

Ambassador Kusaka's Message No.65  
*Bridges connecting Japan and Australia*

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Dear Friends,

On 19<sup>th</sup> July, I hosted a reception at my residence to bid farewell to this year's batch of the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme participants from Canberra. They will embark on their journey in Japan on July 28, and I wished them all the best in their adventures and challenges ahead in what will be no doubt a rewarding chapter of their lives.








The annual farewell reception for the new JET Programme participants is yet another occasion to appreciate the cordial relations between Japan and Australia. It is also a time when I am inspired by meeting with young Australians with full of ambition and potential as well as a desire to positive link between our two countries.



The JET Programme is aimed at promoting grass-roots international exchange between Japan and other nations, inviting young university graduates from around the world to participate in international exchange work and be involved in foreign language education in Japanese local government offices, boards of education, and schools.

It was launched in 1987 with participants from the United States, United Kingdom, New Zealand and Australia in an effort to promote international exchange. Since its initiation, over 65,000 people from 65 countries, including approximately 4,300 Australians have participated making it one of the world's largest and most successful exchange programmes. More information can be found on our Embassy's [website](#).

Taking this opportunity, I would like to share with you an information sheet that introduces exchange programmes and scholarships offered by the Government of Japan.

 <b>Japanese Government Exchange Programmes &amp; Scholarships</b> 	
<p>Japanese government provides various exchange programmes and scholarships to Australian students and graduates interested in studying and working in Japan.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">June 2018 Embassy of Japan in Australia</p>	
 <p><b>Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme</b></p> <p>The JET Programme is aimed at promoting grass-roots international exchange between Japan and other nations, inviting young university graduates from around the world to participate in international exchange work and be involved in foreign language education at Japan's local government offices, boards of education, and schools.</p> <p><b>Positions</b> ALT (Assistant Language Teacher) CIR (Coordinator for International Relations)</p> <p><b>Dates</b> Application deadline: November each year Departure: April or July each year</p> <p><b>Placement</b> Schools and local governments all over Japan</p>  <p><a href="http://www.au.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/education/jet_en.html">http://www.au.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/education/jet_en.html</a></p>	 <p><b>Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Scholarships</b></p> <p>MEXT offers various scholarships to study in Japan. The aim is to foster Japan experts in various fields who will become bridges between Australia and Japan through studying in Japan. They will contribute to the development of both countries and the wider world. All scholarships include tuition fees, return airfares, health insurance and a monthly stipend.</p> <p><b>Categories</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undergraduate (5 years including 1 year Japanese training)</li> <li>• Research (2 years)</li> </ul> <p>Application open: Late April each year Departure: April each year April or October for Research category</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Japanese Studies (1 year)</li> <li>• Teachers Training (1.5 years)</li> </ul> <p>Application open: January each year Departure: September or October each year</p>  <p><a href="http://www.au.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/education/mext_scholarship_en.html">http://www.au.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/education/mext_scholarship_en.html</a></p>
<p><b>JENESYS</b> <span style="background-color: #FFDAB9; padding: 2px;">10 days</span></p> <p><b>Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths</b></p> <p>JENESYS is an exchange programme to invite youths from overseas to Japan with a view towards promoting mutual understanding and friendship with Japanese youths and citizens.</p> <p><b>Dates</b> Application deadline: _____ 2018 Departure: _____ 2018</p> <p><b>Destinations</b> Tokyo and regional cities</p> <p><a href="http://www.au.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/education/jenesys_en.html">http://www.au.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/education/jenesys_en.html</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WORK STUDY SHORT TERM</b></p> <p><b>SWY</b> <span style="background-color: #FFDAB9; padding: 2px;">2 months</span></p> <p><b>Ship for World Youth Leaders program</b></p> <p>Participants from Japan and countries around the world learn and discuss common issues from a global perspective and participate in various activities that involve multi-cultural and multi-national exchange opportunities to cultivate international awareness and leadership.</p> <p><b>Dates</b> Application deadline: End of July 2018 Departure: 15 January 2019</p> <p><b>Destinations</b> Tokyo for pre and post training sessions On-board for 34 days with ports of call in Darwin and Brisbane</p>  <p><a href="http://swy.international/">http://swy.international/</a></p>

I sincerely hope to see more and more “bridges” being built to further strength and enhance the cordial relations between Japan and Australia.

Yours sincerely,

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