

JETAASyDNEY - AUGUST 2006 MINUTES



Held: Monday, 14th August 2006
Location: Japanese Consulate
Time: Start 6:40pm, End 8:15pm

Next Meeting: **Monday 18th September 2006**
Location: Japanese Consulate, Level 33,
52 Martin Place, Sydney
Time: 6:15pm
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Present - Mike Adams, Julio Santana, Kosumo Arai, Michelle Morita, Yvonne Adams, Sasha Anderson and Sam Ishizuka

Apologies – Tammie Lee

1. Welcome and Apologies

2. Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting – All accepted

3. **International Meeting:** Yvonne volunteered to help put together the International meeting booklet to be given to all delegates at the International meeting in November. David will get back to us with some prices for catering for morning and afternoon tea and lunch for each day of the meeting.

Action: Michelle to email International Committee regarding topics and ideas for guest speaker to address, to help us pick the guest speaker

4. **Christmas Party:** Expecting 120-150 people at the Christmas party including 20 delegates and will try to have a separate table in the entrance for VIPs. Went through the menus and all decided on what canapés to order for the night.

5. **Photo Competition:** David to check if the Japan Foundation can hold photos on the wall. Mike will also check with this work to see if they can exhibit the photos. We have a \$1000 budget for the competition, which will be used for, frames, canvases and display folders so that the Japanese Consulate can take them to universities for JET Program Orientations. Ideas for prizes included a case of wine from Broadway Mortgages, a camera voucher and dinner at Azuma etc.

Action: Sam to email all members with a reminder about the photo competition.

6. **Careers Day:** It was decided that the Careers Day will start at 1.00pm, Saturday 7th October 2006, be open to all members, not just new returnees and Michelle will send last year's poster to Sharon to help design the poster for this year. We will have two main speakers and then break up into two groups and have workshops concentrating on resumes and interviewing techniques. It was also felt as we have a little more money, we could make a small payment to the speakers, instead of the usual gift of a bottle of wine.

Action: Sam to email ex JET who works at DFAT, Yvonne to ask her sister's boss who works in recruitment, Michelle to ask Jen from KPMG as she was so good last year, Mike to ask Kim Swaby ex-JETAA President and Professor Mimori from Macquarie University who knows about Japanese grants to study Japanese.

7. **Kimono Day:** Tammie has been in contact with Makiko-san about the Kimono day and informed Mike that we will have a two-hour class whereby she will walk us from start to finish how to put the kimono on. We will have to hire kimono for \$150 each. She has also kindly been donated green tea for the day from Taka Tea Garden. This is a great way for everyone to get to know how to wear the kimono for our Japan Festival in October. We still need to confirm numbers as only three JETAA members have asked to come so far and have a discussion about how to make the day a success. Yvonne suggested we take photos on the day and then everyone can take one home with them.

Action: David to confirm parking for Makiko-san and room hire cost at the Japan Foundation.

8. **Letter to recently departed JETs:** Mike to send a letter to all the JETs that departed for Japan 30 July.
9. **Taiko:** Michelle will ask Tammie to resurrect the Taiko drumming day, as all felt it was a shame we gave up on it last time due to cost. As we have a little more money to use for events, this would be a great opportunity to use it.

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