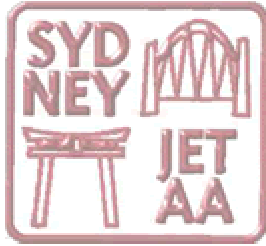


JETAASYDNEY - MARCH 06 MINUTES



Held: Monday 13th March 2006
Location: Japanese Consulate
Time: Start 6:50pm, End 8.45pm

Next Meeting: **Monday 10th April 2006**
Location: Japanese Consulate, Level 33,
52 Martin Place, Sydney
Time: 6:30pm
Email: jetaasydney@yahoo.com.au

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Present - Mike Adams, Michelle Morita, Arai-san, Yvonne Adams, David Boyd, Sharon Van Etten, and Sam Ishizuka

Apologies - Julio Santana, Sasha Anderson, Tammie Lee

- 1. Welcome and Apologies**
- 2. Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting** – All accepted
- 3. Website Discussion:** David has been investigating other hosting possibilities for our website as it has now been down for 3 months. All agreed on Iprimus' Planet Domain Bronze Plan for \$5 per month. David will terminate the agreement with our current host, Living Products based in Canada.
- 4. International Conference:** The dates for the International Conference will be **Thursday 23rd – Sunday 26th November 2006**. Now we need to get quotes for accommodation for 18 delegates from all the JETAAi countries of between \$100-\$150 per person. We will also apply for official use of the Year of Exchange (YOE) logo to be used during the conference. We will also apply for grassroots funding for our Photo Competition that will be displayed during the International Conference and ask the delegates to judge the finalists. We would like to have all Australian JETAA chapters submit photos from their own exhibition (3 per chapter) so that all chapters are represented. Grassroots funding application deadline is March 31st, so Sharon will draft the application form and then coordinate with Michelle for submission. We will apply for \$9000 to cover posting, printing, framing, packaging and putting together a book or calendar at the end with all the finalists. We would also like to put the pictures as thumbnails on our website at the end. Also, as Leanne Mumford has held her own Photo Exhibition before, she will be contacted for advice regarding equipment. In accordance with the International Conference and the Photo Exhibition, our annual **Christmas party** will also be held during the International Conference, **November 25th 2006**. We hope this is enough notice for everyone.
- 5. Survey Monkey Results:** Michelle recently collated the results of the Survey Monkey questionnaire that was sent out to all JETAA members by email. We had 27 respondents so many thanks for those of you who responded. We found that members prefer events of a cultural or social nature related to Japan and Japanese culture and that these events be held on a Friday night or a weekend during the day. We also found that members are happy to pay between \$11 and \$20 to attend such events.
- 6. Newsletter Articles:** Yvonne has been busy organising the quarterly newsletters with the first one due out this month. She has asked Michelle to write about the Natsu Matsuri, Arai-san to work with Yvonne to do an article about her new role at the Japanese Consulate, Mike to talk about the movie night at the Japan Foundation, David to talk about food/restaurants, Sam to talk about Japanese Courses, Yvonne will talk about the CLAIR dinner last week and Michelle about being the Country Representative for JETAAi.
- 7. Treasurer's Report:** Sharon had detailed the for committee a summary of income, deposits and activities for last year and our chapter's budget for April 2006 to March 2007. At present our financial position is looking good and with all the events planned for the year and pending acceptance of the grant from the grassroots-funding scheme, we will be in a good position for next year.

8. April 2006 to March 2007 Events: Here are all the events we have planned or will be participating in during the coming year:

April	22 nd Yakiniku Night
May	2 nd Dinner with Vice Minister
June	2 nd to 9 th Photo Exhibition at Customs House (part of YOE events) 24 th Predeparture Orientation for departing JETs
July	16 th Yum Cha morning for departing JETs (informal question/answer session) 30 th JETs depart for Japan
August	19 th Shabu Shabu Trivia Night
September	July 2006 Returnees Reception TBA Yukata Training
October	7 th Careers Night 14 th Japanese Festival 21 st to 22 nd Regional Conference in Canberra
November	Hanami Party TBA 23 rd to 26 th International Meeting 25 th Christmas Party
December	Emperor's Birthday TBA
January	(nothing planned)
February	AGM

9. VOLUNTEER REQUEST! If you would like to volunteer for any of the above activities, such as the Predeparture Orientation, please let us know! We are always happy to have our fellow genki JETAA alumni along at these events. Involvement can range from just being there to helping out with seminars and the like. It's easy - just email us at jetaasydney@yahoo.com.au.

Next Meeting: Japanese Consulate Monday 13th April 2006 at 6.30pm