



2015 HAJET Fall Meeting

Obihiro · October 23rd - October 25th

Happy Fall! This year Fall Meeting will be held in the beautiful Tokachi area, specifically Obihiro City. From horse races to giant bowls of pork, there's a real variety of stuff to do (and of course eat). Along with the usual seminars and an update from the HAJET Prefectural Council, look forward to the fantabulous Costume Party and the 4th Annual Pub Quiz! All the information you will ever need to attend this years Fall Meeting is in this packet – so please give it a good look-over!

Schedule

Friday, October 23rd

6:00 pm (onward) - Check-in (For those staying at APA Hotel.)
7:00 - 8:00 pm – Workshop I: “Let’s Internationalize!” (Catrina Caira)
8:00 - 8:30pm – Welcome Kanpai
8:30 - 9:30 pm – PC Meeting

Saturday, October 24th

8:00 - 9:00 am – Breakfast*
9:00 - 10:00 am - General Meeting
10:00 am - 11:00 pm - Workshop II: "Surviving Hokkaido – Winter Edition" (Adam Gentle, Jordan Frazier)
11:00 - 12:00 pm – Workshop III: “HEC and You” (Jeremy Blanco)
12:00 – 1:00 pm - Lunch*
- Free Time -
6:30 - 8:30 pm – Enkai at Tokkuri Izakaya
8:30 – 11:00 pm – 4th Annual Pub Quiz at Harry’s Rod Café

Sunday, October 25th

8:00 - 9:00 am – Breakfast*

** Breakfast and lunch on either day are not provided.*

Accommodation

For those of you who need accommodation, we’ve reserved rooms at the **APA Hotel – Obihiro Ekimae**, which is located right next to Obihiro Station. **Twin** and **triple** rooms will be **4000 yen** per person per night and **single** rooms will be **5000 yen** per person per night. There are a limited number of rooms available so it will be first-come-first-serve. There are a number of other hotels in the area if we do run out of space, and I am happy to help secure your reservation somewhere else.

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Seminars

HEC and You

Do you know about the Hokkaido English Challenge? Do you want to share your amazing experience with others? Come join us to either share your experiences or learn more about how to get involved. The HEC Team will be waiting! ☺

Surviving Hokkaido: Winter Edition

With winter fast approaching, this seminar will focus on getting you, your house and your car ready for the most relentless and unforgiving season in Hokkaido. With three and two years respectively under their belts, Adam Gentle and Jordan Frazier are looking forward to sharing their hard-earned knowledge with anyone worried about staying safe, warm, and happy this winter.

The Planning and Running of International Events: You want me to do what?!

This presentation will look at what kinds of internationalization events JETs run in Hokkaido (e.g. Halloween, Christmas, and Easter parties; English camps; sports tournaments; festival booths; etc.). We will look at how to plan these types of events, some of the challenges you might face, and how to overcome them. Let's internationalize!

SEMINAR LOCATIONS: All seminars will be held in the **Tokachi Plaza**

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Events

As per HAJET tradition, this Fall Meeting will also double as a Costume Party. You can dress up all day, but usually the party starts at the enkai. It is not mandatory! So even if you are not comfortable dressing up, please still come!!

But what, you may be wondering, is this year's **theme**? It is...

Murder on the Obihiro Express

This year's theme is inspired by the murder mystery queen, Agatha Christie. Dress to kill! Anything to do with a murder mystery is fair game – detective, villain, victim, ghost, crime scene tape – anything goes! To spice the night up, we will also be playing **Murder!** (aka Assassin) throughout the enkai and into the nijikai. The last person alive wins a prize (still yet to be determined, but sure to be awesome)!

Enkai

This year's enkai will be held at the **Tokkuri Izakaya** just a few minutes' walk away from Obihiro Station. The restaurant offers a course meal (nomihodai included) with local foods from the Tokachi area for **3500 yen**.

If you have any dietary restrictions, please be sure to note that on the RSVP form and I will make sure you get enough to eat!

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Nijikai

This year the nijikai will be held at Harry's Rod Café. The bar has a flat rate of **2500 yen** for a two hour nomihodai plus snacks. They have over 150 different types of cocktails and drinks, so if you are indecisive, you might want to check out their website beforehand and pick a few favorites! Also be sure to get a group of your friends together and join us for the **4th Annual Pub Quiz!** The Pub Quiz costs **500 yen** to enter, and the winning team splits the pot with HEC (the Hokkaido English Challenge). Please RSVP as space may be limited depending on numbers. (Pub quiz is optional).

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<http://onstyle-ltd.com/harrysrodcafe/>

Sightseeing

From onsen relaxing to horse racing, the Tokachi area has a large variety of sights and activities to offer. Take a minute to read over the options below and indicate your preference on the RSVP form. If nothing here tickles your fancy, check out <http://visit-tokachi.jp/en> for more sights and things to do.

Tokachigawa Onsen

Fall is finally here and there is definitely a chill in the air – what better time to head to an onsen and soak? The Tokachigawa Onsen area has many different onsen options, ranging from 450 to 1000 yen. Gather a group together and head for some relaxation! If you'd like to have some fun before and after your soak, go check out the Fuwa Fuwa Dome at the nearby Ecology Center.

<http://www.tokachigawa.net/index.html>

Cost: Transportation (500 bus one way) + Onsen (450-1000) + Lunch.

Ban'ei Tokachi – Horse Racing

Once in a lifetime chance! But actually – this type of horse racing, where a huge draft horse pulls a massive amount of weight through an obstacle course, is extremely rare to see. Watching the race itself is only 100 yen, but if you are so inclined, you may also choose to put some extra money down on the race! In addition to the race, you can also pet some of the race horses and other animals in the Petting Zoo. Bring your giant sunhats and pomp, and head down to the racetrack. Entrance to the track begins at 1:00, the race begins at 2:40. <http://www.banei-keiba.or.jp/>

Cost: Transportation (200 bus one way), Entrance (100 yen) + Lunch

Iwanai Gorge

Located a 45 minute drive from Obihiro Station, Iwanai Gorge is the local spot for autumn colors. Although we will be a little late for their Autumn Festival, the gorge should still be in its full autumn glory. This site is only accessible by car, so if you are interested in going, but don't have a car, please indicate so on the RSVP form. We will try and find everyone a seat that wants to go.

Cost: Nothing (except gas money for the nice drivers).

Butadon!

If you tell your coworkers you are going to Obihiro, they will most likely recommend that you eat a nice big bowl of pork when you go. Butadon is extremely popular and famous, going so far as to even have its own character and website. Let's get a group together and go taste test the famous pork!

<http://www.butadon.com/>

Cost: Lunch (as much or as little as your wallet allows)

Ikeda Wine Castle

For the lovers of wine! Tokachi is known for sweets, pork bowls, horses, and also wine! The Ikeda Wine Castle is an imposing and seemingly out of place western style building situated around 30 minutes outside of Obihiro city. Either wander the premises on your own, or sign up for a free tour – either way, at the end you can sample some seasonal wines at the end for free! If you've got money to spare, the food here is also said to be excellent, serving high quality beef from Hokkaido.

<http://www.tokachi-wine.com/>

Cost: Transportation (450-1250 one way depending on local or express train) + lunch.

Receipts

For any of those who need receipts for your contracting organizations, please select the appropriate option on the online RSVP form. If you have forgotten to ask for a receipt, or need to make changes to your selection (itemized vs. non-itemized), please feel free to let us know.

Questions

For any questions, concerns or comments, please contact Emily Schuster at vp@hajet.org. Remember that many contracting organizations can help you either with funding to attend the event, or time off to travel. Be sure to talk to your supervisor *as soon as possible* about the meeting, and keep in mind that we have a Japanese Information pack specifically for that purpose. If for some reason your contracting organization did not receive the Japanese information pack, please contact Emily.

RSVP Deadline: Friday, October 16th to vp@hajet.org

For those needing accommodation, please reply by October 9th!