

UK JETS - What's next?

2007 Conference
for Returning JETs

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Options

- Study
- Government
- Diplomatic Service
- Business
- Teach

Study

- School of Oriental and African Studies
(<http://www.soas.ac.uk>)
- University of Leeds - Department of East Asian Studies (<http://www.smlc.leeds.ac.uk>)
- University of Sheffield - School of East Asian Studies (<http://www.seas.ac.uk>)
- Japanese Embassy in UK
(<http://www.uk.emb-japan.go.jp/>)

Government

- 19 main government departments
- Interchange opportunities
- Professional skills for government
- Diversity of skills & experiences
- British Embassy Tokyo
 - Treasury
 - Department of Trade and Industry
 - Ministry of Defence
 - Home Office

- Maintaining links with Japan

Organisations:

- Japan Society www.japansociety.org.uk
- Japan Foundation www.jpf.org.uk
- Daiwa Foundation www.daiwa-foundation.org.uk

Maintaining links with Japan

Japanese Embassy in London

- Conferences, lectures, courses
- Films, theatre, exhibitions
- JET Alumni Teacher database

<http://www.uk.emb-japan.go.jp/>

A day in the life of a British Embassy Consular & Visa Officer

Objectives:

- Use entry clearance to welcome legitimate travellers to the United Kingdom, while preventing the entry of those who do not qualify under the Immigration Rules;
- offer high-quality services to British Nationals.
- provide value for money

Visa Section

- New visa requirements introduced in November 2003.
- Currently issuing 20,000 + Entry Clearances and Visas annually in Tokyo.
- Accept applications by post, registered agents and in person
- Important to be courteous & sympathetic.

Consular Section

Routine:

- Passport renewals
- Registration of births & deaths
- Notarial/legislation services

Acute:

- Protection for British Nationals in prisons
- hospitals or destitution

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<http://www.uknow.or.jp>

Diplomatic Service

- Policy Entry (fast stream)
- Operational Entry (main stream)
- Specialist Entry
 - economists
 - researchers
 - technicians/IT
 - librarians

Policy Work

- Provide briefing to Ministers
- Negotiate text of International agreements
- Organise ministerial and royal visits

Policy Entry Requirements

- Civil Service Fast Stream
- Requirements
 - 2:2 degree in any subject
 - British National
 - At least 2 years out of the last 10 years must have been spent in the UK
 - Must have spent at least 3 years in one country

Civil Service Selection Process

- Online tests
- Assessment centre
- Panel Interview
- Security/medical checks

Contact Details for Policy Entry

<http://fco.gov.uk>

<http://www.faststream.gov.uk>

Operational Work

- Visit British citizen detained by local authorities and advise him/her on how to get legal help
- Organise evacuation of British nationals and contact relatives of those missing following floods in host country
- Examine visa applications and decide whether or not to grant entry clearance

Operational Entry Requirements

- University degree in any discipline
- At least 2 years out of the last 10 years must have been spent in the UK
- Must have spent at least 3 years in one country

Operational Entry Selection Process

- Online application
- Online exercises
- Selection tests
- Interview
- Security/Medical Checks

Operational Entry Contact Details

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Life in the FCO

- Joining
- First posting
- Training
- Current job

Business

- British business to Japan increasing
- 500 (approx.) British business registered with the British Chamber of Commerce Japan (BCCJ)
- Japanese companies in the UK
- Many recruitment websites

Teach

- Teaching Japanese in UK
- Japan Foundation London Language Centre: <http://www.ipf.go.jp/e/>
- Japan 21: <http://www.japan21.or.uk>
- PGCE: <http://www.teach.gov.uk>
- Language Assistants

Tax

HM Revenue and Customs

<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk>

Forms

IR139

Income from abroad?

IR20

Residents and non-residents:
Liability to tax in the United
Kingdom

Any Questions?

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