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platform for JETAA USA Country Representative 2012-2013



- Communications Coordinator/Webmaster 2008-present
- National Conference chapter representative 2009
- Regional/Technology Conference chapter representative 2012
- ALT, Saitama Prefecture 2004-2005

My involvement with the New England JETAA chapter began at the first event I attended, a General Meeting in the spring of 2008 when I was appointed interim Webmaster for the remaining six months of the term. For the past 4 years as I have been deeply involved in every aspect of NEJETAA's initiatives as we have pioneered new activities for our alumni, improved our use of information resources, and continued to build our ties with the local Japan-US community such as the Japan Society of Boston and the local Consulate-General of Japan in Boston. As Country Rep I hope to further strengthen the ties between JETAA USA Chapters and MOFA, CLAIR, JETAAI, and AJET while my professional and NEJETAA volunteering experiences demonstrate my qualifications in areas of project management, resource management, and business communications.

JET Achievements:

Beyond my teaching responsibilities as an ALT, I volunteered within the JET community and at schools where I did not directly teach. I organized and set up activities with ten other ALTs for the JET Programme booth at the Saitama International Fair in 2004 and wrote three articles to the Memorandum, Saitama's quarterly JET newsletter. In my last month, I helped my neighboring town's ALT create a video of English conversations for several elementary schools in her area, an idea that began with her school principal's desire to begin English learning early.

NEJETAA Achievements:

- Completely overhauled NEJETAA's website in Spring 2009
- Resurrected Career Workshop series in March 2010 after a ten year hiatus; responsible for JET alumni panel discussion held in the first two workshops
- Currently leading membership database overhaul and update of membership information in Spring 2012
- Represented New England at the National Conference 2009 and Regional/Technology Conference 2012

From 2008-2011, I have also presented information sessions for the JET Orientation in Boston. This is a very crucial opportunity to establishing a relationship with departing JETs so they know we at NEJETAA are a resource available to them when they return as alumni.

CR goals for the year:

- Continue to promote the understanding of JET's long-term impact and value

- Improve communication in pursuit of transparency
- Support the Regional/Tech Conference in 2013
- Support the JETAA USA relief fund and relevant efforts

As my professional strengths lie in researching and surveying, I am particularly interested in supporting the research related to long-term effects of the JET Programme. I hope to include JET alumni activity as a part of such impact. With my support, this effort can continue to expand and the insights can be shared in a meaningful and actionable way.

As Communications Coordinator/Webmaster of NEJETAA, I've continued to push for making our news and events readily accessible to allow our alumni to connect with us in ways most convenient for them. As technologies evolve, so will our ability to reach our audiences more effectively. I'm committed to improving our communications in the spirit of transparency and am experienced with transitioning platforms to lead any additional adjustments or updates.

The 2012 Regional/Tech conference was immensely helpful for NEJETAA, and was the catalyst to upgrading our membership database. For this reason I would like to assist in the planning for the next year's Conference and focus on increasing participation and access to the session's resources.

Finally, I would like to support the relief efforts for the great Tohoku earthquake through the JETAA USA Earthquake Relief Fund. There is still a need for relief assistance even as we commemorate the one year anniversary. I would like to see our contribution be as strong as, if not stronger than, the previous year. I would also like to learn how chapters can continue to publicize this important cause and build greater awareness.