

# INVITATION PROGRAMME FOR JET ALUMNI TO DISASTER STRICKEN AREAS IN TOHOKU

*This program is jointly organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Japan Tourism Agency.*

## APPLICATION GUIDELINES

### 1. CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

- 1.1. No limitations based on age or gender.
- 1.2. Must have had two or more years of experience as a Coordinator for International Relations (CIR) or an Assistant Language Teacher (ALT) in local governments in Iwate Prefecture, Miyagi Prefecture, Fukushima Prefecture or Sendai City via the JET Program. \*The travel advisory by the US State Department states "Out of an abundance of caution, we continue to recommend that U.S. citizens avoid travel to destinations within the 50-mile evacuation zone of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Plant. U.S. citizens who are still within this zone should evacuate or shelter in place"; therefore, those whose former workplaces are within the 50-mile zone are not eligible for this program.
- 1.3. Must directly contact the school and/ or local government where they were assigned as a JET participant.
- 1.4. Must confirm acceptance (agreement to be hosted) by the contracting organization for which the participant worked as a JET
- 1.5. Must arrange exchange activities with the contracting organization
- 1.6. Must be willing to travel unescorted for the duration of their time in Japan
- 1.7. Must disburse information about their stay in Japan in relation to their impressions as a foreign visitor. This promotional PR should be covered in ways such as published articles, blogging, websites, Facebook, and any other media coverage they can garner.
- 1.8. Must consent to interviews by Japanese and foreign media during their time in Japan.

### 2. VISITATION PERIOD AND PLACE OF STAY

- 2.1. Participants will stay in Japan approximately for one week sometime between July and September.
- 2.2. They will stay in Tokyo for one night upon arrival and departure.
- 2.3. Participants will stay with their former contracting organization for three to four nights during which they will participate in exchange activities.
- 2.4. Exchange activities should include interacting with their former colleagues, students and community members and observing reconstruction progress in the disaster stricken areas.
- 2.5. They will stay in a neighboring tourist site for one night.
- 2.6. Extending the trip beyond the approximate one-week period is not acceptable.

### 3. EXPENSES

- 3.1. Expenses born by the Government of Japan are as follows:
  - 3.1.1. International flight expenses (Y-class flight tickets are paid in kind.)
  - 3.1.2. Travel expenses in Japan:
    - Flight expenses: Normal class flight tickets are paid in kind.
    - Long distance travel expenses in Japan: Normal JR tickets are provided.

- Short distance travel expenses: To be provided separately.
- Hotel/ overnight and meal expenses: Paid in kind, in principle, at the limit of 15,000 yen per day including a stay with two meals and a lunch cost. Lunch costs are paid for actual expenses.
- Regular insurance will be provided

3.1.3. Participants must pay the following expenses:

- Travel expenses in their own country.
- Incidental expenses while in Japan such as phone/ fax costs, room service, laundry service etc.
- Any costs incurred due to an early departure from Japan.

#### 4. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

4.1. Applicants must submit all application documents to the Japanese Embassy or Consulates General located in their own country by July 11, 2011. Application documents will not be returned. Applicants must submit one original and four copies of the following application materials:

4.1.1. [CONFIRMATION OF ACCEPTANCE](#) form, to be completed by the participant's JET Contracting Organization

4.1.2. Curriculum Vitae or resume

4.1.3. Proposed schedule of events during his/her stay

4.1.4. Copy of a document certifying his/her nationality (passport, birth certificates, etc.) Applicant is not required to submit an original copy of this; 4 copies is sufficient

4.1.5. A medical health check may be required for all successful applicants

#### 5. AIRLINE TICKET ARRANGEMENT

5.1. Flight tickets and other travel arrangements will be provided to the participants through travel agencies located in their own country.

#### 6. CANCELLATION OF PARTICIPATION

6.1. Participation in this program may be revoked after selection if:

6.1.1. the application documents of the participant are found to contain false statements

6.1.2. the program organizers determine that the participant has acted in an unsuitable manner

#### 7. COURT JURISDICTION AND GOVERNING LAW

7.1. Tokyo District Court has exclusive jurisdiction for all legal matters regarding the operations of this program. The governing law will be Japanese law.

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**Submit all application materials  
by July 11, 2011 to**

**[the nearest JET Program Office to you](#)**