Greetings

Welcome to the June, 2001 edition of JET Streams. Thank you to everyone who took the time to submit articles and assist in the production of this issue. This edition is being distributed to over 6,000 JETAA members and over 2,700 returning JETS.

JET Programme News

2001-2002 Countries and Participants

The number of participating countries for the 2001-2002 JET Programme will remain at 39 with two new countries, Malaysia and Romania, joining the Programme while the Philippines and Singapore will not be represented this year. The number of participants will rise by roughly 100 to just under 6,200.

New CLAIR JET Programme Homepage

CLAIR has reformed its JET Programme homepage complete with a new, easier to remember URL: <www.jetprogramme.org> or <www.jetprogram.org>. We have created a new look with more updated and useful information to which we are still adding. Some improvements include articles from current JET participants, information about the pension and tax refund, and an operational JETAA update form. A discussion forum has also been added for people to exchange opinions and make suggestions about how to improve the Programme. Please check it out, make use of it, and let us know if you have any ideas about the format or information posted.

Committee to Examine the JET Programme

As we approach 15 years since the launch of the JET Programme, a committee has been established to improve the quality of the JET Programme and make recommendations for future operation. The committee will convene in October of this year and is called the "JET Programme Committee," or "Kikun Mondai Kanto-kai". Experienced scholars and educators, along with representatives from local government bodies, will be involved in operating the JET Programme, and CLAIR, as committee members, will discuss and debate various issues and problems relating to the JET Programme. In the previous two hearings we have heard from prefectures and contracting organisations about successful ways to utilise a JET and from current and former JET participants about ways to improve the Programme. The final results of the committee's findings will be announced this fall and the details will be shown in the next edition of JET Streams.

JETAA News

JETAA Chapter Activities and Contacts

The volume, scale, and complexity of projects and activities undertaken by JETAA chapters individually and as a group continues to rise steadily. See pages 5-9 for information about organisations and activities.

CLAIR Grant-in-aid for JETAA Regional Meetings

In addition to the CLAIR Grant-in-aid for JETAA Chapters, a separate CLAIR funding system for regional meetings has been established to promote communication and cooperation between chapters. Five or more chapters in a given region can receive up to 200,000 yen for one regional meeting per year. Ask the JETAA supervisor at the CLAIR office in your area for details.

JETAA Member Update Form Up and Running

The JETAA Member Update Form on the CLAIR homepage has finally been fixed. It can be accessed from the new homepage <www.jetprogramme.org> under the Information for Former JETs section. Please use it to register with CLAIR or update your contact information.

Re-thinking the JETAA Directory

The JETAA Directory is sent out each year to all members of JETAA who request a copy. However, with rising numbers of alumni it is becoming more difficult and time-consuming to manually update addresses and contact information. Also, since the JETAA Directory is only printed once per year, there are always problems with the information listed being out of date. Furthermore, hundreds of Directories are returned to CLAIR due to people moving throughout the year. Lastly, it is extremely expensive to send thousands of heavy books overseas each year.

In order to solve some of these problems we are examining ways to use the Internet to maintain and distribute contact information for JETAA alumni. We will be asking each JETAA chapter for suggestions and exploring options more closely in the future but if you have any constructive ideas, please let us know and others know by using the JET Forum which can be accessed from the JET Programme homepage at <www.jetprogramme.org> (Exact URL: http://forum.jetprogramme.org/index.php?site=jetforum). You can also e-mail your suggestions to the CLAIR JETAA Liaison at <jet-aa@clair.or.jp>.

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THE NINTH ANNUAL JET PROGRAMME ESSAY COMPETITION

A total of 152 entries were received for the Ninth Annual JET Programme Essay Competition, including a number of entries from JET Alumni. The judges awarded prizes to the following 16 entrants:

Grand Jury Prize:
Martin Dusinberre (ALT, Yamaguchi-ken)

Prizes of High Distinction:
Kathy Crutcher (ALT, Gifu-ken)
Alexa Hackbarth (ALT, Yamagata-ken)

Special Prizes:
Andrew Lankshear (ALT, Fukushima-ken)
Michael Mullaney (ALT, Miyagi-ken)
Robert Cvitkovic (CIR, Miyazaki-ken)

Honorary Prizes:
Andrew Baynes (ALT, Okayama-ken)
Debi Davis (ALT, Hokkaido)
Prasangi Ranaweera (ALT, Aichi-ken)
Gillian Jarvis (ALT, Kanagawa-ken)
Beverley Wang (ALT, Mie-ken)
Shawn Broz (ALT, Okinawa-ken)
Lisa Gossett (Former ALT, Hokkaido)
Sandra Barron (Former ALT, Miyazaki-ken)
Lori Barrett (Former ALT, Mie-ken)
Regine Prudhomme (CIR, Hyogo-ken)

The essay that won Grand Jury Prize, "Common Land," appears below. In addition, the top six prize winning essays will be published in the 2001 JET Journal and on the JET Programme homepage (www.jetprogramme.org). Congratulations to the prize winners and many thanks to everyone who submitted essays. Once again this year, JETAA members received prizes. Details about the next Essay Competition will be in the next edition of JET Streams.

Common Land

by Martin Dusinberre, winner of the first prize in the Ninth Annual JET Programme Essay Competition.

"I didn't understand ... but I can understand."
Toshiharu Yamagitsu (15), Ono Junior High School

In the centre of Cambridge, UK, there are two large parks: Midsummer Common and Jesus Green. Even today, they retain the feel of a "common-land" past. From spring, cows and horses graze on the Common; in November, thousands of families gather for the Guy Fawkes fireworks. In years gone by, the touring ballet came to the Green, performing in a huge blue tent. On a cold, clear evening, Tchaikovsky and Prokofiev would float across the grass.

When I was little, my parents and I would walk by the river that borders both parks. We'd take bread and throw it for the ducks and swans. The ducks eagerly pecked at anything. But the swans acted as if they knew they were in a higher league, fawned upon by onlookers for the beauty of their feathers - so unsullied by the muddy waters - the majesty of their flight, the perfect phrase-line of their neck. Sometimes they'd take the offering; sometimes a nonchalant turn would signal refusal. Children, fascinated by these creatures, would inch forward.

"But you should be careful," my mum would say. "Swans can bite, you know. Don't get too close to them."

The bread

This is the story of a school community in rural Yamaguchi Prefecture. In the summer of 1998, I came to work in Ono* town, population 16,000, based in the medium-sized junior high school. In June 1999, I received a letter from my cousin Ben himself an ALT in Wakayama Prefecture from 1993-95, now working as a Japanese teacher in Coventry. He wanted to bring a group of middle-school girls to Wakayama the next spring, and they'd also like to come to western Japan. Would I be interested in an exchange programme between his school and mine?

I was excited. I have vivid memories of my first exchange to France, when I was thirteen. I hadn't experienced any conscious revelations in grass roots internationalisation, but I did have a blast riding a mountain bike in the Brittany hills with my friend Arnaud. I remember the May breeze in my hair, the sense of freedom and fun surpassing all language difficulties. I wanted my students to share that feeling. So Ben and I started to flesh out a proposal. We suggested a four-day home-stay in Ono, arguing that it would enhance intercultural awareness within the wider school community.

In August, Ben came to Japan for initial negotiations. The Principal and Vice-Principal greeted us on a sweltering afternoon. The sports clubs had already finished, and there was an eerie silence over the school, broken only by the pounding cicadas.

"This is a wonderful plan," the Principal started. "International understanding between our two schools is very important."

As the meeting progressed, however, there was a change of tone. Late spring was a bad time in the school calendar; so Ben offered to delay the exchange until November 2000 - some fifteen months ahead. That sounded better, but Ono was too small to host a home-stay visit, and money was a problem; Ben pointed out that the Wakayama town (population 12,000) had already expressed their support, and money was being raised in Britain. Ah yes, said the Principal, but "the people of Ono will not be interested in this programme."

We trudged out, the promise of a letter- and video-exchange a scant consolation, our faces flushing in the harsh sun.

I could not understand the school's response. There were two points that particularly nagged me. First, we all seemed to agree on the rhetoric: later in the term, the Principal invited me to take part in Ono's autumn festival, in order to promote "international friendship". As I stood in the International Tent, serving "British" tea all day, I had mixed feelings. I was glad that people had the chance to interact with the local foreigner, that their children could see that strange appearances didn't necessarily mean strange behaviour.

At the same time, though, I felt like the prize elephant - token of a foreign emissary - at whom European courtiers cooed and marvelled. I remembered reading, "Japan is like an oyster... [it] coasts all culture from abroad, transforming it into a Japanese-style pearl. The finished pearl is a thing of great beauty - often, as in the case of tea-ceremony, more refined than the original - but the essential nature of the original is lost." The Principal seemed to be attempting a similar process: expose the ALT's foreignness in a controlled environment (a

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*In deference to my colleagues' privacy, I have changed the town's name. Teachers are referred to by title only, some of those mentioned below have since retired or been transferred.
COMMON LAND (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2)
classroom, a festival), but be wary of any activity that might engage his "essential nature". But into this pattern of "Japanese behaviour" that I was trying to construct, there was someone who refused to fit - the Vice-Principal. The night that Ben had arrived in Ono, he whisked us off to a restaurant for "private" talks. Over soup and sashimi, through a haze of cigarette smoke, he forewarned us of the Principal's opposition to the exchange. He himself, however, promised that he would endeavour - secretly - to make it work.

As Ben and I balked, his eyes sparkled and he leaned forward. "Japan is like a swan, okay? Above the water, very beautiful. But under the water, like this." His hands became the bird's feet, paddling ferociously. "For swan to move smoothly, under the water must be like this."

Under the water

Akina Ikudo grins: "I'm a cheerful girl. I'd like to go to England someday. I want to have a pen-pal in a foreign country and I hope to know each others' country."

November 1999. Having just received a video from Ben's students, a group of my second-graders were recording a reply. Manabu Nagaoka pushes down tufts of wild hair and introduces his passion, soccer, adding, "We have, er, we enjoy school life." The video closes with two students sending the message, "I want to make friends with you."

This was all part of the Vice-Principal's secret plan. Though never articulated so clearly, it amounted to this: he would organise for Ben's students to stay in a local activity centre, with a Japanese sponsor, so realising two of the Principal's reservations. Simultaneously, Ben and I would set up the video-and-letter-exchange, raising the profile of the sister-school programme, sustaining the pressure from "below". At the end of the year, the local Girl Scouts Association offered to host a group of twenty students; Ben and I now started working on a compromise, where the girls would come to Ono for just one day of activities. The school received this new proposal at the end of March 2000, coinciding with the Principal's retirement - the timing of the arrival carefully orchestrated by his deputy. Soon after, the first letters were sent from Coventry: the British students wrote that they would be coming to Yannaguchi Prefecture in November, and hoped to host their Japanese pen-friends. I handed the letters out in a lunch break, and waited.

Almost immediately, I was accosted by Ayano Kouchiyama: "Martin, Martin! Is it true that Gemma's coming to Japan?"

"Yes, it is."

"Is she coming to school?"

"I don't know, that hasn't been decided. But she'll be staying nearby."

Wide-eyed, she rushed off to tell her friends - and her homeroom teacher. A week or two later, a senior teacher called me into the smoking room. "I think you do not understand the Japanese way."

"Oh?"

"The Principal of this institution has already declined the exchange programme."

Our conversation followed a familiar course: the Japanese person mapping out "how Japan works", using wareware nihonjin as the most convenient key. Such generalisations about [we] Japanese come easily to us all: to people like this teacher, they reaffirm a sense of group homogeneity in times of change; to frustrated foreigners, they help create a buffer between "our" behaviour and "theirs". So as I listened, I felt a sense of deja vu: he was using the same one-fits-all pattern that I myself had found so comforting six months before.

I realised then that for all our shared rhetoric, this teacher and I viewed the JET Programme from different angles. To him, my job was literally to Teach Exchange; "internationalisation" meant "explaining" differences and similarities, just as he was to me. The JET Programme was an end, not a beginning: the presence of an "explainer" at school and at local festivals gave the town the right to feel international. There was no need to get any closer to the outsider.

Realising this logic also placed mine - and the Vice-Principal's - in relief for the first time. "Internationalisation" isn't about explaining: it's about experiencing. It's about the wind in your hair, about feeling like you're free-will, even if you are.

Late in April, as it became clear that the new Principal would finally accept the compromise, we sent off our reply letters. Soccer-loving Manabu - now a third-grader - wrote to his partner, Miriam: "Thank you for kind letter. My family is father and mother and sister. My father is gentle but my mother is dreadful."

And then he tried to do his own bit of explaining: "Japanese Culture is study study study study study study study study study study study study study study study."

The flight

There is a moment, as the swan takes off, of great struggle, when the weight of the water seems to pull the bird back. And then, with a shake of the wings, huge droplets are thrown off, the glinting arc of the yokozuna's sacred salt.

The day - November 10th - had been meticulously planned. First time; we held welcome party. It is very fun. For example, game and so on. Second time we hold crop activity. There were seven "grops" in all, ranging from calligraphy and cooking to martial arts. I was in judo and kendo course. I didn't know what to speak first. We showed the British students how to throw. And we also taught them technique name. The British students were looked very interesting. I was very happy because they were understood my thought. I am relieved the tension and became confident.

Three lively British students were in the group, including Miriam. As I watched, they were learning basic kendo technique. Hikaru, one of Ono's best fighters, offered to have the first match. From the way he shuffled forward, it was clear that he was going to play the sacrificial lamb, generously hoping to encourage Miriam on her debut. Little, then, can he have expected her to charge, screaming wildly, and wallop him on the head. He reeled backwards and everyone roared with laughter. The British students won victory because Hikaru was not strong as them. Hikaru was very surprised. Hikaru himself dryly commented, "Miriam was good played the kendo."

Following lunch, the British students stayed in their allotted homerooms and we went outside for inter-class sports games. At lunch time, Chole [Chloe] didn't talk well. And in class match she didn't try to do jump rope first. But by we induced to do it many times, she jumped together and we got first prize. I was very happy. Finally, we gathered in the gym for a joint concert. We are singing with British student. They looked like very fun. I'm very fun to. I thought that their performance very nice. Dance, chorus... They look just like super stars.

The activities over, the pen-friends had an hour to relax with each other. "Cheerful" Akina wrote, "After school, I talked with Kate. My English wasn't good, but talking with Kate was very interesting. I want to go to England to meet Kate some day. And I hope Kate come to Japan again. For the time we'll meet again, I have to study English hard."

Circling high above Ono that afternoon, you would have seen the long shadows of Manabu and Miriam, larking about in the school ground; Ayano and Gemma, strolling arm in arm; Akina and Kate at the gates, unwilling to part. You'd have seen the bus pulling away, the British students hanging out of the windows, calling, waving at their new friends. The warm November sun, dipping behind the mountains.

*In the week following November 10th, I asked the 160 third-grade students to write their impressions of the day in English. Their words appear in italics, in their original form.
Another boy's language is blunt and politically incorrect. But we're reading a fifteen-year-old from a rural town, grappling for the first time in his life with complex issues of ethnicity. Perhaps, one day, he will be able to talk about his own country in the way that I tried to do about mine: Their hair were gold and white bodies but one of the girl was black bodies. I heard "Britain has a lot of different people" by Martin. I thought that's right."

I think of white swans and black swans, of pirouetting dancers; I think of a little boy holding his parents' hands, of Japanese and British students, arm in arm. For I, too, am circling, the common land and the school ground far below.

"Cheerful" Akina and Kate, relaxing after school

Common land
As JETs, many of us have proffered schemes to "promote internationalisation" to our colleagues, only to be confronted by a flurry of introspective preening - "we Japanese do things differently" - as our idealistic plans sink into the muddy waters of "the system". But any system is made up of individuals, and we are just as much a part of it as other teachers and officials. If ideas don't work, we should not only blame "them", but also re-examine the fears we learned as children at the riverside; most importantly, we should try again. There is space for idealism in this system: the exchange came off. It wasn't what we'd originally hoped for, nor was it perfect; but like the JET Programme, it was a beginning.

And even if the link between Coventry and Ono does wither in the future, I still feel optimistic. I see evidence that November 10th opened the eyes of some students to new ways of thinking, so that they, too, could overcome their fears. First, many of them learned in one day what I have been trying to teach for the last three years: studying English is about more than just passing tests. I didn't know how to come in contact with them. Then my heart was beating. I learned it is very important for me to talk English. Significantly, many realised that having a close foreign friend does not require language proficiency as its prerequisite. "It was hard for me to understand English conversation. But, I had a good time. They were nice smile. I was glad. Language is different, but we had communication. It's very important.

The second point has to do with "nationalisation": it is impossible to learn about another country without looking at your own afresh. Asked about "Japanese culture" or "Japanese society" in the future, these Ono students may talk about kimonos and keitais, Amaterasu and L'Aire-en-Ciel. But the more perceptive will have deeper insights, triggered by their experience on November 10th. It is difficult to teach judo in English for me. But the girl student's English is very good. Boy students (me too) is not teach to [the British students]. It is reflection.

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JETAA Chapter Activities

All Chapters
For all JETs who are returning home and who are interested in getting involved with their local JETAA chapter, please contact your chapter representative and local Japanese embassy or consulate to find out more details about JETAA activities. Chapter representative contact details can be found on pages 11 and 12. The contact details for Japanese embassies and consulates can be found at the back of the General Information Handbook. Chapters other than those listed here are also very active and may sponsor a number of similar activities.

Perth/Darwin
JETAA WA NT is for all returnees to Perth, WA or Northern Territory. Everyone is welcome to our monthly meetings, bi-monthly social events which include our Shinnenkai, AGM, job-hunting seminar, and in the tradition of our time on JET, some warm and cozy home parties. A newsletter is distributed to all JETAA on our mailing list, which your contributions and ideas are always welcome. The JETAA provides a link to Japanese cultural activities in Perth, coming up soon is the Money & Japan exhibition to which we have organised a tour. In addition we do our best to assist new JETs and hold seminars and orientation breakfast.

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We look forward to welcoming you home!

Toronto
Hello there, soon-to-be Torontoians!
While Canadian life probably seems a world away, before you know it, you will be arriving at Pearson Airport, and feeling like everyone around you is very, very large ... If you arrive back in the summertime, you will notice the humidity you've grown accustomed to in Japan no longer weighs you down, but cell phones are huge and vending machines scarce.

For those of you who enjoyed your time in Japan on the JET Programme, the Toronto JET Alumni Chapter is a way to stay connected and share your experiences with people who know what a "kocho sensei" and "chugakusei" are. Not to mention, "Obon" and "bonenkai"!)

Every year, Toronto JETAA assists the Consulate-General of Japan with the selection of prospective JETs, the organization of the Pre-Departure Orientation as well as a Welcome Back Reception and Career Seminar in November for returning JETs. As well, JETAA Toronto has a monthly pub night, on the second Thursday of each month, a quarterly newsletter called the Hoptown Hanashi with JETAA events, Japan related news and activities and of course, articles from inspired alumni. For those who are technologically savvy, JETAA Toronto also has a mass emailing list, by which we sent out employment and educational opportunities and other relevant information. Other activities include Japanese Lessons, a Restaurant Review, and cultural workshops, such as Shodo and sushi making. On the educational front, JETAA Toronto has organized an exhibit of 30 photographs submitted by alumni which has been used as a teaching tool at a local high school and displayed at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre and the U of T Roberts Library as part of a city-wide event called Access Japan 2000. An auction of these photos is currently in the works.

So, if you are interested in continuing your connection to the JET Programme and Japan, please contact us! We can be reached through e-mail at jetaa_toronto@hotmail.com or by telephoning the JET Programme Liaison (Don Christie) at the Consulate-General of Japan at 416-363-5488. Our website can be found at torontojetaa.tripod.com. We look forward to your return!

Manitoba-Saskatchewan
Are you coming back to Manitoba or Saskatchewan? If so, why not join the Manitoba/Saskatchewan JETAA? It's a great way to stay in touch with Japan. And membership is FREE! Here are some activities of the chapter:
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Monthly meetings (often preceded by sushi)
- Orientation Session
- Social Activities (This past year has included a Christmas party, social for international students, sleigh ride, and more.)

And for you, we hold a welcome back party in late September or early October. As well, there is a formal Welcome Back reception hosted by the Consulate. In the past it has been in February.

There are a lot of opportunities to be involved with the association. Alumni are required for the interviews in February. There are opportunities to speak to other groups about Japan. As well, there are conferences that JETAA members can attend. We want to involve you, but we need you to let us know where you are. Please contact us and let us know when you're coming back and how we can contact you (especially your e-mail address). We look forward to welcoming you back.

Vancouver
For some of you the time has come to leave Japan. If you are wondering how you will adjust to becoming a mere mortal again after your year(s) as a JET, the JET Alumni Association chapters worldwide are here to the rescue. If you decide that British Columbia or the Yukon is the place for you after your time in Japan, please make sure you contact JETAABC. We are here to help you make your transition back to Canada as smooth as possible (and also to tell you where all the great sushi shops are!!)

The purpose of the JETABC is:
1) to ease the transition of JETs both leaving for and returning from Japan by planning, organizing, and coordinating a series of social and career-related events.
2) to provide JET Alumni in BC a forum to exchange information and resources regarding employment, education, recreation and other topics.
3) to promote cultural ties between Japan and BC.
4) to assist the Vancouver Consulate General with the promotion and development of the JET Programme.
5) to exchange information with current JETs, JETAA chapters worldwide and groups or individuals with an interest in Japan-related topics.

JETABC offers a variety of different social programmes. We have monthly pub nights, monthly hikes held jointly with the Vancouver Mokuyokai Society, a Japan-Canada organisation, and other formal and impromptu gatherings. These social activities provide a great opportunity to get together with people who will listen to your stories from your JET life and be able to relate to the joys and trials of returning to Canada.

On September 29, 2001 we will be having a welcome back party in Vancouver for all JET Alumni. Mark it on your calendar, and come out for a great evening of reminiscing and rejoicing. Please check our website or send an e-mail (addresses below) to get more information.
Also in the fall, the Consul General graciously hosts a welcome back party at his residence. In order to get on the guest list (and to receive a newsletter to find out about other alumni events) we have to know where you are. Please make sure you tell us and/or the Consulate General of Japan in Vancouver your Canadian contact info.

On the career and networking front, we have a full day re-entry and career seminar on October 13 with lots of great info about how to deal with the trials and tribulations of re-entry including how to land that great post JET job! We also have various roundtable discussions throughout the year. We have a mentor programme to link seasoned alumni with those newly returned to Canada. This service will supplement detailed re-entry information that will soon be on our website.

JETAAABC looks forward to providing assistance to all JETs coming to BC or the Yukon. Please contact us by e-mail at <info@jetaabc.bc.ca>, check out our website at <www.jetaabc.bc.ca>.

Germany
GR 1 Germany welcomes home all non-renewing JETs. The National Representative for JETAA in Germany is Frank Bender. If you want to get involved in our work, please contact the German National Representative. For more information check out our website at <www.jetaageorgia.de>.

Don't forget to contact us as soon as you arrive in Germany (or before you leave JET-Programme) with a contact address, phone number, fax number and e-mail address.

Eastern Japan
The Eastern Japan JET Alumni Chapter will hold its annual summer membership drive in downtown Tokyo on Thursday June 28th. Doors open at 7:15 p.m., and complimentary drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Admission is free to all registered Eastern Japan Regional JETAA members and 2,500 yen for guests.

Further details, including a map to the venue are currently available at <www.jetaa.com> under the "events" section of the Eastern Japan JETAA web site.

Membership in the Eastern Japan chapter is open to former participants of the MEF, Bets, and JET Program(me)s with no membership fees or annual dues.

Please contact Daniel Lintz <daniel@jetaa.com> or John Ghanotakis <john@jetaa.com> for more details.

London
JETAA now has about 2200 members in the UK in chapters based in London, the Midlands and Edinburgh. We organise a variety of events for our members - some of these are social, for example, pub nights, paintballing and boat trip parties, while others are educational, such as lectures, Japanese classes and Japanese cookery lessons. We also work to help improve Anglo-Japanese relations in the UK and this year are playing a very active part in Japan 2001, a year long festival of Japanese events taking place across the country.

For returning JETs, we offer a Careers Information Day, which will be at the University of London on Friday 21 September. For information on this, or any of our activities, and to join, please look at our website - www.jetaa.org.uk. All our members also receive a quarterly magazine, JETLAG, and, for those on e-mail, there is a monthly e-mail update.

New York
We currently have 653 total members in the NY Chapter database, which includes members in the NY metropolitan area (NY, New Jersey, Connecticut, upstate NY) as well as members who live in Florida, Minnesota, Massachusetts, Vermont, Pennsylvania, and California. Active membership ranges by activity but is approximately 80-100 members.

Mission:
Assist returning JETs with acclamation to life and work in NYC, foster education and understanding of Japanese culture, and strengthen the ties between the NY JET Alumni and the Japanese community.

Goals:
a. Establish stronger ties with the Japanese community in NY (political, social, cultural and business communities)
b. Get more actively involved in volunteerism and community service

There is currently no cost to join.

On the contrary, our members have benefits such as honorary membership to the Japan Society which provides discounts to all Japan Society events (seminars, exhibitions, cultural events, etc.) and a special banking offer with Citibank, which provides free checking and money market accounts to our chapter members with no minimum balances required.

Activities / Events:
- Annual Softball Tournament with teams from Japan Local Government Center, Japan Consulate, Kintetsu Travel and JETRO New York. This year's coveted trophy went to the Japan Local Government Center.
- Community Service Activities such as NY Cares Day where we went to a local high school in NYC to help paint the school and Spring Clean Up Day where members helped clean up a local beach area in the Bronx.
- Job Fair Seminar: This year, we hosted a series of job-related seminars such as interviewing skills, how to incorporate the skills learned on JET in your resume, how to prepare your resume to be industry specific, etc. We also currently have a very efficient process of job postings where companies contact our Job Postings Coordinator and he sends out email periodically to our members at large, who wish to be on this distribution list.
- Welcome Reception for recent returnees sponsored by CLAIR and Japan Consulate.
- Bowling Tournament: We hosted a Bowling tournament for JETAA-NY and invited teams from the Consulate, Japan Local Government Center, Kintetsu Travel, Greenwich School, JETRO - NY and the Kenjinkai located in NY in an effort to continue to build ties with Japanese associations and companies.
- Shinenkai: We had our shinenkai at a local Japanese restaurant where old and new members got together to celebrate the new year.
- Joint Ski/Snowboard Trip with New England was held from 3/23 - 3/25 in Vermont
- Cherry Blossom Festival held at the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens on April 28, 2001. We had over 25 members participate in this event in larger and smaller groups with a happy hour/party at an alumni's place. There were about 45 people at the Hanami Party afterwards.
- JET Program Recruiting - Interviewing and On-campus recruiting

Internet Access
www.jetaany.org
New England

Mission Statement
The New England JET Alumni Association (NEJETAA) is a not-for-profit organization of former participants of the JET (Japan Exchange and Teaching) Program that live in the New England area. We offer workshops, newsletters, social functions, and time to all JETs -- past, present and future. The New England JET Alumni Association (NEJETAA) has three goals:
1. To help pre- and post-JETS in adjusting to their new lives. We try to make the experience more meaningful by helping to prepare them for their time in Japan. Upon return, we offer resources to ease the readjustment process (reverse culture shock).
2. To enlighten and educate our community on Japanese culture.
3. To promote awareness of the JET Program.

Annual Events

NEJETAA Directory (Spring/Summer)
NEJETAA publishes a directory of members in order to circulate information among chapter members.
- Pre-departure Orientation (June)
  This year we will be extending the pre-departure orientation to 2-days, and will be holding it at the local Children's Museum (where they have a full Japanese house inside that we will use to explain some cultural specifics)
- Excursion to Black Ship Festival in Newport, RI (July)
  Every year there is a festival in Newport to celebrate the Black Ships that went to Japan and forced the opening of Japan to foreigners. We meet there as a group to enjoy the festival and meet Japanese visitors.
- Welcome Back Party (September)
  To introduce the returning JETS to current members.
- Reverse Culture Shock Seminar (November)
  A one day seminar to help recent returnees deal with reverse culture shock.
  - Ski Trip (February or March)
  Starting in 2001, we held a ski trip together. We plan to continue this every year and invite nearby chapters to join us.
- Career Forum (February)
  An afternoon forum to help members improve their job hunting skills, network with local Japan-related company representatives and learn more about other options (grad school, educational careers, etc.)
- Japan in a Suitcase (ongoing)
  JETAA Members visit schools in New England to teach students about Japan and conduct Japan-related activities.

Mid-South

Join us in the Mid-South! The Mid-South Chapter (US5) is headquartered in New Orleans but includes the vast region of Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee. We are a smaller chapter but are always looking for new members and we want to welcome you back! Join us for monthly dinners in the summer, picnics along the river in the fall and relive your fond memories of Japan during the Aki Matsuri.
We look forward to hearing from you. Contact us through the Japanese Consulate and find out more about what the Mid-South has to offer!

Rocky Mountain

RMJETAA stands for Rocky Mountain JET Alumni Association.
We cover a four state region including: Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. And we warmly welcome any JET alum to our association! We are excited that our new website will soon be up and running. We also have an e-mail list and send our members news and information about the goings on in our community, including job postings. As well, we send out a quarterly (snail mail) newsletter to all our members.
Some of our events have included:
- A Welcome Back party at the Japanese Consulate General's residence
- A yearly orientation for new JETS
- Helping with the JET Program selection process
- A Japanese style bonenkai, etc.
We look forward to seeing you soon and partaking in our events!

Pacific Northwest

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest Chapter of JETAA (PNW-JETAA!)
PNW-JETAA consists of alumni in three states, Washington, Idaho and Montana. This year we have been working on getting a sub-chapter for our alums east of the Cascades up and running and are very excited about that. Currently most of the activities take place in Western Washington, so we're very excited about this opportunity for them.
The PNW-JETAAiers are a great group of people and are a great resource when moving to the northwest. There are helpful events and workshops, networking and social activities and people to talk to when going through that reverse culture shock. Activities include Career Day, attendance to Japan-related seminars and lectures, monthly dinners, an annual picnic, an annual bonenkai or shinnenkai, an annual meeting, monthly steering council meetings, winery tours, skiing, rafting and hiking trips, volunteering in the Cherry Blossom Festival, and walking in the Walk for Rice to raise funds for the Asian Food Bank, among other activities. PNW-JETAA also has a listserv in which you can receive information on Japan-related events and happenings, career networking information, job listings and more. If you are moving to the Pacific Northwest and are interested in being on our listserv, please e-mail us at PNWJETAA@hotmail.com or check out our website at www.jet.org/pacificnorthwest and you can read more about our wonderful group of people here in the northwest.

Portland

The Portland, Oregon JETAA chapter recently held elections in mid-April. We have created several new committees to increase...
our community service and involvement in Japan-related events in the community. By establishing relationships with the Portland-Sapporo Sister City Association and the Japanese Garden Society, we hope to assist them with their activities. One of our main objectives for the year is to increase membership and member participation. We are planning to have a Returning JET Picnic in September to welcome new members and recent returnees. Upcoming events include seeing a professional baseball or soccer game, doing a hike this summer, and seeing a Ducks football game in the fall. Since last August, we have coordinated a monthly Japanese Table where JET alumni and Japan-America Society members can practice Japanese. We welcome new members and hope you'll get in touch with us if you are planning to move to Oregon. We can help you with your job search and give you information about the area.

Check out our website at: www.jetaanc.org

Northern California
JETAA of Northern California is looking forward to welcoming current participants back from Japan to the Bay Area, Silicon Valley, and Sacramento. You will be returning to an area that has an abundance of Japanese resources: Japantown in San Francisco, restaurants, markets, events, and even programming on television. So if you want to buy udon and onigiri, or keep up with your language skills, you'll be able to continue, not to mention trying out all the other cultures embraced here. Of course, JETAA will be here to help you adjust from reverse culture shock and to answer just about any question you might have or else point you in the right direction. We are an active bunch with a variety of activities and special events to meet the wide interests of over 800 JET alumni living in the area. For returning alumni, JETAA conducts a Career Networking Forum in the fall and a Welcome Back Reception at the Consulate General's home. We try to keep everyone connected with newsletters and reminders, updates, and invitations by e-mail.

The year 2001 has gotten off to a great start with JETAA of Northern California's annual Shinnenkai. We had a great turn out with wonderful food, and fun continuing into the night. In February a group of sea-loving JETAs got together for a whale watching excursion with the Oceanic Society. In April JETAs enjoyed many activities at the annual Cherry Blossom Festival in San Francisco which brought back many fond memories about the good old days in Japan. May brings the Glide Memorial Church's Feed the Needy outreach activity with the church's very famous choir. In July we will have a BBQ and new JET participants will be invited to bond, ask questions, and enjoy the merriment. The summer will bring a White-water Rafting Benefit Trip, not to mention the regular monthly activities that members participate in.

JETAA will also continue to organize a variety of Japanese and local events. And in the near future, our goal is to create a foundation to support future JETs through a scholarship program.

For more information about JETAA and our activities, visit our Web site at: www.jetaanc.org

Hawaii
Aloha and welcome to the world of JETAA Hawaii! JETAA Hawaii prides itself in being a down-to-earth, grassroots group with a laid-back, easy-going style. The fact that Hawaii is positioned halfway between Japan and the U.S. Mainland means that we have the good fortune of living with a mix of Asian and Western values, cultures, and ethnicities.

JETAA Hawaii functions primarily as a social network for former JET Program participants and as a liaison with the Japanese Consulate in Honolulu. We work closely with the Consulate in all aspects of the JET Program, from interviews and orientations for the new selectees, so there are plenty of opportunities to stay involved in the program after you return to the islands.

The typical JETAA Hawaii year starts off with our annual Shinnenkai in January. In February we help the Japanese Consulate in Honolulu with the JET Program interviews. March is our officer elections, and April officially kicks off the planning and implementing of activities for the rest of the year. From May through July we busily organize and host our JET Program workshops, Q & A Sessions, annual pre-departure picnic, karaoke night, and help with the JET Departure Reception at the Consulate and airport departures. After the newly hired JETs are off to Japan, we re-focus our attention on those who completed their JET tenures and are returning or moving to Hawaii. We welcome the new alumni members with a BBQ party, special "Welcome Back" Handbooks, and the Consulate-sponsored Welcome Reception in the fall. During those months, our members also help the Consulate and CLAIR with the JET Program Informational Orientations at various college campuses and venues.

We have a wide range of social activities throughout the year. Past examples include "pau hana" or after work gatherings, whale-watching, concerts, swing dancing, camping, movies, surfing, job fairs, hiking, swimming, and horseback riding. We also are very active in volunteering with the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii at its special events such as the annual New Years Festival in January, Boy's Day Celebration in May, and the Rice Festival in October. Many of us also volunteer with the Japan-America Society of Hawaii with its Japan in a Briefcase school visitation program, annual Japan (Quiz) Bowl, and other activities including, most recently, helping to raise funds for the victims and families of the Ehime Maru tragedy.

Our chapter has undergone significant transformation in the past couple of years. Heading our most recent accomplishments is the series of workshops created by JETAA Hawaii members to help the newly hired JETs before their departure to Japan. One of our favorites, aptly titled "Enkai Renshuu," is held each summer at an authentic Japanese teahouse to help introduce some of the more common customs of Japanese life in an enkai setting. A "Classroom Workshop" was added to simulate the realities of the Japanese school setting and provide suggestions for effective lessons planning. Perhaps the most notable recent development has been our comprehensive technological facelift. Last year we launched an online list serve to replace our sporadic printed newsletter, now virtually all of our members can be reached
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simultaneously and at no cost. Any registered member can send & receive messages, so it's become a quick & easy way for everyone to exchange opinions, news, and keep others informed about upcoming events. (You can easily sign up for the list serve at our chapter website.) The CD-ROM version of our “Welcome Back” Handbook debuted at our Welcome Back BBQ Party last fall. We also recently rolled out our very own chapter website, www.jetaahawaii.com.

Although most returnees quickly readjust to life back in the U.S., find a career, and move on with life, we feel that our experiences on the JET Program are something we take with us wherever we go. JETAA Hawaii keeps that bond alive for many of us.

Please jot down the contact info below; we're already waiting to hear from you!

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Minnesota

JETAA-Minnesota is a small but active chapter headquartered in the Twin Cities. We hold 6-8 events per year, including the Obon/Lantern Festival in late August and Okaerinasai Party for new JET alums in the fall. All alums returning to or relocating to Minnesota are welcome! Link to our website through jet.org or contact us at jetaa_mn@hotmail.com. We’ll be happy to add you to our e-mail newsletter to keep you informed.

JETAA Job Guide

The area of support in which the JETAA organization has become very good is Life After JET, especially in helping its members with post-JET career planning and job hunting.

Your local JETAA Chapter (http://www.jet.org) is the first place to go as you begin to think about getting a job after JET. If nothing else, the networking potential is enormous. Many chapters provide some or all of the following kinds of support:

* Distribute job announcements by newsletter, e-mail or chapter web site
* Maintain resume bank and mentor network
* Sponsor networking events, ranging from social occasions to formal events with speakers from companies or agencies to introduce local opportunities
* Sponsor job fairs, panel discussions (What are Japanese companies looking for? What kinds of jobs do local JETs have? What are graduate school options?) and seminars (career planning, networking and job hunting techniques, resume topics)
* Publish list of recommended resources: employment agencies and career planning services, local Japan related and other organizations, local library and other resources for industry and company research. Internet links to local job information

For more general information on career planning and job hunting after JET, visit the JETAA Job Guide (http://cheno.com/job/). This web site features:

* The JETAA Job Bank, a job and company database just for JETs
* Original career advice articles written specifically for and/or by JETs, and links to job information on other JET web sites
* An e-mail list devoted to JET job and career topics

Good luck and happy hunting!

Linda Chenoweth Kennedy, JETAA Job Guide Editor

Scholarships and Educational Opportunities

A number of graduate schools and educational institutions seek to recruit former JET Programme participants. An Educational Opportunities section on the CLAIR JET homepage (www.jetprogramme.org) is currently being developed to notify people about these opportunities, so please check the homepage periodically for updates. Some of the institutions that have expressed an interest in recruiting former JETs are listed below.

University of Hawaii at Manoa, College of Business Administration and JAAMS (Japan-America Institute of Management Science).
- Intensive 12-month program followed by a challenging 3-month internship. Special scholarship packages available to JET Programme alumni.

The Monterey Institute of International Studies (CA)
- A small, private graduate school that educates American and international students for professional, global careers in international business, international policy studies, translation and interpretation, and language and educational linguistics. Scholarships available to JET Programme alumni.

Huron University USA in London
- Offers an MBA or MA in International Relations. Features include: 12 month core programs, multicultural classroom, internships, experienced faculty, and September, January, and May intakes. Special scholarship packages available to JET Programme alumni.

Indiana University, School of Public and Environmental Affairs
- Offers programs in Comparative International Affairs, Nonprofit Management, Public Management/Administration as well as Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships.

McGill University, McGill MBA Japan
- Two-year, 60-credit program delivered in Japan. It is structured to allow candidates to complete an MBA degree in International Business Management while maintaining full-time employment. Special scholarships available to JET Programme alumni.

School for International Training

*If you or anyone else you know would like to recruit JET Programme alumni for educational purposes, please contact the CLAIR JETAA Liaison at jet-aa.clair.or.jp.
In 1987, the first year of the JET Programme, Chris Buckland made the journey to Japan from New Zealand to take up a post as an ALT in the Tokyo Metropolitan Government. But he was not placed anywhere near the crowded streets and bright lights of Shibuya or Shinjuku. Actually, Chris would find his new home in a far more quiet location, roughly 180 kilometers from Tokyo on Miyake-jima and Hachijo-jima, two of the isolated islands in the Izu chain that spreads south off the main island of Honshu.

Since leaving the JET Programme, Chris has returned to Japan about 10 times. As a teacher he has organized 4 school trips, some back to Miyake-jima and Hachijo-jima, others to Kyoto City and Miyagi Prefecture. On his most recent tour he is biking from Tokyo to Himeji exploring the stations on old Tokaido, the road between Tokyo and Kansa used before the days of expressways and bullet trains.

Apart from seeing old friends and discovering new sights, Chris has another purpose for treks to Japan this time. He has come to visit his son, Mark and Mark’s wife, Suzie, who chose to follow in his father’s footsteps and participate on the JET Programme 12 years after his father. Mark was 12 years old when he, along with his mother Mary and brother Paul, came to Miyake-jima to join his dad. He is probably one of the few JET Programme participants to have spent time in a Japanese public school as a student before working there as an ALT.

It is good to see friends and families continuing a legacy not only of active involvement but also participation on the JET Programme. Roughly 14 years after the JET Programme was initiated many former JETS have moved on to become leaders in fields ranging from education and law to information technology. The invaluable contribution of people like Chris and Mark Buckland to promote international relations and develop inter-cultural friendships during and after participating on the JET Programme is an asset that can be enjoyed by generations both in Japan and overseas. And the highest compliment one can pay to the JET Programme may be to take your word to encourage friends, relatives, and family members to follow in your footsteps and try it for themselves.

JETAA HOME PAGE

Many JETAA chapters maintain homepages. These, along with other useful information, is accessible from the JETAA homepage located at:

http://www.jet.org

A WORD FROM AJET

Dear Senpais,

My name is Erica Yelensky, the new JETAA Liaison for the 2001-2002 AJET National Council. I am also currently an ALT in Shiga Prefecture as well as the Block 6 representative. During the next year there are a few areas that I would like to focus on further open the lines of communication between soon to be JETS, JET alumni, and current JETS.

First, I want to encourage all alumni and soon to be JETS to visit the newly revamped AJET homepage at http://www.ajet.org. This site provides the most up to date information on what AJET is doing. From here one can access the AJET newsletter AJET Across Japan, current AJET National Council members, information about different SIGs and NGs, and much more information that pertains to JET life here in Japan.

The second area I would like to focus on is further widening the use of the JET Mentor Network (JMN) (http://cheno.com/mentor). As many of you know this website was put up this year by alumnus Linda Kennedy and current JET Dan McKelvey. JMN provides a great way for current JETS to connect with alumni to find out about what opportunities are available for JETS after the JET Programme. As Dan McKelvey stated in the January edition of JET Streams- "JMN is a network of present and past JET Programme participants interested in professional networking to gather career information, find a foothold for future employment, or simply seek a senpai for some advice." Please check out the web page! I have already registered and am now keeping in contact with people who are working in my field of interest. There are many JETS out there who are interested in what you are doing as well as what opportunities are available. However this system only works if people register, so I encourage all of you to take a few minutes to find out more about the PMN.

Lastly, to help bridge the gap between alumni and current JETS we are also creating a new page in the AJET newsletter AJET Across Japan called "Alumni Corner." This section will consist of an article written by an alumni about his or her work experience, life after JET, or anything that she or he feels is pertinent to the current JET community. We would like to hear from all of you, so please start thinking of article topics! Please e-mail me at jetaaliaison@hotmail.com or ajetblock6@yahoo.com with your ideas. Yoroshiku ne!

I would love to hear from you about how we could further strengthen the JET senpai/kohai relationship. Please send any information or suggestions to one of the e-mail addresses listed above.

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