



Farewell Message from Consul-General Kiya Masahiko

Dear 2021 NSW JET Programme participants,

I would like to again **express my heartfelt congratulations** to you for being selected as a part of the 35th cohort of JET participants from Australia. As a result of your diligent work and dedication, each of you were chosen after a rigorous selection process from a pool of hundreds of applicants across Australia. I also commend you for boldly pursuing your well-deserved place on the JET Programme despite the many challenges faced by the coronavirus pandemic.

While circumstances regrettably prevented myself from giving you this farewell in person, I wish to share some advice I have learned through my interactions with JET alumni members and as a Consul-General.

First: Be open to opportunities and enjoy connecting with new people in your local communities. As a friendly and active member of your community, you will enrich the relationship between Australia and Japan and become an irreplaceable link for future cooperation and mutual exchange.

Second: Enjoy a Japanese life. From the very tip of Hokkaido down to the tropical shores of Okinawa, Japan is rich in culture, food and local customs. I hope that you will have many chances to explore the unique destinations on offer and create invaluable experiences.

Third: Enjoy your public representation. During your tenure on the JET Programme, you will act as an ambassador and represent your country, with full support from the Government of Japan. Remember you are carrying the image of Australia with you.

In conclusion, I wish all 2021 NSW JET Programme participants the very best in Japan. Time will go by faster than you think, so be sure to make the most of every opportunity, create new and lasting friendships, with many wonderful memories along the way. **Farewell and 行ってらっしゃい!**

Kiya Masahiko
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