

Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago

Japan Information Center's

## **JET Arigato Campaign**



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The Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program is celebrating 30 years of commitment to education and grassroots exchange. In light of this milestone, the Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago's Japan Information Center (JIC)'s **JET Arigato Campaign** will be a means to say thank you for having the opportunity to be immersed in Japanese culture while being employed in the country. Current and former JETs from our 10-state jurisdiction will submit their most memorable cross-cultural exchange images/videos accompanied by stories from the times they spent within Japanese communities. This content will be used on our social media channels during the JET Program application period to catch the interest of and encourage aspiring JETs to apply.

<p><b>Eligible participants</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current JET Program participants and Former JET Program participants who reside in or have spent 4+ years in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Rules</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>JET Arigato Campaign</b> is an opportunity to say thank you to your community. Please send photos/video accompanied by a story of a time you will always remember from JET as a thank you for the grassroots cross-cultural exchange experience. For example, images and a story of you from a time participating in a local festival.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A written message and photos (up to 3)</li> <li>2. A written message and one video</li> <li>3. A short video message                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All messages must be in English. Only ‘thank you’ can be said in Japanese.</li> <li>○ Written messages should be no longer than <b>80 words</b>.</li> <li>○ Video/video messages should be no longer than <b>30 seconds</b>.</li> <li>○ Images must be in JPG format with a resolution of at least 1600 x 1200 pixels and be no larger than 10 MB.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> <li>• Only submit photos/video that you’ve taken and have the right to share. Do not include photos/video of people’s faces if you do not have permission to do so.</li> <li>• All submitted photos/video must have been taken in Japan.</li> <li>• Each entrant may submit only one story with either photos/video.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Prizes</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 favorite stories (one from each state in the consulate’s jurisdiction) will be featured on our Facebook page while multiple entries will be published on Twitter during the JET application period in October. Two or three stories will also be published on the JET Program portion of the consulate website and in our October and November newsletters.</li> <li>• The 10 favorite stories and 10 additional submitters will receive free JET and Japanese gifts from the consulate.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Contest Entry Period</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday, September 15 10:00 AM (CST) to Friday, September 30 2016 (JST) 11:59 PM (CST)</li> <li>• Contest results will be announced in October.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Entry Method</b></p>	<p>Share your stories on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram with <b>#JICChicago #arigatoJET #JET30years #JETprogram</b> <b>**AND**</b> send your stories to <a href="mailto:jic@cg.mofa.go.jp">jic@cg.mofa.go.jp</a>, including the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Your FULL NAME</u> (Please also indicate if you agree that your full name will be published on the consulate’s website, newsletter and social media channels, or if you would prefer using only your first name or initials.)</li> <li>• <u>Your CITY/TOWN and STATE of Origin</u> (This can be where you reside or where you lived for 4+ years. For instance, if you went to college for four years at the University of Chicago you would write Chicago, Illinois.)</li> <li>• <u>Your YEAR and PLACEMENT on the JET Program</u> (e.g. Kanagawa Prefecture, 2012 – 2014)</li> </ul>
<p><b>General Consent</b></p>	<p>By submitting your entry, you give the Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago the right to publish your photos/videos and the information you provided on the consulate’s website, newsletter and social media channels.</p>