: <i>Brittney Dayeh</i>          Email: <a href="mailto:vicepresident.no@jetalumni.org">vicepresident.no@jetalumni.org</a></p>
<u>Finding a job:</u>	
<u>Cultural and Sporting Groups:</u>	
<u>Further Study:</u>	

<u>JETAA Chapter:</u>	US6 – Miami (Florida)
<u>Number of Members:</u>	120 – 150
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	None
<u>Activities:</u>	<p>JAN - Annual Shinnenkai (Tampa)          FEB - Mikoshi Carrying at Morikami Museum (Palm Beach)          MARCH – Hanami/Happami (Tampa)          JUN – JET Predeparture Q&amp; A Sessions (Tampa &amp; Miami)          JUL/AUG – Natsu-Matsuri (Tampa)          AUG - Games &amp; JET Info. at Obon Summer Festival (Palm Beach)          SEPT &amp; OCT &amp; NOV - JET Information Sessions (universities statewide)</p> <p>Support Mentor Program – returning JETs are given JETAA mentors and set up in regionally organized sub-chapters who organize regional socials (South Florida,</p>



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	Tampa/Sarasota, etc.)  We work along with other Japan-related organizations in Florida to promote interest and understanding of Japan in our communities.
<u>Website:</u>	<a href="http://florida.jetalumni.org">http://florida.jetalumni.org</a> (under reconstruction)
<u>Contacts:</u>	President: Alissa Restivo - <a href="mailto:floridajetaa@gmail.com">floridajetaa@gmail.com</a>
<u>Finding a job:</u>	Contact the local chapter representatives and the Consulate General of Japan in Miami to find out about possible job opportunities all throughout Florida.
<u>Further Study:</u>	A number of Florida public universities offer advanced degrees in Asian Area Studies and programs in Japanese language.  Sub-chapter regional groups have Nihongo de Asobo events to practice Japanese in a fun way.

<u>JETAA Chapter Name:</u>	JETAA Chapter: Chicago (US7) Includes Wisconsin and Indiana Sub-Chapters
	
<u>Number of Members:</u>	835 (100 active)
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	President, Secretary, Treasurer, Social/Membership Chair, Community Outreach Chair, Jobs Coordinator, Database Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster
<u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u>	While our chapter covers a big area in 3 states, our chapter's active members are mostly those who now live in Chicago or the surrounding suburbs. As for social events, we have the highest turnout for our annual Shinnenkai and yakiniku/karaoke nights. We are always looking to try new events in order to attract more members and to be more visible in our community. Our big goal this year is to expand a little more by holding events in the suburbs and possibly in the other 2 states. We stay connected mainly through Yahoo groups. We have a strong group of members this year with our new returnees being very enthusiastic to join as well as older members continuing to stay very active.
<u>List of Chapter Activities:</u>	Winter: Consulate Returnees Reception Shinnenkai Spring: Yakiniku/Karaoke Night Summer: Q&A Session and Reception with new JETs Baseball game with Japan America Society of Chicago



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	<p>Welcome Back Picnic</p> <p>Fall: Career Fair Marathon Cheering Station Lincoln Park "Spooky Zoo" Volunteer Event</p> <p>Periodic Events: Nihongo Dake Dinner. Happy Hour</p> <p>Other Special Events: Music Concerts Summer Festival Outings Skiing/Snowboarding Trip</p>
<u>Website:</u>	<a href="http://www.chicago.jetalumni.org">www.chicago.jetalumni.org</a> <a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/jetaa-chicago">groups.yahoo.com/group/jetaa-chicago</a>
<u>Contacts:</u>	<p>Emi Fukuda (President) <a href="mailto:fukuda.emi@gmail.com">fukuda.emi@gmail.com</a>          Kristin Kutella (Secretary) <a href="mailto:kristin_kutella@yahoo.com">kristin_kutella@yahoo.com</a></p>
<u>Finding a job:</u>	<p>Andrew Smerczak-Zorza (Jobs Coordinator) <a href="mailto:asmierczak.zorza@gmail.com">asmierczak.zorza@gmail.com</a>          We also post job openings in our newsletter (Yahoo Groups).</p>
<u>Cultural and Sporting Groups:</u>	<p>We coordinate with the Japan America Society of Chicago and attend local festivals in the summer.</p>
<u>Further Study:</u>	<p>Free, weekly Japanese lessons          Japanese Language instructor</p>

<u>JETAA Chapter Name:</u>	Heartland JETAA (US 8)
<u>Number of Members:</u>	427
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	Outreach, Membership, Social, Education, Website, Newsletter, Sub-Chapter Rep's (5)
<u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u>	Heartland JETAA covers the 6 states formerly under the jurisdiction of the Kansas City Consulate General. We are a moderately active chapter and hope to host a Regional Conference next year.
<u>List of Chapter Activities:</u>	Annual Meeting, Quarterly meetings in Sub-Chapters, Monthly meetings in Kansas City, Shinnenkai, Midwest Japanese Language Contest, Career Advancement event, Hanami, Tsukimi, JET Q&A Seminar in KC, Japan Booth at KC Ethnic Enrichment Festival, Bonenkai.
<u>Website:</u>	<a href="http://www.heartlandjetaa.org">www.heartlandjetaa.org</a>
<u>Contacts:</u>	<p>Warren McAllen – <a href="mailto:president@heartlandjetaa.org">president@heartlandjetaa.org</a>          Kevin Green – <a href="mailto:webmaster@heartlandjetaa.org">webmaster@heartlandjetaa.org</a></p>



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<u>Finding a job:</u>	Annual Career Advancement Event
<u>Cultural and Sporting Groups:</u>	
<u>Further Study:</u>	Japanese Language Classes

<u>JETAA Chapter Name:</u>	JETAA Region 9  (TX/OK)
<u>Number of Members:</u>	440
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	<i>President</i> Shaun Scott <a href="mailto:president@jetaa9.com">president@jetaa9.com</a> <i>Vice President</i> Chieko Rothengass <a href="mailto:vicepresident@jetaa9.com">vicepresident@jetaa9.com</a> <i>Treasurer</i> Yi Tan <a href="mailto:treasurer@jetaa9.com">treasurer@jetaa9.com</a> <i>Secretary</i> Anne Marie Vollero <a href="mailto:secretary@jetaa9.com">secretary@jetaa9.com</a> <i>Webmaster</i> Kelvin Chatman <a href="mailto:kelvin@jetaa9.com">kelvin@jetaa9.com</a> <i>Officer-at-Large, Pos. 1</i> Chad Gaulding <i>Officer-at-Large, Pos. 2</i> Nick Cristinziani <i>Officer-at-Large, Pos. 3</i> Kern Stokes <i>Officer-at-Large (appt.)</i> Heather Lorenz <i>Chair, Social Committee</i> Melissa Villamil <a href="mailto:socialcomm@jetaa9.com">socialcomm@jetaa9.com</a> <i>Chair, Dallas/Fort Worth</i> Angela Beard <a href="mailto:dfwchair@jetaa9.com">dfwchair@jetaa9.com</a> <i>Consular Liaison</i> Alex Maciulaitis <a href="mailto:jetcoord@cjihou.org">jetcoord@cjihou.org</a>
<u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u>	<p>JETAA Region 9 is committed to supporting the JET community in Texas and Oklahoma, as well as the efforts of the Consulate-General of Japan at Houston.</p> <p>We are currently expanding chapter involvement in Japanese relations and cultural events beyond Houston and Dallas/Fort Worth. We have also produced a revised version of our quarterly newsletter and contacted JET "sempai" to commit knowledge and assistance to returning JETs and other Japan-influenced parties.</p>
<u>List of Chapter Activities:</u>	<p><b>September</b>          Executive Officers (XO) meeting          Informational Meeting and Happy Hour (<i>Fox &amp; Hound Pub &amp; Grille</i>)          Group viewing of Asian art exhibit (<i>MFAHI Museum of Fine Arts – Houston</i>)          Volunteer support for KAMINARI TAIKO (<i>Miller Outdoor Theatre</i>)</p> <p><b>October</b>  <i>Asia Society Texas Center</i> Luncheon &amp; Lecture  <i>Komen-Houston</i> RACE FOR THE CURE          (registered group race in downtown Houston)</p>



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	<p>CLAIR Dinner &amp; Discussion (<i>committee only</i>)          Happy Hour &amp; Bowling Night  <b>November</b>          Happy Hour 'tabehoudai' &amp; Karaoke Night  <b>December</b>          JET returnee reception at the Consul's Residence          General Meeting and Planning Session          (<i>Jungman Library – Houston</i>)  <b>Upcoming Events</b>          JETAA Shinnenkai (<i>3<sup>d</sup> weekend of January 2008</i>)          Cultural Trip and Happy Hour in DFW Sub-Chapter (<i>one of two target weekends in February 2008</i>)          Business Afterhours &amp; Meishi Koukan mixer (<i>last week of March 2008</i>)</p>
<u>Website:</u>	<p><a href="http://www.jetaa9.com">http://www.jetaa9.com</a>  <a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/jetaaregion9usa">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/jetaaregion9usa</a></p>
<u>Contacts:</u>	<p>President Shaun Scott <a href="mailto:president@jetaa9.com">president@jetaa9.com</a>          Vice President Chieko Rothengass <a href="mailto:vicepresident@jetaa9.com">vicepresident@jetaa9.com</a></p>
<u>Finding a job:</u>	
<u>Cultural and Sporting Groups:</u>	
<u>Further Study:</u>	

<u>JETAA Chapter Name:</u>	 <p>Rocky Mountain JET AA</p>
<u>Number of Members:</u>	360
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	<p>President          Vice-President          Secretary/Newsletter Editor          Treasurer          Webmaster          Members at large</p>
<u>Short Description of Chapter</u>	The Rocky Mountain JET Alumni Association is based in Denver, Colorado. Our mission is to support returning JETs, encourage participation in the JET Program in collaboration with the



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<u>(approx 1 paragraph):</u>	Consulate-General of Japan at Denver, and serve as informal ambassadors of Japan.
<u>List of Chapter Activities:</u>	Shinnenkai (January), Sing into Spring Karaoke and Sushi (April), JET Q&A (June), Career Forum and Networking Event (September), Sushi Rolling Demonstration/JET Welcome Back Party (October), Ski Trip and Onsen (winter). Bi-monthly RMJETAA book club meetings.
<u>Website:</u>	<a href="http://www.rmjetalumni.org">www.rmjetalumni.org</a>
<u>Contacts:</u>	<a href="mailto:president@rmjetalumni.org">president@rmjetalumni.org</a> ; <a href="mailto:info@rmjetalumni.org">info@rmjetalumni.org</a> <a href="mailto:vicepresident@rmjetalumni.org">vicepresident@rmjetalumni.org</a> ; <a href="mailto:webmaster@rmjetalumni.org">webmaster@rmjetalumni.org</a> <a href="mailto:treasurer@rmjetalumni.org">treasurer@rmjetalumni.org</a> ; <a href="mailto:secretary@rmjetalumni.org">secretary@rmjetalumni.org</a> ; <a href="mailto:newsletter@rmjetalumni.org">newsletter@rmjetalumni.org</a>
<u>Finding a job:</u>	Come to our annual Career Forum and Networking Event in September, please visit our "upcoming events" page for more info as the event approaches
<u>Cultural and Sporting Groups:</u>	We work closely with the Japan America Society of Colorado (JASC). Please visit our website for more information.
<u>Further Study:</u>	Please visit our website for more information.

<u>JETAA Chapter Name:</u>	US 12 Portland		
<u>Number of Members:</u>	300		
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, Cultural Chair, J-Kaiwa Chair, Social Chair, Sports Chair		
<u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u>	<p>Our mission is to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) provide a professional/social network for JET alumni</li> <li>(2) serve as a resource to the Portland Japanese Consulate in recruitment and training of new JETs</li> <li>(3) promote int'l understanding on a local level through cultural exchange &amp; community activities</li> </ol>		
<u>List of Chapter Activities:</u>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JANUARY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Shinnenkai Mochitsuki JETAA United Soccer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FEBRUARY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Officer Annual Meeting Book Club J-Kaiwa JETAA United Soccer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MARCH</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">JETAA Office Elections Book Club J-Kaiwa JETAA United Soccer</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>APRIL</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hanamikai</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MAY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Book Club</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JUNE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Iron Chef</p>






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	<p>Media Circle Coordinator  Webmaster  Alumni Led Orientation Coordinator  Career and Networking Forum Coordinator</p>
<p><u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u></p>	<p>JETAANC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization open to current and former participants of the JET program. The organization serves as a network resource for JET alumni in the Northern California region. In addition, JETAANC collaborates with the Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco (CGJSF) to provide recruitment assistance and orientation for new JET Program participants. Most of our events occur in and around the Northern California Bay Area, although they are often located in further-reaching areas, from the Central Valley to Nevada and beyond.</p>
<p><u>List of Chapter Activities:</u></p>	<p>Shinnenkai  Hanami  Tax Seminar for Returnees  Social Networking Events  Professional Networking Events  Career and Networking Forum  Internet-based networking groups  Alumni-Led Orientation  Media Circle Events  JET Program Recruitment &amp; Promotion  Family Day Picnic  Sake Tasting Event  Japanese Cultural Seminars  Progressive Dinner  Scholarship Fundraising  Scholarship Giveaway  Group Sports Events  Volunteering in Community</p> <p>We are also active in Northern California's many Japan-related cultural and artistic events and serve as a resource to the community in their educational, cultural and international exchange activities. Every year, JETAANC works closely with the Consulate General of Japan, San Francisco to provide assistance with the alumni-led Orientation, year- round JET Program recruitment and promotion, and annual interviews of potential participants in February. We also act as the voice for returned JETs with the Japanese government, representing alumni interests at annual conferences in the U.S.</p>
<p><u>Website:</u></p>	<p><a href="http://www.jetaanc.org">www.jetaanc.org</a></p>
<p><u>Contacts:</u></p>	<p>Betty Lok, President – <a href="mailto:president@jetaanc.org">president@jetaanc.org</a>  Mark Frey, Newsletter Editor- <a href="mailto:newsletter@jetaanc.org">newsletter@jetaanc.org</a>  Heidi Smith, Webmaster – <a href="mailto:webmaster@jetaanc.org">webmaster@jetaanc.org</a>  John Branderhorst, Treasurer – <a href="mailto:treasurer@jetaanc.org">treasurer@jetaanc.org</a>  Doug Shelton, Outreach Coordinator – <a href="mailto:outreach@jetaanc.org">outreach@jetaanc.org</a></p>
<p><u>Finding a job:</u></p>	<p>With more than 1,100 members, a slew of networking events, and job postings exclusive to alumni delivered to email inboxes, JETAANC offers opportunities and information that help alumni in the search for a new job or career. <a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/JETAANCjobs/">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/JETAANCjobs/</a>  Email <a href="mailto:jetaancjobs@yahogroups.com">jetaancjobs@yahogroups.com</a>  Career and Networking Forum in November</p>
<p><u>Cultural and Sporting Groups:</u></p>	<p>Media Circle  Groups Sports and Relays</p>



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<u>Further Study:</u>	Nihongo OShaberi Lunches at Consulate General of Japan Nihongodake dinners Scholarship Opportunities with Monterey Institute of International Studies Discounted Membership with Japan Society
<u>JETAA Chapter Name:</u>	Southern California and Arizona (US 14)
<u>Number of Members:</u>	Over 800 members and growing!
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	Officers (2 Co-presidents, Secretary, Treasurer) Media Coordinator, Professional Networking Coordinator, Nihongo Dake Dinner Coordinators, Welcome Back Coordinator, Social Chair, Area Representative (Santa Barbara/Ventura Counties, Orange County, San Diego, Arizona)
<u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u>	JETAASC is one of the most active alumni chapters around and has a long history. Some of our events include: Monthly Second Weekend Socials (Shinnenkai, Bonenkai, picnics, rock wall climbing, hikes, trying new things in the greater Los Angeles area), bi-monthly Nihongo Dake Dinners (to keep up our Japanese), numerous volunteer opportunities in local Japanese community, annual networking events in the Fall and Spring, and Pre-Departure Seminar for new JETs. Area representatives also organize local events.
<u>Website:</u>	<a href="http://www.jetaasc.org">www.jetaasc.org</a>
<u>Contacts:</u>	officers@jetaasc.org
<u>Finding a job:</u>	Register on our website ( <a href="http://www.jetaasc.org">www.jetaasc.org</a> ), and select the job postings newsletter. Officers send out periodic emails to registered members. JETAASC members of local companies who would prefer a JET Programme alumni contact the officers. The jobs tend to be related to Japan or involve teaching. In the Fall and Spring, networking events are offered that cater to those looking for a new career, would like to talk to someone in that field, or are looking for ways to incorporate their careers with volunteer service.
<u>Cultural and Sporting Groups:</u>	We are fortunate to have one of the few Japan Towns in America in our backyard. JETAASC has close ties to Little Tokyo, and we volunteer at or enjoy events such as Annual Little Tokyo Service Center Tofu Festival and the Japanese Restaurant Association's Food Festival. Our social events include enjoying things like a Japanese style beach BBQ or trekking through the Angelis National Forest. Many of our members continue to enjoy traditional Japanese sports and if someone is looking for a dojo or team, most likely someone already has ties to a group.
<u>Further Study:</u>	Southern California has many opportunities to further one's Japanese ability. Other than our informal Nihongo Dake Dinner potlucks, there are many classes at local universities and colleges.

<p><u>JETAA Chapter Name:</u></p>	<p>JETAA HAWAII US 15</p> 
<p><u>Number of Members:</u></p>	<p>493</p>
<p><u>Committee Positions:</u></p>	<p>President: Mark Soeda  Vice President: Patricia Suenaga  Treasurer: Kori-Jo Kochi  Events Coordinator: Julianna Leung</p>
<p><u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u></p>	<p>It is the goal of JETAA Hawaii to perpetuate our growing network of alumni each year. With so much interest here in Hawaii with the Japanese culture and language, we work towards becoming a great resource for our local community, as we act as ambassadors for Japan.</p> <p>We have been very instrumental in assisting the Consulate-General of Japan here in Hawaii by assisting with community events, recruitment of JET applicants, interviewing of new JET candidates, helping to facilitate the Q&amp;A session, hosting cultural workshops for the new JETs, and preparing them for life in Japan.</p>
<p><u>Activities</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shinnenkai (New Years) Celebration</li> <li>• General Membership Meeting</li> <li>• Ohana Family Fun Fest</li> <li>• Assist Japanese Consulate with JET Interviews</li> <li>• Japan Wizards Competition (JASH event)</li> <li>• Iron Chef Nabe Taikai (Hot Pot Dish competition)</li> <li>• Kujira Hike (Whale watching) at Makapu'u</li> <li>• Yukata/Hanami Night</li> <li>• Starbucks Aids Walk</li> <li>• JCCH Kodomo No Hi (Children's Day Celebration)</li> <li>• Q&amp;A Session and Orientation for new JETs</li> <li>• Kokusai Sake Kai at Consul General's residence</li> <li>• Enkai Renshyuu and Cultural Workshop for new JETs</li> <li>• Natsu (Summer) Picnic</li> <li>• Karaoke Nights</li> <li>• Pre-Departure Orientation and Farewell Reception for new JETs</li> <li>• Aiea Loop Hike</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JET Program Informational Sessions and Recruitment</li> <li>• Welcome Back Reception &amp; Career Workshop</li> <li>• Bowling</li> </ul>
<u>Website:</u>	www.jettaahawaii.com
<u>Contacts:</u>	jetaahawaii@yahoo.com
<u>Finding a job &amp; Further Study:</u>	<p>At the Welcome Back Reception at the Consulate General's Residence, JETAA Hawaii conducts a Career Workshop presentation to provide returning JETs with resources in the private sector, government, or in pursuing higher education. Guest speakers in the field of recruitment or human resources share their expertise in preparing for interviews, resumes, or in finding a new career.</p> <p>Hawaii is an ideal place for further study of the Japanese language, the culture, or Asian studies in general because of the predominant Asian influence and proximity in the Pacific.</p>

<u>JETAA Chapter Name:</u>	Great Lakes (US17)
<u>Number of Members:</u>	Approximately 200
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	President Michigan Vice President Ohio Vice President Treasurer
<u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u>	
<u>List of Chapter Activities:</u>	Karaoke Night Returnees Reception Career Fair Bonenkai Shin'nenkai Happy Hours Other events that you suggest, and plan. We are an outlet for your creativity, and your liaison to the various Japan-related organizations around Michigan and Ohio.
<u>Website:</u>	<a href="http://www.greatlakes.jetalumni.org">www.greatlakes.jetalumni.org</a>
<u>Contacts:</u>	Scott Norman, president@greatlakes.jetalumni.org Randall Crowder, treasurer@greatlakes.jetalumni.org
<u>Finding a job:</u>	www.micareerbuilder.com
<u>Cultural and Sporting</u>	



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<u>Further Study:</u>	

<u>JETAA Chapter Name:</u>	MN 18
<u>Number of Members:</u>	150 approx.
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	4 core group members including treasurer, web site designer and email coordinator.
<u>Short Description of Chapter (approx 1 paragraph):</u>	JETAA of Minnesota was founded several years ago to provide a resource for those recent returnees of the JET Program to readjust back to life here in the United States. It was hoped that through shared experiences in working and living in Japan, we could provide a support network for those returnees who had recently come home. JETAA-MN has always been interested in promoting the JET Program, promoting the ideals of internationalization in our respective communities, and trying to establish communal ties with other Japan-oriented organizations, as well as those with greater international awareness themes.
<u>List of Chapter Activities:</u>	Bi-monthly get-togethers at local Japanese restaurants; sushi making and sake tasting event; barbeque with Japan America Society of Minnesota; send off party for new JETs; booth at the St. Paul Lantern Lighting Festival; welcome back party for new returnees.
<u>Website:</u>	<a href="http://www.minnesota.jetalumni.org">www.minnesota.jetalumni.org</a>
<u>Contacts:</u>	<a href="mailto:jetaa_mn@yahoo.com">jetaa_mn@yahoo.com</a> ; Nichola Schoenfelder - <a href="mailto:nichola_s@yahoo.com">nichola_s@yahoo.com</a> (core group member)
<u>Finding a job:</u>	We have a close connection with the Japan America Society of Minnesota who itself has ties with other Japanese and Japan-related companies in the Twin Cities and Minnesota.
<u>Cultural and Sporting Groups:</u>	