



KAKEHASHI Project (United States) Online Alumni Meeting (JET Programme) Follow-up Project (1) Report

1. Program Overview

【Objective and Overview】

This program was conducted to raise expectations among KAKEHASHI Project alumni in the U.S. and Japan about finding employment in Japan and to promote their continued interest in Japan through online presentations on the JET Programme^(Note) by Consulate staff in charge of the JET Programme and KAKEHASHI Project alumni currently participating in the JET Programme. The main objective was to strengthen networking among alumni by having them participate in Q&A sessions and interact with one another.

(Note) JET Programme: The Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme

【Participants】 Total: 28 participants from the U.S. and Japan (FY2015-FY2023 KAKEHASHI Project participants)

(Breakdown)

24 participants from the U.S. (1 high school student, 7 undergraduate students, 16 working youths)

4 participants from Japan (2 high school students, 1 undergraduate student, 1 working youth)

【Location】 Tokyo

【Schedule】

■ Online Alumni Meeting:

Jul. 6 (Sat), 2024

1. Opening Remarks

2. Presentation “Introduction of the JET Programme”

PIC: Mr. Tye Ebel, JET Program Coordinator, Consulate-General of Japan in Nashville, TN

3. Presentations by Alumni Representatives

(1) Mr. Matthew Kevin Menezes, FY2022 KAKEHASHI Project alumnus

(2) Ms. Shelby Irene Bray, FY2016 KAKEHASHI Project alumna

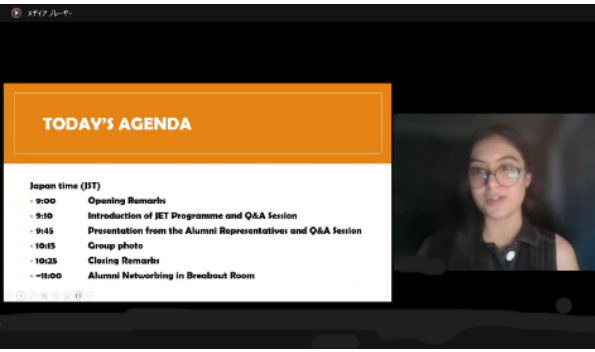
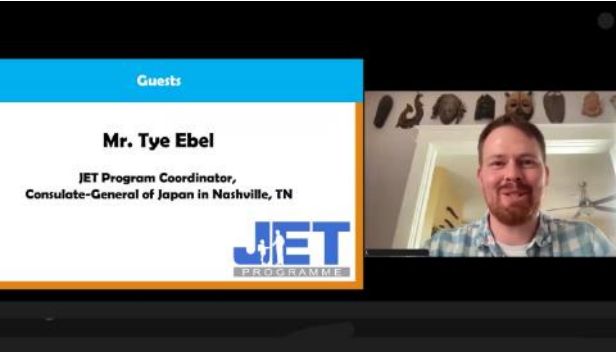
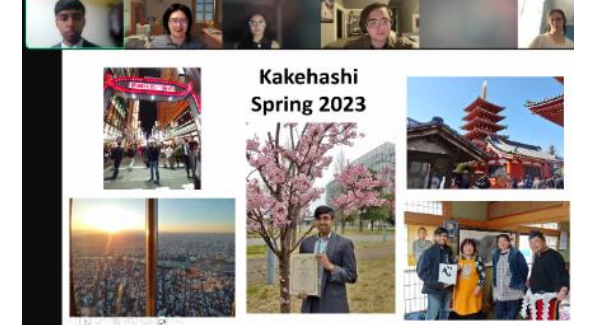
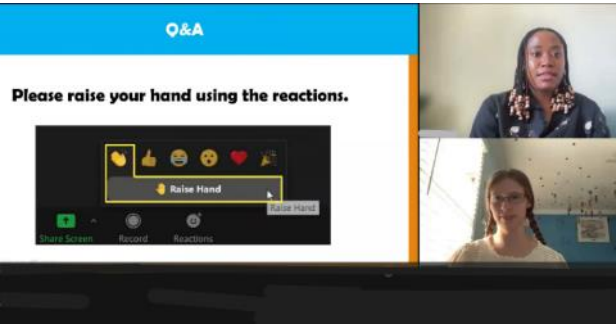
4. Q&A Session

5. Commemorative photo

6. Breakout Room Discussions

7. Closing Remarks

2. Program Photos

	
【Opening Remarks】Moderation conducted by the alumni committee	【Presentation (1)】 Mr. Tye Ebel
	
【Presentation (2)】 Presentations by alumni	【Q&A Session】
	
【Breakout Room Discussions】	【Commemorative Photo】

3. Participants' Inquiries and Interests(excerpt)

- Will I be assigned to only one school?
- When applying, should I include work experience that is not related to teaching language or Japanese?
- I understand that JET does not provide housing. What has your experience been with finding housing?
- Is it possible to bring a spouse or family members to the program?

4. Voices from the Participants (excerpt)

◆ Working Youth (U.S.)

I was truly astonished with the JET alumni program. The program was well paced and organized. More importantly, I received a plethora of information about the JET Programme. Tye, Matt, and Shelby provide critical information about the inner workings of JET. They went beyond and shared information and their thoughts about their lives in the JET Programme. They each gave their own unique individual experiences with JET that kept me engaged, curious, and ready to apply for JET.

◆ Working Youth (U.S.)

Today's program allowed me to gain a deeper understanding of the JET Programme. I really appreciate how the presentation featured the process of entering the JET Programme as well as how it feels to actively be part of it.

I do wish we heard a little more about the aftermath and how people used their experience to take further steps.

◆ Working Youth (U.S.)

It was very, very informational and helpful! I also had a great time meeting and listening to everyone.

5. Voices from the Receiving Parties (excerpt)

◆ Lecturer

I liked that the presentation included several current JETs and one upcoming JET as it allowed the participants to get a broader view of the program. Our breakout room also went well.

Implementation Agency: Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE)