Greetings

Happy New Year!! Welcome to the first issue of JET Streams for 2002. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who took the time to contribute articles and assist in the production of this issue. Also, thank you to all those members who are working hard all around the world (at regional and international levels) to organise JETAA events.

JETAA News

Membership Count and Developments
The JETAA membership currently stands at 13,030 according to the CLAIR database. A total of 1,622 who left the Programme in 2001 joined JETAA.

One of the developments that occurred in the latter half of 2001 was the inclusion of Brazil as a full-fledged member of JETAA International at the JETAA International Conference in London. This brings the total number of participating countries in JETAA-I to 12. For further information on the 2001 JETAA International Conference, please refer to page 2 of this publication.

If you would like to become more involved with your local JETAA group, please be sure to contact your regional chapter representatives. Names and contact details are listed on pages 7 and 8.

Updating Your Contact Information and Profile
At CLAIR, new JETAA contact information is entered into our database as we receive it. If you have access to the internet, it is now possible to send profile and address updates directly to CLAIR through the JET Programme homepage (www.jetprogramme.org). The JETAA Member Update Form is located under the "Information for Former Jets" section of the website. Just click on the "JETAA Member Update" and you will be directed to the form.

When you complete the JETAA Member Update Form, please be sure to fill out the page completely. Sending complete information will help us keep our database in order with the most recent details on our JET alumni.

Publications & Mailings - Where It Stands Now
JET Streams and the JETAA Directory are both produced by CLAIR in order to help JET alumni keep in touch with the JET Programme and each other. As stated in the June 2001 issue of the JET Streams newsletter, it is becoming more difficult to produce the JETAA Directory due to the increasing number of alumni and budget restrictions. It is extremely expensive to send thousands of copies of books overseas each year. This year may be the final year in which an annual paper version of the JETAA Directory is published and distributed all around the world. In addition, CLAIR is also looking at revising the way in which the JET Streams newsletter is distributed (i.e. possibly eliminating the paper version and posting it on the internet).

However at this stage, nothing is concrete. Currently CLAIR is looking for constructive ideas and suggestions with regards to both of these JETAA publications. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact the JETAA Liaison at: jetaa@clair.or.jp.

JET Programme News

Changes to the JET Programme 2002-2003
As is posted on the JET Programme homepage, one of the major changes inaugurated in the 2002-2003 JET Programme year is the re-contracting extension. JET Programme participants successfully completing their third year on the Programme may have the opportunity to re-contract for a fourth year as either a Designated Specialist Advisor (unofficial title) or an Elementary School Assistant Language Teacher. Successful applicants will be placed based on the needs of and availability in each Host Prefecture. These placements are few in number, and therefore, openings are limited.

For further updates, please be sure to check the JET Programme homepage.

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2001 JETAA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN LONDON

The UK's Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme Alumni Association (JETAA UK) hosted this year's JETAA International Conference in London from November 1st to 4th. It marked the first time that the conference was held in Europe and JETAA UK were delighted to welcome 82 delegates from 42 chapters in 12 countries.

The aim of JETAA International is to promote the success of the JET Programme, to serve as a support and network group for individual JETAA chapters, and to foster positive relations between Japan and participating countries. The first day of the conference was dedicated to local organisation with speeches and workshop sessions looking at how individual chapters around the world look after their members, promote the Programme, and encourage relations with Japan. This was a valuable opportunity for representatives to exchange information, learn from others' experiences, and plan for the future.

The focus for the second day was the work of JETAA International as a global organisation, addressing issues such as inter-chapter liaisons and international funding. During the plenary session, the conference concluded that in order to carry forward some of the delegates' ideas for the future, a number of sub-committees should be formed to consider specific issues. These sub-committees would then report back to the Executive Committee within six months. The programme also included a number of activities which allowed delegates to network more informally, culminating in a highly successful Dinner Dance on the Thames.

New developments during the JETAA Parliamentary Session on the final day of the conference included the acceptance of Brazil as a full-fledged member of JETAA International bringing the total participating countries to 12 (Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, United Kingdom and United States). Newly elected JETAA International executive officers are: Paula Kelly (President), Tony Ritters (Vice-President), So-Young Kang (Secretary) and Julian Paisley (Treasurer). No decision was made in regards to the venue for next year's international conference at the time.

Julian Paisley, Chairperson of JETAA UK, commented, "The annual JETAA International Conference is a unique opportunity for representatives of all the chapters around the world to meet together face to face, learn from each other and brainstorm ideas for the future. I think this conference was especially successful, not only as an information-sharing forum, but also because we were able to develop initiatives for closer co-operation in the future. Delegates have left London full of ideas and motivated for the year ahead."

The conference was sponsored by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR, Tokyo), the Japan Local Government Centre (London) and the Anglo-Japanese Friendship Committee of the Nippon Club also provided additional support.

Report compiled by Julian Paisley, JETAA UK1 Chairperson

JETAA CHAPTER NEWS - NZ1 WELLINGTON & JP1 WESTERN JAPAN

WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND (NZ1)
A bit of enthusiasm and some fresh faces helped make 2001 a busy and active year for the Wellington, New Zealand chapter of JETAA.

Some good negotiating skills and a strong turnout kicked things off to a good start with a "shimenkai" in the penthouse of the Museum Hotel on Wellington's waterfront. The food, drinks, and fine views provided a good environment to catch up with old friends and to encourage some of the newer returnees that it is possible to "keep the dream alive" (JETAA Wellington's unofficial slogan)!

A few months later, the annual general meeting saw a team of 15 returned to a combination of committee and social club posts. This pool of talent proved invaluable with the successful hosting of a variety of events that in past years haven't always made it to fruition: a mid-year ski trip, a Japanese immersion weekend of language and cooking on the Kapiti Coast, a movie night, a Karaoke night combined with a pot luck dinner, a well-received photo exhibition at the Wellington Public Library (sponsored by Fujitsu NZ and featuring photos taken by JETAA members during their time in Japan), and a bonenkai to round the year off.

For the future, we're looking forward to hosting the other two NZ chapters at a national conference in March. A recently completed membership update and survey has provided a handy database of information from which we hope to further streamline and improve what we're already doing - and to keep the dream alive!

Patric Lane, JETAA Wellington Committee Member
For further information on the Wellington chapter, please contact us at: jetaawgtn@hotmail.com

WESTERN JAPAN (JP1)
This year, the Western Japan Chapter held the Third Annual Charity Marathon and raised well over 200,000 yen for a Japanese NGO working to improve health care and living conditions in rural Zambia. Thanks go out to all the participants and volunteers. We also held a successful barbeque in Kyoto for members during the Gion Matsuri and are looking forward to a New Year's gathering in the Kansai area. We have also started a mailing list for members to keep in touch and to spread information about events, jobs, etc. If you are interested in joining, please contact Aaron Isgar at: fafnir@kais.kyoto-u.ac.jp
WASHINGTON DC, USA (US1)
JETAADC had a wonderfully busy fall 2001. We discussed issues; networked with newly returned members; and chowed down on sushi and pizza (not on the same night of course!) during two general meetings held at the Old Ambassadors Residence. We also kept up our tradition of rotating dinners at various Japanese restaurants; took advantage of seasonal events including hiking and a run through a corn maze, kayaked/canoeed on the Potomac River and received discounted nights at "Made By You", a paint-your-own pottery place.

Two representatives from our chapter attended the JETAAC-I Conference in London in early November. It was a great opportunity to network with other alumni from around the world and we gathered many new ideas for our chapter as well. In addition, JETAADC was pleased to be highlighted in the November 2001 edition of the JLGC newsletter.

Kicking off the holiday season was a very successful bonenkai at a Japanese restaurant in downtown DC. Almost 60 JET alumni came out to meet with friends, share some holiday spirit, belt out a few tunes on the old karaoke machine, and collect Toys for Tots for Marines to distribute to various charities in the area.

JETAADC members have also been involved in assisting the JET Office at the Embassy of Japan with JET recruiting events throughout the fall months. Many are now serving as temporary staff at the JET office or are on the JET application review committee. In late winter, many JET alumni will also serve on interview panels. Upcoming events for all alumni include a financial seminar, ice skating at the Mall, an outing to a Washington Capitals hockey game, our continuing series of career seminars and much more! If you're in the DC area, check out our website (www.jetaadc.org) or send us a note. We'll get you connected to our city and our events! Happy New Year!

Jeni Washeleski, JETAADC US1 President

MIDLANDS, UK (UK2)
JETAA Midlands was founded three years ago and now has well over 200 members. Our members come from a wide area which includes the West Midlands, Leicestershire, Warwickshire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Staffordshire, Worcestershire and Herefordshire.

Belonging to the UK2 Midlands chapter has a double benefit. All members have the opportunity to participate in the social and cultural events across the Midlands and to join our local support and information network. In addition, we have the fortune to be part of the wider UK JETAA scene and to take advantage of the national Jetlag magazine as well as to participate in the activities offered by the larger UK1 chapter.

2001 was a busy year for the UK2 chapter. Some of the highlights included a Taiko workshop, a Japanese cookery day, a pre-departure event for new JETS, the annual Christmas party and a Mikoshi trail around the streets of Birmingham as part of the national Japan 2001 festival.

Thanks to all our members and to the Committee for making this year the success that it was.

Alison Bond, JETAA-UK2 President

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (SAN FRANCISCO), USA (US13)
JETAANC would like to take this opportunity to wish all current JETS, JET Alumni and friends best wishes for a very happy holiday season. It has been an eventful and emotional few months for JETAANC since the last JET Streams' issue. As we see the year 2001 come to an end, we hope that this issue finds you and all your loved ones happy and healthy...

JETAANC has had a busy few months! Below is a quick list of our most recent activities:

June - Coffee Nights held in five different areas throughout Northern California and the IDC Summer Celebration for SF 50 at Kendall-Jackson Winery
July - Rafting the South Fork of the American River and the Alumni BBQ to bid farewell to new JETS in Golden Gate Park
August - Pre-Departure Orientation Assistance at the Miyako Hotel in San Francisco; the Send-Off Reception for new JETS at Consul General Tanaka's Residence; and the North American Conference in New York City
September - Giants' Game at Pacbell Park and sponsorship of the neo-eiga Film Festival at the Pacific Film Archives
October - JETAANC leadership dinner with CLAIR Representatives from Tokyo; "36 Views"-JETAANC goes to the Theater; and the Pumpkin Patch Excursion to Half Moon Bay
November - JETAA International Conference in London; the 9th Annual Career & Networking Forum; and the Welcome Back Reception at Consul General Tanaka's Residence
December - Assistance with CAJLT Sake Tasting Fundraiser and the 4th Annual Progressive Dinner in the East Bay

In addition, we held monthly dinner clubs in three areas of Northern California: Sacramento, San Francisco, and the South Bay.

There's a lot going on at JETAANC! For more information about the listed events above, please contact us for a copy of our newsletter.

And for more information around JETAANC and our ongoing activities, visit or sign up on our listserv at: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/jetaanc

Have a wonderful and safe New Year's holiday, everyone. We look forward to getting to know all of you better and to welcoming home the new alumni in 2002!

Heather Garrett, JETAANC US13 Co-President
Eric Nyhus, JETAANC US13 Co-President
MINNESOTA, USA (US)
JETAA-Minnesota is a small, but active chapter headquartered in the Twin Cities. This year, we held a very successful fundraiser in August at the Japanese Lantern Festival in St. Paul’s Como Park. More than 6000 people attended the festival making it Minnesota’s largest Japan-related event. Eight hardworking JET alumni set up a vendor booth and sold grilled sweetcorn. The corn was very popular - we had people waiting 30 minutes in line and sold out of the 60 dozen ears of corn we brought. After expenses, we raised $1000 and donated the money to the capital fund of Concordia College’s summer Japanese Language Village. We hope to continue this fundraiser every year and may start donating money to a variety of organizations.

Troy Millenacker, JETAA-Minnesota Co-President/Treasurer

IRELAND (IR)
IJET (the Irish chapter of JETAA) is relatively small, but our enthusiastic committee endeavours to arrange a variety of events for our members. Past events have included a Japanese cookery demonstration, a shiatsu evening, and weekends away. This year, we hope to arrange a Japan Day celebration in Dublin around April/May. We work closely with the Embassy to assist with the pre-departure orientation each year and participate in the annual returnees’ reception. More regular events include our shinnenkai get-together and a group outing to watch Japanese films at the Dublin Film Festival each year. We communicate with our members via regular e-mails and distribute 2 to 3 newsletters each year.

We can be contacted via the Embassy or by e-mail at: jetaaireland@hotmail.com

Triona O’Connell, IJET Chairperson

MANITOBA & SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA (CN4)
The Manitoba/Saskatchewan JETAA won the bid to host the 2002 Canadian Conference. The conference is an opportunity for representatives of the seven Canadian chapters to meet and discuss issues that are important to Canadian chapters. The first Canadian Conference was successfully held this past spring in Edmonton. A small conference involving chapters with similar issues, the Canadian conference is effective and relevant. The conference will be held from May 3 to 5, 2002, at the Fairmont Hotel in Winnipeg. We hope to involve all members of the association in one way or another. Please let us know if you are interested in being involved. Stay tuned for more details. For further information, please contact us via e-mail at: mansaskjetaa@hotmail.com

Gary Gervais, JETAA-Man/Sask President

REFLECTIONS - "SAME STUFF, DIFFERENT DAY"

By the time this article appears, it will have been nearly two years since I washed up on the (somewhat polluted) shores of the Huang Pu (Yellow River) that after a journey of thousands of kilometres discharges itself into the East China Sea. Along the final stages of this great river, you find the quickly re-emerging metropolis of Shanghai. I came to this great city to take up a position in an international school via a stint back home in Australia.

Distance wise, it’s only a relatively short way to my little town located on the Japan Sea coast in Niigata-ken. Two and a half hours by plane and then the train ride. Just about as quick as the journey from Sapporo or Nagasaki. Culturally there are similarities too, but inaka was never like this! Each day instead of a leisurely ride up the hill and under the railway to my chugakko, I find myself dodging crazy bus and taxi drivers plus fellow cyclists (some carrying all manner of bizarre loads), following the ladies with ‘night soil’ carts down back alleys, and wishing for one of those wonderful face masks to keep the pollution out.

But there are benefits too. So many people speak at least a smattering of English. I can communicate with the vast majority of fellow staff members – western AND Chinese. There are malls, foreign food stores, English language papers, local markets, and any kind of restaurant you could hope for. In fact, we eat at more Japanese restaurants here than we did back in Niigata. And there’s a Starbucks (and a Lawson) right opposite the school.

But the curse (and/or blessing) of the ex-pat, is that so many things are the same. I fumble through my broken and basic phrases to many of the locals. I stare at the writing trying to discern characters (oh, for katakana and hiragana in Chinese). There’s nothing to watch on TV – unless you can afford to rent a place in one of the mega-expensive ex-pat compounds with a foreign satellite dish. The bicycles, shirts and shoes (but not the doorways) are all too small. I have to cope with the occasional culturally shocked and/or dysfunctional westerner. The checkout ladies using three bags for two items. Impossible travel agents that can’t release prices and won’t confirm your flights. Bizarre pizza toppings. And don’t even get me started on the bureaucracies.

I gather that for many nihonjin, the people and places of China may evoke many memories of what Japan once was or what it seems to be losing. With many poor, but seemingly happy people with a strong sense of community. Industrious, intent on putting what is behind. Building a better way for themselves and the generations to come. People with a destiny and self belief, knowing that they will one day achieve a standing in the world that is rightfully theirs.

I love living in the Middle Kingdom. Shanghai will be one of the great cities of the 21st Century and I plan to stay as long as I can. But Japan is still always in my mind and heart. Though I have left Japan, it will never leave me. And one day I will return "home" again - when I'm sure that I will miss China and inevitably compare what is the same and what is different, what we miss, all those things we are happy to have once again, and what we are glad is behind us. Such is the lot of the traveller.

By Nie Klar (Omi-machi, Niigata-ken, ALT 1995-97)
Shanghai International School
2001 JETAA Survey Results

Every year CLAIR sends out a survey to JETAA members who left the JET Programme two years earlier. This year 372 alumni responded and a selection of the results are given below. Thank you very much to all of those who took the time to complete the survey.

### Reverse Culture Shock
Did you experience reverse culture shock after leaving Japan?

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<td>Yes</td>
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<td>No</td>
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<td>I'm not sure</td>
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<td>I'm still in Japan</td>
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### Interest in Japan
Apart from keeping in touch with people that you met on the JET Programme, how have you sustained your interest in Japan?

(multiple answers given)

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<td>Through Japanese study</td>
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<td>*Through the study of a Japanese art or martial art</td>
<td>15</td>
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<td>*By meeting the local Japanese community</td>
<td>32</td>
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<tr>
<td>*By working in a Japanese company</td>
<td>13</td>
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<td>*Through JETAA events</td>
<td>30</td>
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<tr>
<td>*Not applicable</td>
<td>16</td>
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<td>*Other</td>
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### Has your perception of Japan changed as a result of being on the JET Programme?

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<td>*Yes, positively</td>
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<td>*Yes, negatively</td>
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<td>*Yes, both positively and negatively</td>
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<td>*I do not know</td>
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### Employment
How long did it take to find satisfying employment?

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<td>Had it arranged already</td>
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<td>*Within a month of starting looking</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td>*Up to six months</td>
<td>23</td>
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<td>*Six months to one year</td>
<td>16</td>
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<td>*Up to two years</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>*Interim employment until something better comes along</td>
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### How does the salary compare with that as a JET participant?

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<td>*It is much higher</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>*It is slightly higher</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td>*It is roughly the same</td>
<td>19</td>
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<tr>
<td>*It is slightly lower</td>
<td>18</td>
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<td>*It is much lower</td>
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### JETAA
Are you active in local JETAA?

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<td>*Yes, I am a member of the committee</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>*Yes, as a member</td>
<td>18</td>
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<td>*I am a member but am not involved</td>
<td>38</td>
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<tr>
<td>*No, but I'd like to be</td>
<td>21</td>
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<td>*No, I'm not interested</td>
<td>17</td>
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### Japanese Language Ability
Are you studying Japanese now?

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<td>*Yes</td>
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Did you pass any recognised Japanese Language Test whilst on the JET Programme?

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<td>*Japanese Language Proficiency Test</td>
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<td>Level One</td>
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<td>Level Two</td>
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<td>Level Three</td>
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<td>Level Four</td>
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<td>*Other</td>
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<td>*No</td>
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### After the JET Programme
Has participation on the JET Programme contributed anything to your life?

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<td>*Yes, a more open mind/international outlook</td>
<td>87</td>
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<td>*Yes, a wider circle of friends, increased social skills</td>
<td>74</td>
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<td>*Yes, better personal qualities</td>
<td>80</td>
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<td>*Yes a hobby for life</td>
<td>30</td>
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<td>*Other</td>
<td>15</td>
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<td>*No</td>
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Would you recommend the JET Programme to a friend?

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<th>2001(%)</th>
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<td>*Yes, absolutely</td>
<td>82</td>
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<td>*Probably</td>
<td>17</td>
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<td>*Unlikely</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>*No, definitely not</td>
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### Pension and Tax
Did you receive the lump-sum withdrawal payment for the pension scheme?

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<td>*I applied and received the payment</td>
<td>91</td>
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<td>*I applied but my application was refused</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>*I applied and am still waiting</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>*I did not apply</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>*I do not know to what you are referring</td>
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Did you apply for a refund on the tax that was deducted from the lump-sum withdrawal payment?

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<td>*I applied and received the refund</td>
<td>73</td>
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<td>*I applied but my application was refused</td>
<td>2</td>
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<tr>
<td>*I did not receive the lump-sum withdrawal payment and so was ineligible to apply</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>*I did not apply</td>
<td>11</td>
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<td>*I do not know to what you are referring</td>
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The Information Board

Pension & Tax Refund

Those who are eligible to file for the Lump-Sum Withdrawal Payment (dattai ichijikin) on the Employees' Pension Insurance may also qualify to receive a refund on the 20% flat tax that is levied on it. You can apply to reclaim the tax once you have received the Lump-Sum Payment, however, the application must be made within 5 years of leaving Japan.

If you have not already claimed your tax back and would like to do so, please contact your previous Host Institution or Contracting Organisation. Your supervisor or the person in-charge of the JET Programme should be able to assist you.

If you have difficulty making yourself understood, refer the contact person to pages 172-174 of the Contracting Organisation Manual (Keiyaku Dantai- yo Manual). You will need to fill out a declaration form naming a tax representative (Nozei Kanrinin no Todokedesho) and provide your tax representative with the Notice of the Lump-Sum Withdrawal Payment (Dattai Ichijikin Shikyu Kettei Tsuchisho).

2002 Conference for Returning JETS

From March 6-8, 2002, CLAIR will be holding the 2002 Conference for Returning JETS at the Toshi Center Hotel. The conference is open to 400 third-year JET Programme participants who plan to return home in the summer of 2002. Through this conference, CLAIR hopes to provide participants with information and strategies for coping with future employment, "life-path" decisions and reverse culture shock. Presentations and workshops will be given by former JET Programme participants, business professionals, and representatives from Chambers of Commerce and Embassies. One representative from Australia/New Zealand, Canada, U.K./Ireland and U.S.A. will be attending to pass on current information from the individual home countries. If you have any information that you would like to provide to conference participants, CLAIR offices in Sydney, London, and New York can forward materials to the selected representatives. Alternatively, please contact Programme Coordinator Shingo Ishida (s-ishida@clair.or.jp) at the CLAIR office in Tokyo.

The JETAA Job Guide Website

What is the JETAA Job Guide?

The JETAA Job Guide (http://cheno.com/job/) is a website that provides general information for those JETS who are career planning or looking for employment. The web site features:

- The JETAA Job Bank - JETS can browse through job opportunities and check out numerous companies that are looking to employ JETS.
- The JETAA Job E-mail List - provides you with e-mail updates of the web site as well as other employment-related notices.

- The JET Career Section - contains articles written by JET alumni and industry experts with specific career advice.

For more information regarding the JETAA Job Guide website, please visit their homepage. The online editor is Linda Chenoweth Kennedy (Gifu ALT, 1987-1990)

JETAA E-Lists

JET Mentor Network – http://cheno.com/mentor
A network of JETS and JETAs interested in professional networking to gather career information, finding a foothold for future employment, or simply seeking a "senpai" for some advice. This website offers users the opportunity to search a database of registered JET mentors.

JETAA Web Tech
Subscribe to: jetaawebtech-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
A forum for JET Alumni Webmasters and others involved in the promotion of the JET Alumni Association through web pages and related technology.

JETAA Chapter Reps E-list
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There are nearly 600 subscribers to the JETAA Job Email List. Get on this list to hear about jobs which are Japan-related or related to skills gained on the JET Programme.

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