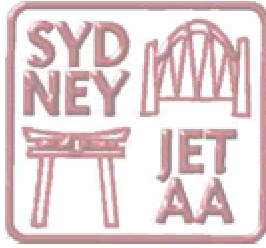


# JETAASYDNEY - APRIL 2006 MINUTES



**Held:** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2006  
**Location:** Japanese Consulate  
**Time:** Start 6:40pm, End 8.35pm

**Next Meeting:** **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2006**  
**Location:** Japanese Consulate, Level 33,  
52 Martin Place, Sydney  
**Time:** 6:30pm  
**Email:** [jetaasydney@yahoo.com.au](mailto:jetaasydney@yahoo.com.au)

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**Present** - Mike Adams, Michelle Morita, David Boyd, Sharon Van Etten, Julio Santana, Arai-san, Yvonne Adams, Sasha Anderson, David Leary, Leanne Mumford and Sam Ishizuka

**Apologies** - None

- 1. Welcome and Apologies**
- 2. Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting** – All accepted
- 3. International Meeting** – Dates almost confirmed for Thursday 2nd November to Sunday 5th November 2006. Michelle has spoken to the Harbour View Hotel in Milson's Point and the Watershed in Darling Harbour for the location. The Christmas party will now be held 4th November 2006, on a Saturday night so that our members from outside the Sydney area can also attend. Leanne put forward some excellent suggestions regarding the operations of the Photo Competition that will be judged during the International meeting. These included giving contestants a size guide for their pictures, only allowing original prints and putting together a conditions sheet that each person must adhere to. David offered to put together the Conditions sheet for the competition.
- 4. Predeparture Orientation:** As 24th June is looming, our plans for the Predeparture Orientation are almost set. We have been sent a video put together by the London JETAA Chapter that shows some excellent highlights of the JET Program and so we will be playing that during the registration time and silently during the lunch break. The feedback from last year showed that everyone wanted teaching materials. We will state that this will be dealt with in Tokyo. The main changes are the first Introduction Game which will be a "Find someone who..?" game conducted in English. Yvonne will speak about owing a car in Japan during the Financial Matters section and mention that each person should get a letter from the RTA showing when their license was issued. David Leary has kindly offered to speak about Culture Shock for 10 minutes just before the lunch break. In the afternoon, the Q and A section will be preceded by a session on what to take/what not to take with you to Japan. As per last year, we will end at the Ship Inn at Circular Quay for after-session drinks.
- 5. JETAA Handbook:** Our JETAA handbook for departing JETs was completely revised a few years ago by David and last year only a few amendments were required. This year, Yvonne has offered to proof read it and make the necessary amendments before giving it out to departing JETs at the predeparture orientation. We will also put it on the website for all JETs to access.
- 6. Yakiniku Evening:** The Yakiniku evening now has 20 attendees confirmed for Saturday 22nd April but Sam will send out another reminder the Tuesday prior.
- 7. Grassroots Application:** Sharon and Michelle made an excellent job of getting the grassroots application in on time and the Consulate have kindly confirmed that they received everything. Applied for \$5000 to be used for the Photo Competition. It will take approximately one month to hear the result.
- 8. GIA:** Sharon finally received \$3500 for this year's GIA amount. We are all very pleased.
- 9. Newsletter:** Yvonne gave a big thank you to everyone who contributed to the March newsletter. The newsletter will be available on line soon for those that didn't receive it by email.

- 10. Kimono Day:** Sharon has found details of a lady in Sydney that could help us with our Kimono Day. Makiko Honma is the person and Mike will send out an Email to the committee to see who would like to organise this day.
- 11. JETAA Website:** Dave has completely revamped the JETAA website and showed it to all present at the meeting. It looks excellent. The new site should be up and running soon with copies of our minutes and newsletters and some lovely pictures of Japan and Sydney alike.

**Next Meeting: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2006 at Japanese Consulate**