



Life after JET

Presentation to Australian JETs

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Staying in touch with Japan

*When too much Japan is barely enough.....finding outlets
for the Japan love*

- Discover your local JETAA chapter
 - They've been through it!
 - They understand!
 - They'll listen!
 - They can HELP!



Get in touch BEFORE you leave Japan
Contact Country Rep Michelle Morita

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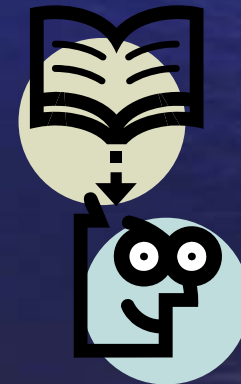
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- Japan-related organisations – join in the fun!
 - Indulge your mutual passion for Japan
 - Talk about sumo with people who DO know the difference between a nappy and a mawashi
 - Eat Japanese food to your heart's content
- Suggestions
 - Local Australia-Japan Society and Japanese mission
 - Cultural groups (anime, ikebana, calligraphy, etc)
 - Sports clubs (karate, kendo, aikido, etc)
 - Conversation groups: join one or form your own
 - Recreational gatherings (ramen club, film night, etc)

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- Further Study
 - Language
 - International relations
 - Asian Studies
 - Education



Australian employment situation

- Unemployment rate at a 30-year low
 - 4.5% in January 2007, a drop of 0.6% on 2006
 - But wage growth caused by labour shortages could lead to inflationary pressure and increases in interest rates
- Main growth in full-time employment
- Economy remains strong
 - Real GDP expansion expected to rise to 3.5% in 2007 (from 3.1% in 2006)
 - Average growth between 1998 and 2007 was 3.5%pa, on the back of broad-ranging structural reforms leading to high productivity growth

JET, Japan and Jobs

How the JET Program gave me the Job of my Dreams

- Clarified interests and ambition
- Built networks – in Australia and Japan
- Developed skills and attributes
- Broadened experience and built credibility



Before I knew it, I was jetting my way around the world

JET, Japan and Jobs

What's the demand for Japan-related skills?

- Japanese is the most popular foreign language studied at Australian schools (over 350,000 students studying at Primary and Secondary level)
- Sectors where there is strong Australia-Japan trade offer the best prospects for employment
- Opportunities, particularly for Japanese speakers, are in IT, finance, travel, hospitality and sales and marketing, as well as teaching.

Australia-Japan trade and investment relationship

- Japan remains Australia's largest export destination
 - Our exports to Japan continue to grow strongly
- Japan is Australia's second largest source of imports
 - mainly elaborately transformed manufactures
- Japan is an important source of Australian foreign direct investment (ranked 3rd)
 - At the same time, Japan is looking to increase sources of FDI (Australia currently ranks 4th)

Trade – specific sectors of strength

- Tourism dominates services trade
 - Around 670,000 Japanese visit Australia each year
- Primary products
 - Japan is Australia's largest export market for coal, LNG, beef and aluminium
 - Exports of counter-seasonal agricultural and horticultural products into Japan are expanding
- Education
 - Providing education services to Japan remain a government priority
 - Australia is the 3rd most popular English-language destination for Japanese students (after USA and UK)

Private Sector employment

In Australia

- Analyse trade statistics to predict trends and growth areas
 - This will help you identify industry sectors and companies to target
- Government Policy can also be a guide
 - For example, the government's commitment to doubling the number of exporters may increase opportunities in Australian companies exporting to Japan
- Placement companies can help you prepare CVs and target companies that trade with Japan.

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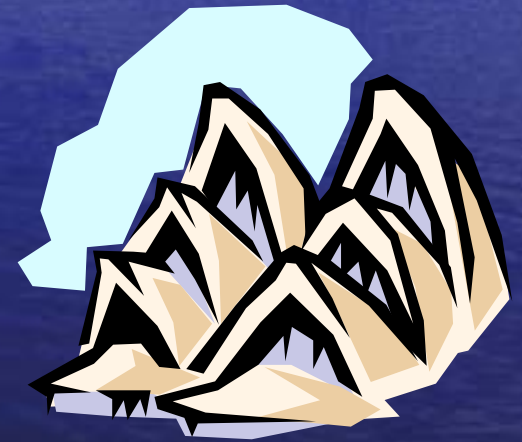
In Japan

- Build and maintain contacts and networks, and make your intentions clear
 - You never know who may be able to help!
- Increasing language proficiency dramatically increases your options
- Websites to try
 - www.daijob.com, Japan's largest online bilingual recruitment site
 - www.workinjapan.com is the Eigo version
 - www.escapeartist.com/Japan

Government employment

In Australia

- Which departments should you target?
 - Selected departments value Japan-related skills and experience specifically
 - Good opportunities via graduate recruitment programs
 - DFAT (inc. overseas postings)
 - DITR
 - Austrade
 - DEST



Government employment

In Australia

- Other agencies not specifically targeting Japan-related skills and experience will appreciate the general skills you have acquired through JET
 - The key is how you package yourself
 - Mix 'soft' skills gained through JET, such as flexibility, team-work, planning and organisation and public speaking with 'hard skills' such as language proficiency and relevant qualifications
 - be prepared to undertake further study to get qualifications necessary to land the job you really want.

Government employment

In Japan

- Selected Australian agencies have positions in Japan for Australian Japanese speakers
 - Usually employed as locally-engaged staff (non-diplomatic)
 - DFAT
 - DIMA
 - Invest Australia etc.
- Some State/Territory governments have their own office in Japan, eg. Victoria, Western Australia





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