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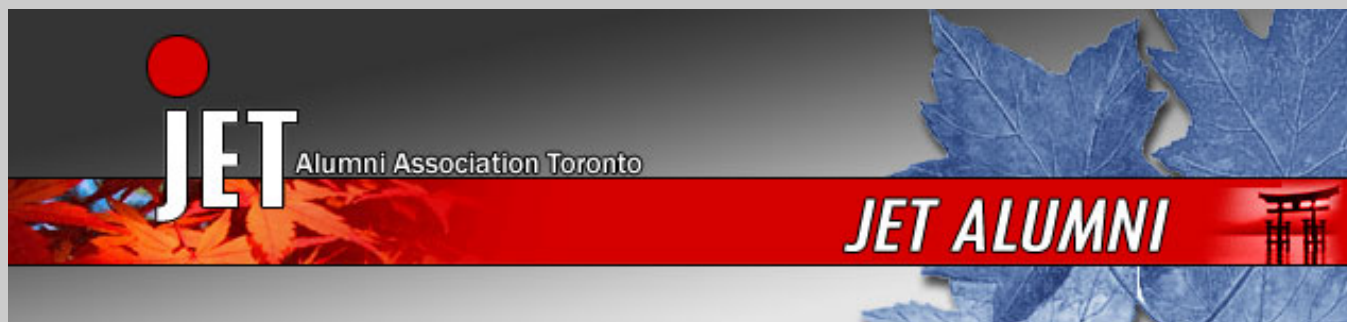
Japan Exchange Teaching Program(me)
Alumni Association

JETAA Chapter: Ottawa (CN1)



<u>Number of Members:</u>	300+
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● President ● Vice President (2) ● Treasurer ● Secretary ● Social Coordinator (2) ● Communications (2) ● Membership Coordinator
<u>Activities:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monthly Social Event (3rd Friday of each month) – e.g. movie nights, pub nights, karaoke, Japanese restaurant ● Japanese Lessons (Feb-Apr & Oct-Dec) ● Ottawa Natsu Matsuri (Japanese Summer Festival) ● Katakana Name Writing (Ottawa Tulip Festival) ● Departing JETs Cooking Class (June) ● Re-entry Seminar for Returning JETs ● Networking Wine & Cheese ● JET Recruiting & Orientation
<u>Website:</u>	http://www.ottawa.jetaa.ca
<u>Contacts:</u>	jetaaottawa@yahoo.ca
<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 Groups:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ottawa Japanese Community Association (OJCA) ● Canada Japan Society of Ottawa (CJSO) ● Oto-wa Taiko ● Numerous martial arts and ikebana groups ● Contact JETAA Ottawa for more information
<u>Further Study:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ottawa Japanese Language School (OJLS) ● Carleton University offers Japanese Language Classes ● JETAA Japanese Language Classes ● Contact JETAA Ottawa for more info

JETAA Chapter: Toronto (CN2)



<u>Number of Members:</u>	950
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Membership Co-ordinator, Website Co-ordinator and Event Co-ordinator. We also have a sub-committee, which supports each of our executive members in their roles.
<u>Activities:</u>	<p>JETAA Toronto organizes a number of activities throughout the year for its members. A couple of annual activities are the re-entry seminar for returning JETs in the fall, a Toronto harbour boat cruise and a shinnenkai.</p> <p>JETAA Toronto tries to organize activities that incorporate the large Japanese-Canadian community in Toronto. Some of our events are done in partnership with the Japanese Visitor's Association (JAVA) and the Canada Japan Society (CJS). This allows our members numerous opportunities to interact with different people in Toronto.</p>
<u>Website:</u>	www.toronto.jetaa.ca
<u>Contacts:</u>	E-mail: jetaa.toronto@gmail.com
<u>Finding a job:</u>	Finding a job in Toronto can be difficult, but JETAA Toronto tries to help you out by organizing opportunities that incorporate networking with fun. As well, we offer returning JET Programme participants the chance to attend a re-entry seminar with workshops on resume writing and interview skills.
<u>Cultural and Sporting Groups:</u>	Toronto has a large Japanese-Canadian community, so there are lots of opportunities for JETAA Toronto members to attend cultural events relating to Japan. The Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre (JCCC) offers many classes on Japanese martial and creative arts.
<u>Further Study:</u>	Toronto has a wealth of study opportunities. From getting a TESL certificate to a master's degree to a Bachelor of Education, there are numerous schools that offer these courses.

JETAA Chapter: Montreal (CN3)



<u>Number of Members:</u>	About 200-250
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	President, V-P/Secretary, Treasurer, Social and Cultural Coordinators x 3, Webmaster, Newsletter Editor
<u>Activities:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monthly <i>hanasukais</i> where members get together with Japanese community members to chat in Japanese. ● Hiking, winter sports and <i>onsen</i> days. ● Events coordinated with local Japanese Cultural groups: <i>mochi</i> making; <i>Matsuri Japon</i>. ● Photo exhibition (photographs contributed by alumni). ● Karaoke nights. ● Bowling nights. ● Shinnenkai: Japanese meal.
<u>Website:</u>	www.montreal.jetaa.ca
<u>Contacts:</u>	montrealjetaa@yahoo.ca
<u>Finding a job:</u>	We post job offerings on our Yahoo Group mailing list: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/jetmontreal/

JETAA Chapter: Manitoba Saskatchewan (CN4)

<u>Number of Members:</u>	150
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Orientation Chair, Webmaster/Newsletter, Membership Coordinator
<u>Activities:</u>	Monthly executive meetings at fantastic Japanese restaurants, movie nights, cuisine nights, supporting the Manitoba Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre events, Orientation for outgoing JETs (June), Folklorama volunteers (August), Dragon Boat racing for CancerCare (September). Great to network with JETs, old and new!
<u>Contacts:</u>	Email the executive at: mbskjetaa@yahoo.ca

JETAA Chapter: Northern Alberta (CN5)

<u>Number of Members:</u>	200+
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● President● Vice President● Treasurer● Webmaster● Community Liaison● Newsletter Editor● Database Coordinator● Social Coordinator● Resource Coordinator● Orientation Coordinator
<u>Activities:</u>	<p>NAJETAA holds monthly meetings open to all members and offers various annual events such as the ones listed below. Various activities such as dinners and joint activities with the local Japanese community are held throughout the year. NAJETAA also assists the Consulate General of Japan with JET recruitment and the promotion of Japanese culture in the Edmonton area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● January – Annual Japanese Cooking Party● March – Annual Volunteer Appreciation/Curling Bonspiel● June – Weekend Orientation for new JETs, Japanese Spring Festival● July – Sayonara BBQ for new JETs● August – Japanese Pavilion, Heritage Festival● October – Re-entry activities for returning JETs● December – AGM, Annual Bonenkai <p>Membership is open to any former JET participants in Northern Alberta. We welcome new members with new ideas to help us to serve our members better.</p>
<u>Website:</u>	http://najetaa.jetaa.ca Yahoo Group : najetaa-subscribe@yahogroups.com
<u>Contacts:</u>	President: Jennifer Beamer president@najetaa.jetaa.ca , or najetaa@najetaa.jetaa.ca
<u>Finding a job:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Re-entry activities for newly returned JETs.● Our website and Yahoo Group provide contact information for jobs as they are forwarded to us from organizations.
<u>Cultural and Sporting Groups:</u>	Various programs such as calligraphy and ikebana are offered through the Edmonton Japanese Community Association (www.ejca.org). Edmonton also offers karate, judo, kendo, kenjutsu, aikido, taiko, anime clubs and much more
<u>Further Study:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Concordia College● Grant MacEwan College● Kings University College● Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT)● University of Alberta

JETAA Chapter:
British Columbia and Yukon
(CNG)



<u>Number of Members:</u>	640+
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	<p>JETAABC has a ten-member Board of Directors that meet monthly. This Board is selected each year at our Annual General Meeting, usually held in January. All JETAABC members are invited to attend the AGM, to vote and to join the Board.</p> <p>The ten available positions are: President, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Advisor, Newsletter Editor, Membership Coordinator, Social/Culture Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator, External Liaison Coordinator and one director at large, which is usually occupied by the Career Development Coordinator. We are also looking into expanding the Board to add a Technical Advisor and a newsletter team, to involve more alumni and to provide better service to members.</p>
<u>Mission:</u>	<p>JETAABC's mission is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a community for alumni returned from Japan • Foster a connection between Japan and the BC/Yukon communities • Support and promote the Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme
<u>Activities:</u>	<p>JETAABC's major yearly activities include co-coordinating the annual JET Preparation Seminar with the local Japanese Consulate (Vancouver), hosting an active online-discussion forum, publishing newsletters, participating in local Japanese culture festivals, and organizing a returnee career/networking seminar. We also organize/ sponsor numerous social events throughout the year, such as dine-outs and pub nights, Japanese cooking class, Ikebana class, sake tasting etc. for our members.</p>
<u>Cultural/Sporting Groups:</u>	<p>JETAABC is the proud sponsor of the alumni dragon boat team, 'Ready, JET, Go!'. The team trains weekly from March to September, and participates in races in and out of Vancouver.</p> <p>JETAABC also has an active relationship with other local Japan-related cultural organizations, and offers joint events such as O-Hanami in March, and hiking throughout the year.</p>
<u>Finding a Job:</u>	<p>JETAABC regularly hosts an autumn networking/career development event, which publicizes on our website, and in our newsletter.</p> <p>Our large member base and association with other Japan-related organizations have facilitated networking opportunities at our social and cultural events.</p>
<u>Website and Contact:</u>	<p>http://www.jetaabc.ca</p> <p>Visit the website to find the most updated contact information for all Board of Directors.</p>

JETAA Chapter: Southern Alberta (CN7)

<u>Number of Members:</u>	50+
<u>Committee Positions:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Co-Chairs (2)● Treasurer● Secretary● Social Coordinator● Webmistress● Language Coordinator● Membership Coordinator
<u>Activities:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Social Events, e.g. pub nights, karaoke, Japanese restaurant● Japanese Lessons (Oct-Dec)● Taiko Workshop (March)● Cooking Class● Re-entry Seminar for Returning JETs (shared with NAJETAA)● JET Recruiting & Orientation
<u>Website:</u>	http://www.sajetaa.org/
<u>Contacts:</u>	sajetaa@gmail.com
<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">● Calgary Nikkei Cultural & Senior Centre● Todoroki Taiko● Numerous marital arts and ikebana groups● Contact SAJETAA for more info
<u>Further Study:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Mount Royal College and University of Calgary offers Japanese Language Classes● Japanese Language Meet-up in Calgary● JETAA Japanese Language Classes <p>Contact SAJETAA for more information</p>



The JET Alumni Association (JETAA) was created in 1989 to strengthen and maintain the bonds of friendship developed between JET Programme participants. It currently has 50 chapters in 16 participating home countries, and over 20,000 members. Through its activities, JETAA aims to promote a broader and deeper understanding of Japan and the countries participating on the JET Programme.

In support of JETAA, CLAIR assists with its funding, and also compiles a number of alumni-related resources including the JET Streams newsletter. All JET participants receive a Membership Form to join JETAA prior to completing their tenure on the JET Programme, and are strongly encouraged to join the JETAA chapter nearest them. For further information about JETAA or for contact details of the various chapters, check the JETAA International website at:

<http://www.jetalumni.org/>