

JETAASyDNEY - JULY 2006 MINUTES



Held: Tuesday, 18th July 2006
Location: Japanese Consulate
Time: Start 6:40pm, End 8:15pm

Next Meeting: **Monday 14 August 2006**
Location: Japanese Consulate, Level 33,
52 Martin Place, Sydney
Time: 6:15pm
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Website: www.sydneyjetaa.org

Present - Mike Adams, Julio Santana, Michelle Morita, Kosumo Arai, Yvonne Adams, Tammie Lee, Sharon Van Etten and Sam Ishizuka

Apologies – Sasha Anderson

- 1. Welcome and Apologies**
- 2. Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting** – All accepted
- 3. Wrap up of Pre-departure Orientation:** Overall, a great response from the new JETs. Next year we will think about keeping everyone out of the main rooms while we set up and passing around a sheet for everyone to put their contact details on, so that we can keep in touch with them. Julio will differentiate JETs going to different areas so that they can identify each other, i.e. Kyushu JETs have a red circle on their name tags. In order to reduce catering costs, we would also like to change the start and finish times, from 12.30pm to 5.00pm and only provide afternoon tea as the catering costs were a little over that budgeted for. It was also suggested we have a bar tab and everyone go to the pub afterwards. Michelle collated the feedback forms from each participant and despite asking for more teaching materials or games all was positive. Will look at providing more game ideas for next year's event. Will get a sample copy of the Tokyo Orientation Schedule to show everyone what is likely to be covered in Tokyo for everyone.
- 4. Wrap up of Yum Cha:** Again very successful event for the new JETs going to Japan. However, Michelle suggested it would be better to select a venue that takes bookings beforehand so that we can all sit together.
- 5. International Meeting:** Definitely set for 2nd – 5th November 2006 with CLAIR hosting a dinner the evening 2nd, Mr. Kawada hosting drinks/canapés at his residence the evening 3rd, the 2006 JETAA Christmas Party the evening 4th and the last day to be held 5th. Michelle gave out a copy of the letter we will be sending out to all delegates asking each country to select a delegate to attend the International Meeting and details of useful websites for more information. Deadline for submission is August 15th. Kintetsu have kindly offered to quote flights for each delegate once we know which cities delegates are coming from.
- 6. Newsletter Articles:** Nicolas Klar has submitted an article for the next newsletter and submissions from Sharon, David, Arai-san and Michelle are still pending. Submissions by Sunday 23rd July 2006.
- 7. Year of Exchange Photo Exhibition:** Canberra are up and running with their photo exhibition. We would like to display entries during JET Information nights held at the Consulate in September/October 2006. Sydney exhibition rules are ready. There is still no word on our application for grassroots funding.
- 8. Canberra Events:** Canberra JETAA have a series of events coming up including the Nara Candle Festival 21st October 2006, ANU Kabuki 29th July 2006, Tsugaru Shamisen 20th August 2006 (also to be held in Sydney 18th August 2006) and Floriade Hanami mid September 2006.
- 9. Pre-departure Lunch at Consul General's Residence:** Everyone on the committee will be there at 12.00pm 29th July 2006.

Action: Sam to make a list to circulate to all JETs to collect their contact details.

- 10. JNTO Tourism Seminar:** The JNTO will be putting on a Tourism Seminar to promote Japan in Australia as a tourist destination at the Shangri-La Hotel, on the evening 10th August 2006.
- 11. Kimono Day:** Tammie has been in touch with Makiko-san and costs for our Kimono day would be \$10 per person with a group of no more than 5 people. Each member will ask friends if they can help Makiko-san out on the day. Makiko-san requested parking in the city for the event to be held 23rd September 2006 at the Japan Foundation.

Action: David to check with Japan Foundation about possibility of parking on the day.
- 12. The New Mr. Yoshimoto:** Mr. Yoshimoto has started his new position in Jamaica and his replacement, Mr. Yamaguchi is now working with Julio Santana and Arai-san at the Sydney Japanese Consulate.
- 13. Trivia Night:** To be held 19th August 2006.
- 14. International Meeting Website:** A website for the International Meeting will be put together by David. Thanks David for all your hard work.
- 15. JETAA Website:** The new super duper JETAA Sydney website is now up and running and contains lots of great information for everyone. The 'Jetting Off to Japan' handbook will be put on the website soon. The website can be viewed at: <http://www.sydneyjetaa.org>. The pictures look great David!
- 16. Hamani and Taiko:** Hamani was suggested at Bowral. While it is a lovely location, it was decided it was a little far and that some people may not make the effort. TBA. Also, Tammie found out that a Taiko Workshop would cost us \$77.00 per person, the high cost attributed to the sound proof room that must be used to run such a workshop. This is also TBA.
- 17. Treasurer's Report:** Sharon told us we have \$7563.26 in the JETAA Sydney bank account and we are on target, budget wise.

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