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The Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program

WHAT IS IT?

The Japan Exchange and Teaching Program seeks to enhance mutual understanding between Japan and other countries, including Canada. It is based on intensifying foreign language education in Japan and promoting international exchanges between Japanese youth and JET participants.

THERE ARE TWO POSSIBLE AREAS OF PLACEMENT.

CIR - Co-ordinator for International Relations: Participants are placed in prefectural and municipal government offices in cities and towns. Participants assist with international activities and foreign language instruction.

ALT - Assistant Language Teacher: These participants are engaged in language instruction and placed in publicly run schools or local boards of education.

Remuneration is approximately 3 600 000 yen per annum and is sufficient to cover average expenses for living in Japan. Host institutions will assist the participants in finding accommodations on arrival. In some cases, accommodation is pre-arranged. Host institutions will also provide transportation expenses to and from Japan provided that the applicant successfully fulfils the contract. Transportation expenses between the host institution and Tokyo will also be provided. Pre-departure and post-arrival orientations are also held.

HOW LONG CAN I STAY?

Successful applicants will be assigned to a host institution for a one-year contract (renewable in certain circumstances by mutual consent).

WHO CAN APPLY?

Applicants must:

- be both mentally and physically healthy;
- have the ability to adapt to living and working in a foreign country;
- be a Canadian citizen and hold a valid Canadian passport;
- be under 35 years of age;
- hold at least a bachelor's degree;
- have excellent English pronunciation, rhythm, intonation and voice projection, good English writing skills and grammar usage;
- be interested in Japan;
- not be current or former participants in the JET Program;
- not have declined, without justifiable reason, a position in the JET Program after accepting an appointment as a participant; and
- not have lived in Japan for more than three years within 10 years of application.