



JETAA USA National Conference

Los Angeles, California

September 29 - October 2, 2016



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JETAA SC Chapter**

**Shizuoka-ken
2011-2014**



It is my sincere pleasure to greet attendees of the Japan Exchange and Teaching Alumni Association of the United States of America 2016 National Conference. The Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles and I warmly welcome you to the City of Angels.

Our consulate's jurisdiction of Southern California and Arizona is home to the largest combined population of Japanese nationals and Japanese Americans in the United States. The region's historical and cultural ties to Japan run deep, as represented by the bustling neighborhood of Sawtelle Japantown in West L.A. as well as the ever-vibrant Little Tokyo, the location of this year's JET Alumni Association National Conference.

Members of the JET Alumni Association of Southern California and Arizona have worked diligently to organize and host the national conference, in recognition of the JET Program's 30th anniversary. This important milestone gives us the opportunity to look back to the program's many achievements, while exploring its ongoing boundless potential. JET alumni, current JETs and countless others who helped nurture the program's success should be proud of its three-decades-long history. Real and meaningful grassroots exchanges at an almost unparalleled scale have helped to build lasting friendship between Japan and the U.S. among other participating countries. JETs function as cultural ambassadors in their local communities in Japan in ways that are transformative for both sides.

As Tokyo prepares to host the 2020 Summer Olympics, all eyes will be on Japan. In the run-up to the games, the JET Program participants and alumni will be integral to cultivating connections and dialogues between Japan and the world. I am certain that they will bring about long-lasting friendships.

I commend the JETAA USA chapters for their role in promoting Japanese culture in their respective regions. Your events and programs help keep the friendship robust and mutual understanding profound between Japan and the U.S. Please accept my best wishes for a successful national conference and a lovely stay in Los Angeles.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Akira Chiba' in Japanese characters.

Akira Chiba,
Consul General of Japan in Los Angeles

JETAA Los Angeles Conference 2016

Dear JETAA Representatives,

It is a great pleasure to join once again representatives of JETAA chapters from both the US and Canada at this important annual conference.

As new JETAA chapters and alumni organizations are founded around the world, the JETAA chapters here in North America continue to gain high regard for their activities in promoting the JET Programme and contributing to the evolution of the alumni network. Allow me to express my gratitude to you, who are all leaders in the JET alumni community, for your continued efforts to innovate. I would like to give a special thanks to the members of JETAA Southern California and to the US Country Representatives for their hard work in arranging this conference.

This year, thanks to the alumni community's continued support, we celebrate the JET Programme's 30th Anniversary. Over the Programme's 30 year history, more than half of the 64,500 participants (32,500) have been American. It is not an exaggeration to say that the United States has made one of the greatest contributions to the JET Programme of the participating countries.

Looking at the general state of global affairs today, we see that there is a greater need than ever to foster understanding of foreign cultures. In addition, with the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games on the horizon and the economy becoming increasingly globalized, the demand for the enrichment of foreign language education and international exchange, and thus, the expansion of the JET Programme, is greater than ever.

Whether it is helping with a JET Programme information session at a university, giving advice to incoming JETs before their departure, or assisting returning JETs in finding careers through the network of alumni, the activities of the JET alumni are indispensable to the evolution of the JET Programme. We ask for your continued understanding and cooperation as we attempt to recruit more talented youth to meet the growing demand for JET Programme participants.

We are at an exciting point in the Programme's history, and CLAIR seeks to utilize the 30th anniversary to publicize the Programme's accomplishments and activities through new endeavors to strengthen the global network of JET alumni. I anticipate that this conference will become a valuable opportunity for the exchange of opinions and information, and that the activities of each chapter will become all the more fruitful as a result of it. Through the work of our New York office and close cooperation with the Japanese Embassy and regional consulates, CLAIR aims to support the activities of JETAA as much as possible.

I look forward to getting to know you over the next few days.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Masahiro Fukukawa' in Japanese characters.

Masahiro Fukukawa
Executive Consultant
Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR)
Tokyo, Japan



JETAA Los Angeles Conference 2016

Dear JETAA Representatives,

Hello everybody! I am Wataru Tozawa, the Executive Director of Japan Local Government Center in New York (CLAIR NY). More than two months have already passed since I succeeded to this post, and I have come to realize further the important roles that each JETAA chapter plays.

As for this annual conference, I would like to say how much I appreciate all the executive members' efforts in arranging the schedule, agenda and so on. This conference will be a good opportunity for members of each JETAA chapter to discuss various matters directly and find effective ways to move forward.

It is quite regrettable that I cannot attend this meeting but I look forward to hearing about the results of your discussions and know this will be yet another very productive gathering. Concerning the JET Program and JETAA activities, I would like to express my gratitude for your daily dedicated support. This year, in Japan, is regarded as the 30th anniversary year of the JET Program. In order to commemorate this anniversary, CLAIR is planning to hold the JET Program 30th Anniversary Ceremony and International Meeting on November 6th - 7th in Japan, bringing together Country Representatives and other alumni from around the world to celebrate this milestone and discuss the future.

In addition, there will be many types of commemorative events held all over the world this year and next. I anticipate these events will provide us good opportunities to take another look at ways to maintain and improve the JET Program and JETAA activities.

Finally, I kindly ask for your continued cooperation with CLAIR NY. We are always ready to assist your energetic activities.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
Japan Local Government Center (CLAIR NY)



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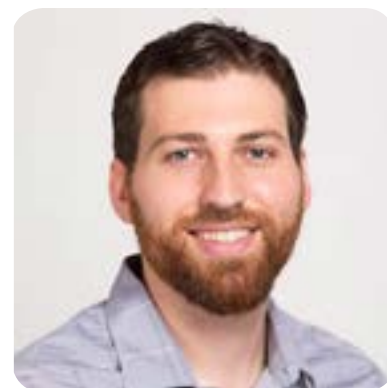
**Saitama-ken
2002-2004**



Cheryl Hou

**JETAA USA
Country Representative
PNWJETAA**

**Toyama-ken
2005-2008**



Xander Peterson

**JETAA USA
Country Representative
JETAANC**

**Miyazaki-ken
2009-2012**



Dear 2016 National Convention Delegates,

Welcome to Los Angeles! We are very pleased to have all of you participating in this important annual gathering of JETAA USA leadership. We thank you for traveling from near and far and are excited for the weekend ahead.

Known for its rich Japanese-American history and culture, Los Angeles offers unique opportunities as we will be exploring and learning more about the Little Tokyo Historical District. This year's National Conference features many wonderful presentations on topics important to our organizations and our communities, and also serves as the kick-off to a year-long celebration of the JET Program's 30th Anniversary. We hope you can take key information back and share it with your home chapters.

We would like to give specific thanks to the JETAA Southern California and Arizona chapter for hosting the JETAA USA National Conference this year. It has been a pleasure working with Kelley and the whole JETAASC team, who have been fantastic during the entire planning process. We would also like to thank Mr. Fukutomi of CLAIR New York for their continued support of the JET Program and the JETAA USA.

If you have questions throughout the conference or comments you would like to share, please feel welcome to talk to one of us. We are also happy to speak with you following the conference.

We look forward to spending a great weekend with you all!

Sincerely,

Monica Yuki, Cheryl Hou, and Xander Peterson
JETAA USA Country Representatives



September 19, 2016

On behalf of the JET Alumni Association of Southern California & Arizona, I would like to welcome participants of the 2016 JETAA USA National Conference to sunny Southern California and the Historic District of Little Tokyo!

I was a participant on the JET Programme from 2000 – 2003 in Nara, which to this day remains the most influential three years of my life. I was lucky enough to return to a location with extremely active JET Alumni, a vibrant Japanese-American culture, and even a job at a Hollywood studio with a Tokyo headquarters where I was unexpectedly able to use my Japanese. Nowadays I shop at Marukai, eat at Sei-ko-en, volunteer with the Japan America Society, join the Little Tokyo Nisei Week parade. Next year I look forward to the launching of Japan House Los Angeles, and will continue my love affair with all things Japanese!

Perhaps even more fascinating than the extensive Japanese culture that Los Angeles has to offer is the five generations of Japanese-American history. We all know what it feels like to land in a foreign country, struggling to learn the language and culture... Imagine what it must have been like for Japanese immigrants coming to this country without the benefit of something like the JET Programme? To that end, we wanted to be certain that delegates do not walk away from this year's National Conference without some understanding of Japanese-American history, and have planned a guided tour of the Japanese American National Museum as well as a panel of experts on this this topic – and how it pertains to us.

Today, there are over 60,000 JET Alumni globally and over 32,000 of these reside in the United States. As we turn the corner towards the 30th Anniversary of the JET Programme in 2017, and as Japan hurdles towards the Tokyo Olympics in 2020, we look to the new generation of JET Alumni and their fresh ideas. We must increase our outreach with local communities, continue grassroots internationalization, and inspire young people to apply for the JET Programme and fall in love with Japan!

Tremendous thanks go out to our biggest supporters – CLAIR; the Embassy of Japan, Washington D.C., the Consulate General of Japan, Los Angeles; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan; US JETAA; the Sasakawa Peace Foundation; and of course, JETAA USA!

Finally, the JET Alumni Association of Southern California & Arizona would like to dedicate the 2016 JETAA USA National Conference to our original co-founder, Nancy Kikuchi, who launched our organization in 1989. We pledge to continue to serve the Japanese-American community in her name.

Now – *Let the games begin!*

Kelley Rich
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About

The United States Japan Exchange & Teaching Programme Alumni Association (USJETAA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational and cultural organization that promotes grassroots friendship and understanding between the U.S. and Japan through the personal and professional experiences of over 30,000 Americans who have participated on the JET Programme since its inception in 1987.

USJETAA was created through an initiative developed by the [United States Bridging Foundation](#) in 2013 and funded by The Japan Foundation [Center for Global Partnership](#) with support from all 19 JETAA chapters around the U.S.

USJETAA's mission is to provide support and resources to Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme (JET) alumni chapters and individual JET alumni throughout the United States in order to strengthen the capacity of the JETAA network, enabling alumni to contribute to the greater U.S.-Japan relationship and 'bring Japan home' by fostering education and understanding of Japanese culture in the United States.

Purposes

- Serve as a resource for JET alumni, JETAA chapters nationwide, and potential JET participants.
- Support the network of JETAA chapters in programming, membership recruitment, chapter management, leadership, professional development, and fundraising.
- Facilitate collaboration and information sharing among JETAA chapters.
- Serve as a national clearinghouse for information on chapters, careers, educational opportunities, and U.S.-Japan relations.
- Serve as a point of contact for organizations interested in partnering with JETAA chapters.
- Provide membership services for individual JET alumni not associated with a JETAA chapter.
- Support the JET Programme and the JET community as appropriate.
- Undertake national charitable initiatives.



Paige Cottingham-Streater
Executive Director
US-Japan Bridging Foundation

Mie-ken
1988-1989



Laurel Lukaszewski
Acting Executive Director
USJETAA

Kagoshima-ken
1990-1992



Keith Krulak
Independent Consultant/Translator

Okayama-ken
1993-1995

Special Guests and Speakers



Shintaro Seto
Education Counselor
Embassy of Japan

Washington, DC



Jessica Kling
JET Program Coordinator
Embassy of Japan Liaison - DC
JETAA DC Chapter

Fukushima-ken
2007-2010



Jason Porath
Author, "Rejected Princesses"

Ibaraki-ken
2006-2007

After leaving JET, Jason Porath (Ibaraki-ken, 2006-2007) became a visual effects animator at DreamWorks Animation for many years. There he worked on many high-profile movies (The Croods, How to Train Your Dragon 2, Kung Fu Panda, many more) before leaving to start his own project. That project became *Rejected Princesses*: an illustrated showcase of historical and legendary women "too awesome, awful, or offbeat for kids' movies." After going viral, the project landed a book deal with Harper-Collins publishing, with a collection of 1000 princesses to be released on October 25th.



Keynote Speaker

Yuko Kaifu
President
Japan House Los Angeles



Japan House Los Angeles is a venue that will showcase Japan's contributions to the global community through culture, technology, gastronomy, art/design, pop culture, and more. It is slated to open in summer 2017, and will occupy two floors at the Hollywood & Highland complex. The second floor space, located across from the Dolby Theater, will house a gallery hosting seasonal exhibitions that highlight Japanese creativity and ingenuity. The second floor will also feature a café, multimedia room and retail shop, which will sell items that celebrate Japanese design and craftsmanship.

The fifth floor will be anchored by a Japanese restaurant, as well as an event space where a variety of programs will be held, including receptions/dinners, film screenings, performances, workshops and gastronomic events. Visitors on both floors will learn about and experience Japan's different regional cuisines, goods and cultures.

JAPAN HOUSE/Los Angeles is part of a public diplomacy initiative launched by and fully funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and will be the only center in the United States. Two other facilities, located in London and São Paulo, will open in 2017 as well. The initiative aims to highlight various aspects of Japan and boost tourism.

Yuko Kaifu is the President of JAPAN HOUSE in Los Angeles. She was born and raised in Kobe, Japan, and started her career at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Her past assignments with the Ministry include the Embassy of Japan in Canada, North American Affairs Bureau, Economic Cooperation Bureau, Foreign Policy Bureau, and Cultural Affairs Department, where she was Deputy Director in Tokyo. During her service at the Ministry, she was also appointed official interpreter for Her Majesty the Empress, Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Japan, and served at their meetings with foreign dignitaries such as former President Ronald Reagan and President George W. Bush. After she served as Consul at the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles from 2001 to 2007, she left the government to work as Vice President of the Japanese American National Museum, charged with international programs. She joined MUFG Union Bank in 2009 where she served as Managing Director in the Corporate Communications Department. She has served on the boards of a number of organizations including Japan Business Association, International Visitors Council of Los Angeles, Nisei Week Japanese Cultural Festival, and Japanese cultural associations of tea, flower arrangement, and calligraphy. She earned Bachelor's degree from Nara Women's University in Japan and Master's degree from Queen's University in Canada.

Moderator and Panelist

Lily Anne Welty Tamai, Ph.D.
Curator of History
Japanese American National Museum
Lecturer, University of California Los Angeles

Saitama-ken
2000-2001



Lily Anne Welty Tamai is a JET Programme alumna who worked as an ALT in Saitama Prefecture. She has a PhD in History from the University of California Santa Barbara.

Dr. Tamai conducted doctoral research in Japan and in Okinawa as a Fulbright Graduate Research Fellow and was also a Ford Foundation Fellow. She published a chapter in *Global Mixed Race* (NYU Press 2014), as well as journal articles in *Southern California Quarterly*, *Pan Japan*, and *Immigration Studies*.

Dr. Tamai is the Curator of History at the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles and a lecturer at UCLA. She also serves on the U.S. Census Bureau National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations.

Panelist Speaker

Alan Nishio

Board Member and Chairman of the Board of Governors

Little Tokyo Service Center

Founder and Co-Chair of the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations

Recipient, “Order of the Rising Sun” (Kunsho) Award - Government of Japan



Alan Nishio is a highly dedicated and respected leader in the Southern California Japanese American community who has spent more than four decades working with multiple generations in social and civic engagement programs.

Mr. Nishio served as the President of the Board of Directors for the Little Tokyo Service Center – the leading Asian Pacific American community development corporation in the region – for over twelve years. He currently serves as a Board Member and as Chairman of the Board of Governors. In June of this year, Mr. Nishio was awarded the Order of the Rising Sun (*Kunsho*) award from the Japanese Government in recognition of his work in the Nikkei community and efforts to strengthen relations between Japan and the United States.

Mr. Nishio is also a past President and member of the Board of The California Conference for Equality and Justice, a human relations organization based in Long Beach. He is a founding member and chair of the California Japanese American Community Leadership Council, a statewide coalition that seeks to preserve and protect California's remaining Japantowns.

Mr. Nishio's work for the past five decades addresses Asian American rights and cultural issues that have defined the history and shape the future of the community. Mr. Nishio is founder and co-chair of the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations. Born in the Manzanar internment camp, Mr. Nishio was actively involved in the successful campaign to gain redress for Japanese Americans who were unjustly incarcerated during World War II. Mr. Nishio's other community leadership roles include serving as a Board Member for the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center as well as an Advisory Council Member for Kizuna whose mission is to build a vibrant Nikkei community.

Mr. Nishio formerly served as the Associate Vice President for Student Services at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB). In this capacity, he was responsible for a variety of student service programs at CSULB including student retention and diversity and educational equity. Mr. Nishio also taught in the Department of Asian and Asian American Studies.

Past honors for his work include the 2005 National Conference for Community Justice - Humanitarian Award and the 2011 Kokoro - Local Community Heroes Awards.

Panelist Speaker

Jane H. Yamashiro, Ph.D.

Sociologist and Author

“Redefining Japaneseness: Japanese Americans in the Ancestral Homeland”

Nagano-ken

1995-1998



Jane H. Yamashiro is a sociologist whose comparative and transnational work on race and ethnicity, culture, globalization, migration, diaspora, and identity sits at the intersection of Asian American and Asian Studies. She has previously been based at USC's Center for Japanese Religions and Culture and the UCLA Asian American Studies Center. She holds a B.A. from the University of California at San Diego and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. While conducting research in Japan, Dr. Yamashiro has been funded by the East-West Center and the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship, and has been a visiting researcher at the University of Tokyo and Sophia University. Her academic research has been published in *Ethnic and Racial Studies*; *AAPI Nexus: Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders Policy, Practice and Community*; *Sociology Compass*; *Geoforum*; *CR: The New Centennial Review*; and *Migrations and Identities*. Dr. Yamashiro's book entitled ***Redefining Japaneseness: Japanese Americans in the Ancestral Homeland*** is forthcoming in January 2017 with Rutgers University Press.

As a participant on the JET Programme, Dr. Yamashiro was a CIR from 1995 – 1998 in Iiyama-shi, Nagano, Japan. Working in the Planning Section of the local City Hall, her duties included interpreting, translating, organizing annual international fairs, writing a monthly column for the city newsletter, writing and recording weekly English lessons on the local radio station, and coordinating international aspects of the 1998 Iiyama International Snow Sculpting Art Festival held as part of the Nagano Winter Olympics Festival of Culture and Art.



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Wakayama-ken
2009-2012



US-01 Washington DC



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Shiga-ken
2011-2013



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2012-2014



US-03 New England



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US-02 New York



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2006-2011



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2011-2014



Kyle Munn
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2006-2010



US-04 Southeast



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Tochigi-ken
2011-2013



US-05 Mid-South



Jennifer Hwang
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Shizuoka-ken
2008-2012



US-06 Florida



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2005-2007



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2012-2014



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2005-2007



US-07 Chicago



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Osaka
2012-2014



US-08 Heartland



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1994-1996



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US-09 Texoma



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2000-2003



Zung Do
President

Ehime-ken
2008-2012



Adam Ledyard
Treasurer

Toyama-ken
2005-2007



US-11 Pacific Northwest



Emily Freeman
President

Miyazaki-ken
2004-2006

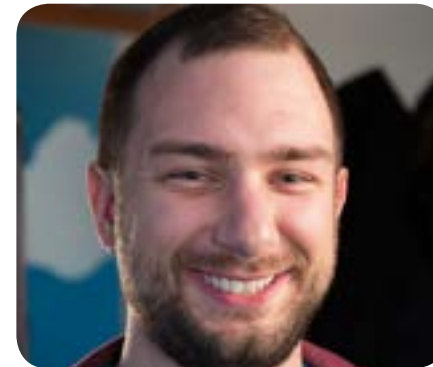


US-10 Rocky Mountain



Erin King
Events Coordinator

Nagano-ken
2006-2011



Michael Richey
President

Shiga-ken
2008-2010



Katie Richey
Treasurer

Shiga-ken
2007-2010



US-12 Portland



Mark Frey
President

Kumamoto-ken
2002-2006



US-13 N. California



Jaclyn Funasaki
Community
Outreach

Fukuoka-ken
2006-2008



John Anbe
President

Fukuoka-ken
2010-2012



Jordan Ozaki
Events Coordinator

Shizuoka-ken
2011-2013



US-15 Hawaii



Stephanie Simpson-White
Co-President

Toyama-ken
2006-2009



US-14 S. California & Arizona



Spencer Wittmeyer
Treasurer

Hyogo-ken
2012-2014



Mari Rueter
Treasurer

Tokushima-ken
2009-2014



US-16 Alaska





Adam Wolf
President

Shiga-ken
2012-2013



US-17 Great Lakes



Jennifer Bahns
Treasurer

Hokkaido-ken
1999-2002



Kurt Adams
Nashville Subchapter

Kagoshima-ken
2006-2009



US-19 Music City



Will Brewer
Treasurer

Nagano-ken
1991-1992



Kate Thersleff
President

Wakayama-ken
2005-2008



US-18 Minnesota



Stefanie Benham
Email Coordinator

Saitama-ken
2009-2013





JETAA CANADA



Greg Joughin
JETAA Canada Country Representative
JETAABC

Ishikawa-ken
1996-1999



[JETAA Canada - BC](#)



Jesse Moore
JETAA Canada - North Alberta
Co-Chair

Chiba-ken
2009-2013



[JETAA Canada -
N. Alberta](#)

Schedule
Thursday, September 29th

2:00 PM	Sony Pictures Studios Tour (check in at 1:45pm)
6:10 PM	Meet in Hotel Lobby to walk to the reception
6:30 PM	JETAA National Conference Welcome Reception, Hosted by USJETAA at "Manna" Korean BBQ - Little Tokyo Galleria
8:00 PM	Nijikai - XLanes (bowling/karaoke/pool) - Little Tokyo Galleria

Schedule
Friday, September 30th

9:00 AM	Welcome remarks from Kelley Rich - Co-President, JETAASC
9:03 AM	Welcome remarks from Consulate General of Japan, Los Angeles
9:06 AM	Welcome remarks from Mr. Shintaro Seto - Education Councilor, Embassy of Japan
9:09 AM	Welcome remarks from Mr. Masahiro Fukukawa - Executive Consultant, CLAIR Tokyo
9:12 AM	Welcome remarks from Mr. Shigeru Fukutomi - Deputy Executive Director, CLAIR NY
9:15 AM	Welcome remarks from Monica Yuki - Country Representative, JETAAUSA
9:20 AM	Chapter & Delegate Introductions with Omiyage
10:00 AM	“Behind the Scenes of the JET Program Office” - <i>Jessica Kling</i> , JET Program Coordinator & Embassy Liaison, Embassy of Japan, Washington DC
10:30 AM	“Finding Your Bright Spots and Making Them Shine” - <i>Kyle Munn</i> , N. Carolina Sub-Chapter, JETAASE
11:30 AM	Chapter Presentations (<i>Heartland, Chicago</i>)
11:40 AM	Lunch Courtesy of CLAIR
12:45 PM	Meet in Hotel Lobby to walk to Japanese American National Museum
1:00 PM	Guided Tour of the Japanese American National Museum
3:00 PM	“Bringing JET Home: Focusing on ROI and Building Bridges” - <i>Mark Frey</i> , JETAANC
4:00 PM	Chapter Presentations (<i>Pacific North West, New York, Hawaii</i>)
4:15 PM	“Planning Ahead: Professional Life After JET” - <i>Kelley Rich</i> , JETAASC
5:00 PM	Instructions for Evening Events
6:00 PM	Welcome Back Reception hosted by the Consulate General of Japan, Los Angeles and 30th Anniversary Kick-Off celebration sponsored by USJETAA and the Sasakawa Peace Foundation at the hotel, Doubletree by Hilton, in the Kyoto Gardens.
8:15 PM	Meet in Hotel Lobby to travel to Cicada Club
8:30 PM	Nijikai Event - Cicada Club

Schedule Saturday, October 1st	
9:00 AM	Overview from Friday Presentations
9:05 AM	“Unexpected Ways JET Helped” - <i>Jason Porath</i> , JET Alumnus, Ibaraki-ken, 2006-2007
9:35 AM	“Update on JET Streams from CLAIR” - <i>Tatsuya Matsumoto</i> , CLAIR New York
9:50 AM	“Everything You Ever Needed to Know About GIA But Were Afraid to Ask and Small-Chapter GIA” - <i>Matthew Gillam</i> - CLAIR New York
10:35 AM	Breakout Sessions: Choose one topic Room 1 “How to Make the Most of Your GIA Budget” <i>Katie Richey</i> , Portland JETAA Eoom 2 “From Crickets to Bees: Building a Robust JETAA Board” - <i>Kyle Munn</i> , North Carolina Sub-Chapter, JETAASE
11:05 AM	“JETAA Canada Update” - <i>Greg Joughin</i> , JETAA Canada Country Representative
11:30 AM	“JET 30th Anniversary Celebration in Tokyo” - <i>Mr. Masahiro Fukukawa</i> , Executive Consultant, CLAIR Tokyo
11:50 AM	10 Min Break
12:00 PM	Guest Panel - “Strengthening Connections Between JET Alumni and the Nikkei Community” Moderator/Panelist: <i>Lily A. Welty Tamai</i> , Ph.D. - Curator at JANM; Lecturer at UCLA Panelist: <i>Alan Nishio</i> - Chairman of the Board of Governors, Little Tokyo Service Center Panelist: <i>Jane H. Yamashiro</i> , Ph.D. - Sociologist; Author of “Redefining Japaneseness”
1:00 PM	Lunch Courtesy of CLAIR
1:45 PM	“JETAA International Update” - <i>Xander Peterson</i> , Country Representative, JETAAUSA
2:00 PM	Chapter Presentations (<i>Washington DC, Rocky Mountain, Great Lakes</i>)
2:15 PM	“USJETAA Initiatives & Opportunities” - <i>Paige Cottingham-Streater</i> , Executive Director, US-Japan Bridging Foundation & <i>Laurel Lukaszewski</i> , Executive Director, USJETAA
3:15 PM	Chapter Presentations (<i>Mid-South, Minnesota, Northern California</i>)
3:30 PM	“Community Involvement: How to Give Back and Get Noticed” - <i>Adam Ledyard</i> , PNWJETAA
4:00 PM	15 min Break
4:15 PM	Breakout Sessions: Choose one topic Room 1: “Community Involvement Breakout: Utilizing the Pot” - <i>Zung Do</i> , PNWJETAA Room 2: “Strengthening Your Chapter: Common Chapter Struggles Including Officer Burnout & Finding New Leaders/Members” - <i>Kate Thersleff & Stefanie Benham</i> , JETAAMN
4:45 PM	Chapter Presentations (<i>Music City, Portland, New England</i>)
5:00 PM	Instructions for Evening Events
6:00 PM	Meet in Hotel Lobby to take transportation to Reception
7:00 PM	Reception hosted by CLAIR at Yamashiro
8:30 PM	Evening Social Event - GeoCache Scavenger Hunt on Hollywood Blvd.

Schedule Sunday, October 2nd	
9:00 AM	GeoCache Scavenger Hunt Results and Slideshow
9:05 AM	Overview from Saturday Presentations
9:30 AM	“JET Program 30th Anniversary Brainstorm” - <i>Laurel Lukaszewski</i> , Executive Director of USJETAA
10:00 AM	Chapter Presentations (<i>Alaska, Southern California, Texoma, Southeast, Florida</i>)
11:20 AM	Regional Breakout for Cross-Chapter Collaboration
11:50 AM	Closing Remarks
12:00 PM	Conference Ends

Evening Events

Thursday, September 29th

Thursday, September 29th Afternoon and Evening Events (Optional/Dress - Casual)

Reminder - Los Angeles gets chilly in the evenings; remember to bring a jacket for our evening events!

For those arriving early on Thursday, JETAASC is hosting a Sony Pictures Studios Tour from 2PM to 4PM at Sony Pictures Entertainment in Los Angeles. **Pre-paid guests only.**

9/29, 2:00PM - 4:00PM (Check-in 1:45PM, luggage stored in back)

Sony Pictures Studios Tour

Sony Pictures Plaza Building Lobby

10000 W. Washington Blvd. Culver City, CA 90232

Contact: Kelley Rich - 310-729-1211

Attire: Casual; please wear walking shoes - photos are okay in some places; video is not.

USJETAA is hosting an optional evening reception at Manna Korean BBQ. Please note that the location is a charcoal-grill restaurant; clothing worn at the Reception will retain a strong scent. **Mandatory RSVP.**

9/29, 6:30PM (Meet in Lobby at 6:10PM to walk to restaurant)

USJETAA Hosted Reception

Manna Korean BBQ - Little Tokyo Galleria

333 Alameda St. #305 Los Angeles, CA, 90013

Contact: Cheryl Hou (C: 206-372-5316)

Cost: None (drinks are individual)

9/29, 8:00PM (will go from USJETAA Reception)

Nijikai at XLANes

XLANes Hollywood - Little Tokyo Galleria

333 Alameda St #300, Los Angeles, CA 90013

Cost: Up to each individual to pay for bowling, karaoke, billiards, video games / food / drink

Meet JETAASC locals

Evening Events

Friday, September 30th

Friday, September 30th Afternoon and Evening Events (Dress: Business)

The Takeo Yuki Charitable Trust will be sponsoring a tour of the historical museum, located adjacent to the hotel.

9/30, 1:00PM - 2:00PM (Meet in lobby at 12:45PM to walk as a group)

Japanese American National Museum Guided Tour (Group Tour)

100 N Central Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attire: Business

Welcome Back Reception hosted by the Consulate General of Japan, Los Angeles and 30th Anniversary Kick-Off celebration sponsored by USJETAA and the Sasakawa Peace Foundation at the hotel, Doubletree by Hilton, in the Kyoto Gardens. **By Invite Only.**

9/30, 6:00PM - 8:00PM (Proceed Directly to Kyoto Gardens)

Welcome Back Reception and 30th Anniversary Kick-Off Dinner

Cost: None

Attire: Business Attire

Following the reception, there will be an optional nijikai at the Cicada Club. This is a pre-paid and RSVP-only event; please visit the website directly to purchase a ticket for the event if you did not reserve a spot and contact Monica Yuki to be added to our group's table reservation. **Reserved Tickets Only.**

9/30, 8:30PM - 10:30PM (Will proceed directly as a group from Reception)

Phil Crosby, Jr.'s Golden Age All-Stars - Cicada Club

617 S Olive St, Los Angeles, CA 90014

Contact: Monica Yuki (C: 310-927-3958)

Attire: Evening/Business or Period Attire (1920s/30s/40s)

Evening Events

Saturday, October 1st

Saturday, October 1st, Evening Events (Dress: Business)

Saturday evening will be hosted by CLAIR New York; we will meet in the lobby at 6PM to share group rides/taxis to the reception site.

10/01, 7:00PM CLAIR New York Reception

Yamashiro - 1999 North Sycamore Avenue, Hollywood CA 90068

Cost: None

Attire: Casual / Going Out / Walking Shoes

Following the reception, there will be an optional nijikai scavenger hunt, utilizing GeoCache!

10/01, 9:00PM GeoCache Scavenger Hunt in Hollywood

Starting Point: Hollywood & Highland - instructions to be handed out at Yamashiro's

Cost: None (souvenirs up to individuals)

Attire: Going Out / Walking Shoes

10/01, Sanjikai: 10:30PM

Afternoon Events

Sunday, October 2nd

Sunday, October 2nd, Afternoon Events (Dress: Casual)

JETAA USA National Conference 2016 in Los Angeles will end at 12PM on Sunday. There are optional events post-conference (ex: Santa Monica Pier and Beach), and we encourage delegates and attendees to participate if there are no conflicts with time.

Please **allow at least one hour** to get to LAX from downtown Los Angeles, slightly less from Santa Monica. There are a total of 8 terminals; please check which terminal your airline will depart from. Please make sure to be there **at least two hours** prior to departure.

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