



Professional Life After JET

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Why do I need to
think about that...
...right... NOW...?

Can't you see I'm
PACKING??





"We're looking for someone with the wisdom of a 50-year-old, the experience of a 40-year-old, the drive of a 30-year-old and the pay scale of a 20-year-old."

The background is a textured, aged parchment-like surface. In the top left corner, there are dark, thin branches of a cherry tree with small pink blossoms. Several pink petals are scattered across the upper half of the page. In the bottom right corner, there is a black ink-style illustration of a traditional Japanese building with a tiled roof and a small entrance.

Planning Ahead...

What can you do
while you are in Japan
to better prepare yourself for
PROFESSIONAL LIFE
after JET?

Learn Japanese!

- ~Don't wait – “Japanese for Busy People” (Kana Version) is a good place to start.
- ~Get a private tutor or join a community group for structure.
- ~Take and PASS one JLPT proficiency level a year, starting THIS December (!).
- ~Take Kanji class with your students. (And while you are at it, take the kids' Cooking class too...)



What color is YOUR parachute?

~If you don't know what you want to do after JET, start proactively researching now.

~Network, attend in-person or online forums, assess your skills & interests...

~Read this book...

~ Write it down!

~ Make it Happen!

Get


inspired!



Prepare your Calling Card

- ~Determine what you need to be “carrying under your arm” when you walk off that plane.
 - ~Long-distance learning; advanced degrees.
 - ~What skills or certifications might you need? Develop these on JET.
- ~Start working on your resume NOW.
 - ~Write out your SOAR Stories:
SITUATION, OBSTACLES, ACTIONS, RESULTS –
...Before you forget!
- ~Make your resume ACCOMPLISHMENTS-oriented .
 - ...Not just a list of “tasks.”
 - ~Quantify, use numbers, give it context.
“I did X, *relative to Y*, resulting in Z.”
- ~Get letters of recommendation, confirm your references.
- ~Put together a Photo Book that illustrates your Professional Story. (But know when NOT to use it...)





Manage your Online Presence

- Create a **PROFESSIONAL VERSION OF YOURSELF ONLINE**; with the intent to be found. e.g. LinkedIn; Website, Blog, be active in industry-specific forums.
- Develop your **PERSONAL BRAND** – what do you want to be known for? Be consistent across platforms. *Fiercely protect it.*
- Make **SOCIAL MEDIA** work for you – follow LinkedIn and Facebook groups that pertain to your career interests. Keep LinkedIn public and Facebook only for your friends.
- Hint. Save helpful articles in **EVERNOTE!**

Be Professional



- Even if you “go native,” make sure the outside world can relate to you.
- Avoid Japanglish, colloquialisms and obscure references to your *sugoi inaka* lives...
- Have a professional email address, not ilovenatto@hotmail.com.
- Carry business cards advertising who you are – and who you aim to be. (*vista.com*)
- Work on updating **LinkedIn** just as hard as you work on updating Facebook...



Networking

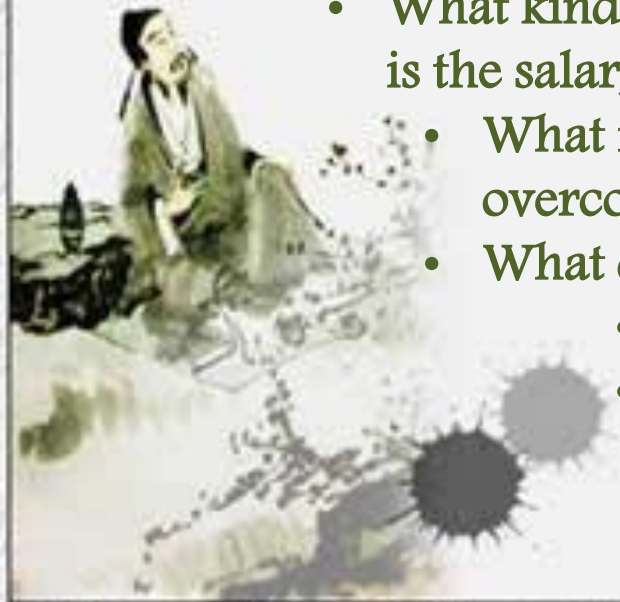
- Get your message out. What are you looking for? I might know someone...
- Gather marketplace information, develop a list of target companies.
 - ~Are they growing? Are you qualified?
Can you live on what they pay?
- Seek advice and ideas – goal is to cultivate a (willing!) “sponsor” or “mentor.”
- Get referrals, make connections, organize your contacts, keep in touch.

JOB-POSTINGS & RECRUITERS

- Start checking job boards to get a feel; set email alerts, keep track of required skills, salaries, locations, industry trends, company reviews. EVERNOTE is a great app for all your digital notes!
- Attend job fairs, webinars, online forums.
- When you will soon be heading home, start contacting recruiters. Check-in every couple of months.
- Seek out INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEWS in person or via Skype / FaceTime or Phone.
- Your goal is, a) to be remembered, b) to get another referral. Reciprocate the favor later in your career.
- “Interview” them too. It’s great practice for real interviews!

EXPECTATION MANAGEMENT

- Working conditions in Japan vs. back home are verrrrrrryyy different.
- What kinds of jobs can you realistically get after having taught English in Japan?
 - ~Hint: You will have done much more than just teaching English in Japan... It's all in how you pitch it – that's why you need S.O.A.R. stories.
- Be aware that on JET you are living tax free; your JET salary goes a lot further than what you are likely to get when you first return.
 - ~Save your money so you can afford to take that step back to get ahead.
 - Do you want to work in a Japan-related field?
 - What kinds of Japan-related jobs are in Los Angeles and what is the salary range?
 - What is “The Rice Paper Ceiling” and how can it be overcome? (Read the book.)
 - What does it really mean to be “fluent?”
 - What opportunities exist in Japan?
 - Where will you be in 2020?



DON'T FORGET TO TRAVEL!!!

**This is your chance to experience things that set you
apart. Build those S.O.A.R. stories!**



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DON'T FORGET TO VOLUNTEER!!!

**Not only is it good for you and the community,
it's great for your resume!**

JOB SITES

Job sites related to JETs:

<http://jetwit.com/wordpress/>

<http://jet-programme.com/jobs-after-jet.htm>

<http://jetaadc.org/wiki/returnee-handbook/the-job-search/>

Job posting sites related to Japan:

TWI: <http://www.twinc.com/jobseekers/service.html> (Japanese/English)

Pasona: <http://www.pasona.com/> (Japanese/English)

TriCom Quest: <http://jobs.tricomquest.com> (Japanese/English)

DCM Creations: <http://www.dcmcreations.com/> (Japanese/English)

Interplace: <http://www.interplace-agency.com/> (Japanese/English)

Advance-Tokyo: <http://advance-tokyo.com/en/> (Japanese/English)

Rod Cramblit Consulting rod@cramblitconsulting.com (Japanese/English)

JOBOT: <https://myjobot.com/> (Japanese/English)

TOP-USA: <http://top-us.com/job-search/> (English/Japanese)

Vivinavi びびなび ロサンゼルス: <http://losangeles.vivinavi.com/JA/cj/> (Japanese only)

General Job Search:

1. Indeed: www.indeed.com

Employers pay per view of their job advertisement. Job seekers can use it for free, and post their resumes. From the employers' side, they are notified of resumes that match their job descriptions automatically. You can also apply directly to the company.

2. Idealist: www.idealists.org

Lists primarily non-profit job opportunities, volunteer opportunities, and is geared towards people dedicated to making positive social, environment, etc. contributions through their career and professional activities.

3. Glassdoor: <http://www.glassdoor.com/index.htm>





Useful Articles

[45 Things You Might Have on Your Resume \(That Need to Be Removed\)](#)

[3 career experts share the keywords that stand out on a cover letter](#)

[The Five Best Questions a Job Candidate Can Ask](#)

[The Resume Summary Statement: When You Need One and How to Do It](#)

[Free Resume Templates: 279 professional resume samples in Word](#)

[Top 10 Qualities of Extremely Successful People](#)

[Unemployed and Looking for Work? Here's How to Avoid Losing Your Mind](#)

[The Digital Representative: Your Online Resume](#)

[3 Myths about online networking in the job search](#)

[Do You Have the Emotional Intelligence Employers Seek?](#)

[Your resume will get more calls if you do this](#)

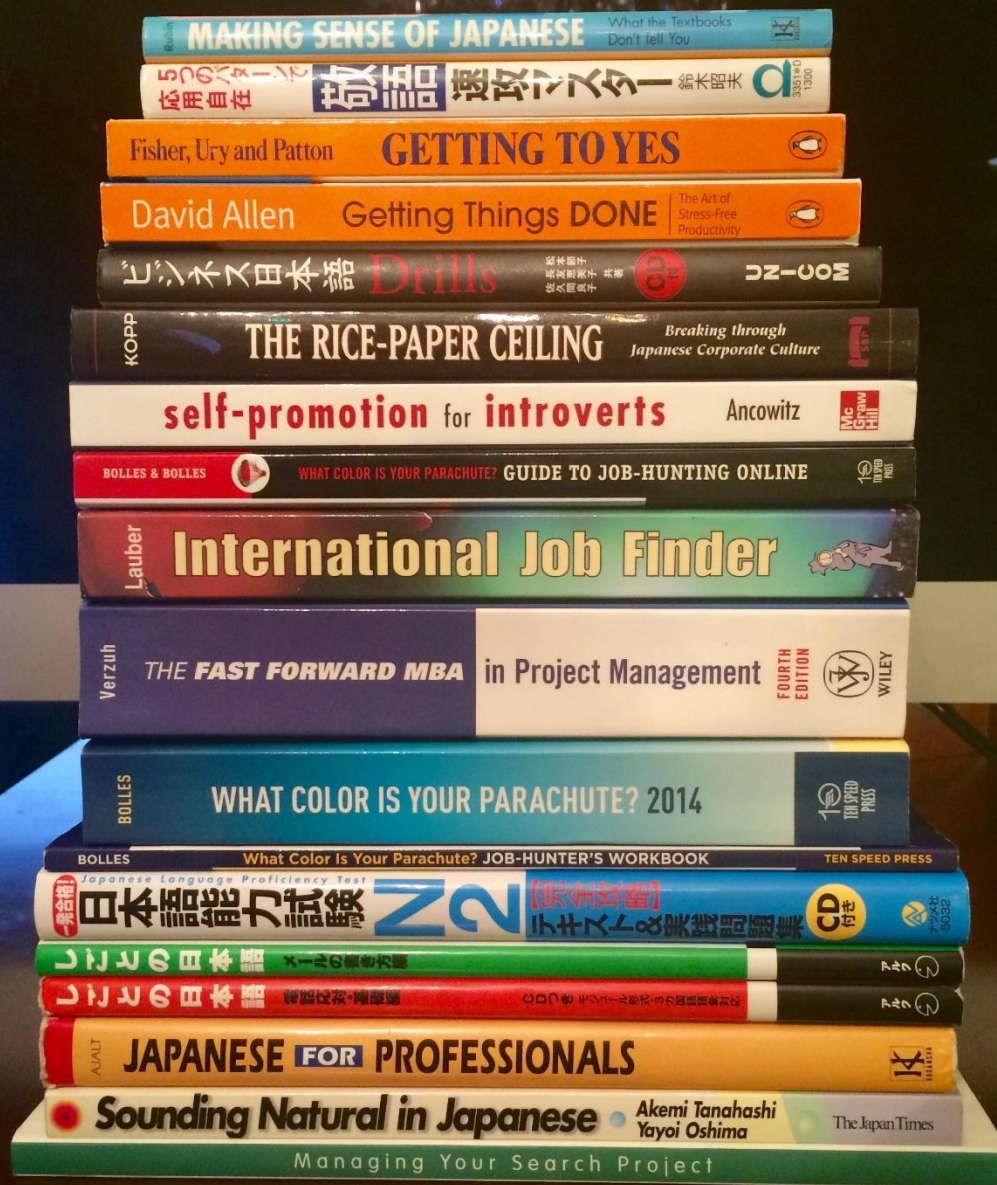
[How To Find An 'In' At Your Dream Company -- Fast](#)

Just Google these...

Job Search Books:

- ***The Rice Paper Ceiling*** – Rochelle Kopp
- ***What Color is Your Parachute*** – Richard N. Bolles
- ***How to Find Your Mission in Life*** - Richard N. Bolles
- ***The Wake Up and Dream Challenge*** - Dr. Barbara Lavi
- ***All Things at Once*** - Mika Brzezinski
- ***The Power of Real Time Social Media Marketing***
- Beverly Macy
- ***Rebounders*** - Rick Newman
- ***Do What You Are*** - Myers-Briggs
- ***The Networking Survival Guide***
- Diane Darling

- ***How Google Works***
- Eric Schmidt & Jonathan Rosenberg
- ***How to Write a Killer LinkedIn Profile...
and 18 Mistakes to Avoid*** - Brenda Bernstein



*What's
on
your
shelf?*





*...Now go finish
packing!*

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