

JETAASyDNEY - OCTOBER 2006 MINUTES



Held: Wednesday 11th October 2006
Location: Japanese Consulate
Time: Start 6:15pm, End 7.30pm

Next Meeting: TBA
Location: Japanese Consulate, Level 33,
52 Martin Place, Sydney
Time: Tuesday 28th November 6:15pm
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Present - Mike Adams, Julio Santana, Kosumo Arai, Michelle Morita, David Boyd, Sharon Van Etten, Yvonne Adams, Sasha Anderson, Mark Bush, Clayton Balmain and Sam Ishizuka

Apologies – Tammie Lee

- 1. Welcome and Apologies**
- 2. Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting** – All accepted
- 3. International Meeting - Mike** has put together the final draft schedule of the meeting and looked at transportation between events, confirming the venue, catering and getting all attendees pictures for the handbook. Mike will finish this off during the next week. Sam will be taking the minutes of the meeting (Scribe) and David will book Azuma for first day's lunch, check for the second day with Azuma or Ton Ton and organise morning tea. Sasha will put out morning tea for the first day and Michael the second. Sharon will organise afternoon tea for both days. Sam will go through the emails from Kintetsu to collate everyone's arrival and departure times for the meeting. The meeting will be held between **2nd and 5th November 2006** and 33 people will be attending from overseas, MOFA, CLAIR and Sydney JETAA.
- 4. Photo Competition** – All the entries have been finalised so many thanks to those that entered. \$500 is available for prize money for the Sydney Photo Competition. It was decided to give the first prizewinner \$250, the second \$150 and the third \$100. Mike will speak to Sony with regards to Sony vouchers. Mike will also get some easels & matting to display the photos at the Christmas Party. The venue is set at the Watershed at Darling Harbour (thanks to the Grassroots funding).
- 5. Christmas Party** – Jointly to be held with the photo competition, the catering is all ready to go. Michelle will put together a flier for Sam to send out to all members. All international delegates, MOFA and CLAIR attendees at the international meeting will be attending and Mike will invite the Australia Japan Society so it promises to be a **fantastic** night. **Saturday 4th November 2006**.
- 6. Careers Day** – We had two returnees along with Janine, Mike, Yvonne, Arai-san, Shige and Sam came along to Ichiban Boshi on **Saturday 7th October** for our Careers lunch. Both returnees, Mark Bush and Clayton Balmain brought their resumes along and Mike will get them checked over by a qualified recruitment agent. Everyone had fun and it was a successful lunch. Thanks to those that attended. Each year we have the problem whereby we don't get the names of returnees until too late and then there is poor attendance at the Careers Day. It was suggested to get more information to returning JETs at the JET Returnee Conference before they return to their own country so that those JETs that return to areas they weren't originally recruited from can still be included.
- 7. Kure Kids** – JETAA Sydney will be donating \$300 to the Australia Japan Society to host the Kure Kids coming over from Japan this week. 13 kids will be here **Thursday 12th October** and JETAA Sydney Committee members will be there too.
- 8. Taiko** – Tammie has secured spaces for 25 attendees, up from 15. We will be charging \$35 per JETAA member and JETAA will subsidise \$20 per person. We will put the TaikOz logo in our next JETAA newsletter. It will be held between 3pm and 5pm **Saturday 25th November 2006**. Flier to follow.

9. **Yukata Day** – Well done Tammie for such a great Yukata Day Saturday 23rd September. 15 people attended and Honma-sensei expertly went through how to put on a yukata and how to tie the obi to perfection. 3 people have already bought a yukata as a result of the day!
10. **Nihon no Matsuri** – Arai-san has been busy working on the preparations for the Nihon no Matsuri this Saturday at Tumbalong Park in Darling Harbour. Sam will send out a reminder email to all JETAA members reminding them about the day and encouraging them to come along. The day looks to be a great success.
11. **Newsletter - Yvonne** has put together a draft copy of the online newsletter to be sent out within the next week. Due to a few problems with the website at the moment, Sam will email it out to members once completed. If anyone has any submissions for the next newsletter, please let us know.
12. **Treasurer's Report** – We have over budgeted for a few events this year but all is looking good for the coming year, financially.
13. **Camping Trip** – Mike is looking at putting together a camping trip for next year and inviting CLAIR and Consulate employees in order to give them an insight into Australian culture. Watch this space.

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