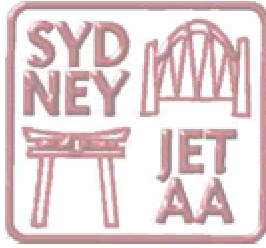


# JETAASYDNEY - JANUARY 2006 MINUTES



**Held:** Tuesday 17 January 2006  
**Location:** Japanese Consulate  
**Time:** Start 6:40pm, End 7.15pm

**Next Meeting:** **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2006**

**Location:** Japanese Consulate, Level 33,  
52 Martin Place, Sydney

**Time:** 6:30pm

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**Present** - Mike Adams, Michelle Morita, Chris Loch, David Boyd, Sharon Van Etten Julio Santana, Arai-san and Sam Ishizuka

**Apologies** - Yvonne Adams, Tammy Lee

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

**2. Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting** – All accepted

**3. Welcome to Ms Arai**, our Consul in charge of JET from the Consul-General of Japan. We have officially welcomed her as she will be attending our monthly meetings. We all look forward to working with her over the next year.

**3. Survey Monkey:** Everyone has now seen the survey, so Sam will send out to all members to fill in.

**4. Christmas Cards:** Chris sent Christmas cards via email to the 2005 JET departees who are currently in Japan.

**5. AGM:** The 2006 Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2006, at a yet to be confirmed location. Sharon will ask CLAIR if we can hold it at their Circular Quay office. Sam will email all members when the venue is set. Positions are President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Membership Officer, Website Officer, 2 Social Coordinators and 3 General Committee Members to help out with the various events involved during this year of exchange. Special events that Committee Members have been invited to this year include the CLAIR dinner, Emperor's Birthday Party and the Year of Exchange reception at the Shangri La Hotel, all very memorable events and an honour to be invited to.

**6. Summer Festival in Sydney 2006:** Everyone is very excited about the Summer Festival to be held in Darling Harbour Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Dancers from all over Japan along with the famous actress, Yoshino Kimura will be there on the day. The consulate asked us for ideas to raise Ms. Kimura's profile on the day and we came up with a Cultural Do's and Don'ts (Japanese Culture 101) event on the stage at Tumbalong Park. The consulate will confirm with Ms. Kimura that she is willing to participate in such an event and then the JETAA members will be able to assist. The plan is start with Rajio Taiso, followed by chopstick etiquette and end with the clapping chant, that all ALT's will be familiar with. As the understanding of Japanese culture in Australia is still quite poor, we thought this would help raise awareness, help raise Ms. Kimura's profile and be a lot of fun too. The Consulate General has graciously requested all JETAA members to come along to the event and help the dancers to mingle with the crowds and participate in exchange. Anyone who wants to wear a Yukata on the day is more than welcome, as two members of the committee will be wearing one.

**Let's Meet!** We will be able to meet with the Consulate General of Japan at the main stage at 3.00pm, they will be given a special sticker with the year of exchange logo on it and then everyone can join in the festivities.

**7. JETAA Website:** Dave has updated the JETAA website so that it is compatible with the firefox browser, has made the menus more logical and omitted repetition between pages. The main server in Canada crashed and lost many of the planet's JETAA websites. This issue is still to be rectified. As the website is

still down and CLAIR/MOFA is looking at directly paying the hosting company for his services, it was suggested that a petition be drafted to search for a new hosting company. During the last three years, we have lost our website 4 times, so we are investigating the possibility to host locally again.

[Next Meeting: AGM Wednesday 22 February at 6.30pm location TBA](#)