

Experience Japan on the..



Have you ever thought about living and working in Japan?

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Map of Japan



I lived on Kyushu island in Saga Prefecture (佐賀県, *Saga-ken*) for 3 years



Saga Prefecture

- is a prefecture in the northwest part of the island of Kyushu, Japan.†
- It touches both the Sea of Japan and the Ariake Sea.
- The western part of the prefecture is a region famous for producing ceramics and porcelain
- The capital is the city of Saga

Things to see/events in Saga



Teaching in Japan

- I taught at several senior high schools and at a special needs school



What is the JET Programme?

- Japan
- Exchange
- Teaching



Brief history

- Established: By the Japanese government.
- **Aim:** To promote international exchanges at a local level.
- **JETs:** Opportunity to serve in local authorities as well as public schools in Japan.



The JET programme in numbers

- Over 62,000 people
- 43 countries
- Since 1987



The JET Programme is...

- A job
- Not a study abroad programme
- Difficult at times
- Adapting to certain differences
- Full immersion in a foreign culture
- Two-way internationalisation
- Likely to change your life



Application Criteria

- have a bachelor's degree or a three-year teaching diploma before leaving for Japan
- Be a citizen of Jamaica
- have a genuine interest in Japan and the Japanese language
- have the ability to adapt to living and working in Japan
- be able to responsibly complete the term of appointment

Additional consideration will be given to applicants who:

- Have language teaching experience or qualifications
- Have general teaching experience or qualifications
- Have a high level of Japanese language ability

Can I apply with an Associate's Degree?

- No
- To be considered eligible for the JET Programme, you must have at least a Bachelor's degree or a three-year teaching diploma from an accredited university/college before the departure date.

Can I apply before graduation?

- Yes. If you will be graduating from an accredited university with a Bachelor's degree by the end of January 2017, you can apply for the JET Programme.
- With your application, you must also provide a status letter from your institution's registrar stating that you are:
 - a currently enrolled student
 - expected to graduate within the required time frame, and
 - the exact date (month and year) your degree is expected to be conferred

What makes a great JET?

- Adaptability
- Outgoing personality
- Sense of humour
- Creativity
- Patience
- Initiative
- Desire to teach
- Desire to learn Japanese language and culture

How many JET applicants does the Embassy accept each year?

- This varies from year to year depending upon how many current JET participants choose to stay or leave Japan.
- Further, it depends on the needs of the contracting organizations.
- The Embassy is given a set number every year, which determines how many new JET participants can be sent to Japan.

When is the application due for the JET Programme?

- The application should become available on the Embassy of Japan in Jamaica's website on September, 2017.

Why become a JET?

- Beautiful Japan
- Four seasons
- Mix of traditional and modern



Why become a JET?

Fun

- School life
- Free time



Why become a JET?

Adventure

- Experience Japan



Why become a JET?

Adventure

- The every day things



Why become a JET?

Learn Japanese

- Going to Japan as a JET Programme participant is an excellent opportunity to learn a wonderful language.
- It takes some hard work, but it's not as difficult as you think!



The JET Programme

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=9&v=uEMYQ6S_SAI

A Day in The Life of an ALT

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlZJ72cxNgg>

Being a JET

The job

- Teaching at Elementary schools, Junior High or Senior High Schools
- After school activities
- English teacher and a Cultural ambassador



Being a JET

The social life

- The JET community
- JET events Social Charity
- Local clubs
- New hobbies



Assistant Language Teacher (ALT)

Responsibilities and duties

- Assist English Language Instruction
- Teach about Jamaican and Western Culture
- Coach students for speech contests
- Assist extra curricular activities



JET work situations

- Approximately 2,000 different contracting organisations (COs).
- Approximately 2,000 different situations

Contracts and Re-contracting

- Participants are employed by their Contracting Organisations NOT by the JET Programme, NOT by the Embassy of Japan
- JET is in principle a one-year programme
- Possibility of extension for a 2nd or 3rd year, up to 5 years.
- Participants are representatives of their Contracting Organisations during their time on JET

Remuneration and Insurance

- Remuneration per annum is approximately 3,360,000 yen in the first year of appointment, 3,600,000 yen in the second year, 3,900,000 yen in the third year, and, in case the contracting organization re-appoints a participant whose work is deemed excellent more than two times, 3,960,000 in both the fourth and fifth year.
- Remuneration will be paid monthly.
- Return flights paid for if contract term is fulfilled
- All participants are covered by:
 - ▣ Health Insurance
 - ▣ Accident Insurance
 - ▣ Pension Insurance
 - ▣ Employment Insurance

Working hours and Holidays

- 35 hours per week, with normally Saturday and Sunday off
- Typically 08:30 to 16:30, from Monday to Friday
- Receive at least 10 days (usually 20) of paid holiday.
- 16 days of paid national holidays per year.

Accommodation

- Arranged by your Contracting Organisation.
- As a JET you are responsible for all living costs but your Contracting Organisation may contribute a subsidy.



Why should you do JET?

- A great job
- Transferable skills
- Experience a different culture
- Discover Japan
- Challenge yourself
- Make international friends
- New opportunities
- New language
- Good for C.V.



Thank you!



For Further information

- Contact the **Cultural Section, Embassy of Japan, NCB Towers, North Tower, 6th Floor, 2 Oxford Road, Kingston 5**
- 929- 3338-9 Ext. 251 or 237
- Mondays to Fridays between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

