



2018 HAJET Autumn Meeting Obihiro · October 19th-21st

Greetings all. How are you all keeping?

The days are shortening, nights are getting chillier and the leaves are beginning their annual change. Truly autumn has come.

Now that we have the haiku out of the way, get yourselves ready for the HAJET Autumn Meeting! This time we are heading for the lovely city of Obihiro, famous for butadon and jingisukan. I haven't been myself, so we can learn all about Obihiro together ☺

Some famous things around the area are the Banei Racecourse, a very Happy Station (Kofuku station), and a zoo. There are also a few lovely parks and the Iwanai gorge for you to fill up your phone memory with autumn colours.

RSVP Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSmf01QwHQoI5CXgDzd-gIG5CqHdqBYG5ZKbAPj0qio9DhKw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Schedule

Friday, October 19th

6:00 pm (onward) – Check-in (For those staying at APA Hotel <Obihiro Ekimae>)

Saturday, October 20th

8:00 – 9:00 am – Breakfast*

8:30 – 9:25 am – PC Meeting

9:35 – 10:25 am – General Meeting (All Saturday workshops in 第一会議室—2nd floor)

10:35 – 11:25 am – Workshop I: “HEC and You”

11:35 – 12:30 pm – Workshop II: “Senpai-Kohai Preparedness Exchange”

12:30 ~ – Free Time & Sightseeing

6:30 – 8:30 pm – Enkai at 海へ (Umi he)

8:30 – 11:00 pm – Nijikai at Karaoke Manekineko <Obihiro Station>

Sunday, October 21st

8:00 – 9:00 am – Breakfast*

Breakfast provided on Saturday but NOT Sunday for **THOSE STAYING IN APA HOTEL.
Lunch not provided.*

Accommodation

For those looking for comfortable and convenient accommodations, we've reserved a number of rooms at the **APA Hotel <Obihiro Ekimae>**, which is located a 4-minute walk from Obihiro Station. Single rooms are **8,950 yen** per night (17,900 yen total) and twin rooms are **14,150 yen** per night (28,300 yen total). Reserved rooms are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Rooms are very generously-sized, the hotel centrally located, and all guests get a complimentary buffet breakfast!

If you are arranging your own accommodation and need any help, do feel free to get in touch at any time.

APAホテル<帯広駅前>
〒080-0011 北海道帯広市西1条南12丁目8番地
0155-23-5111

Hotel (Google Maps): <https://goo.gl/hfcTkn>

Workshops

HEC and You

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

Senpai-Kohai Preparedness Exchange

Hokkaido is one of the most beautiful and safe areas of Japan. Even in its big cities there is a great feeling of community where everyone helps each other. However, as with anything some precautions should always be taken. From strong winters, temperamental weather, to some more unexpected issues, putting things in order beforehand can help.

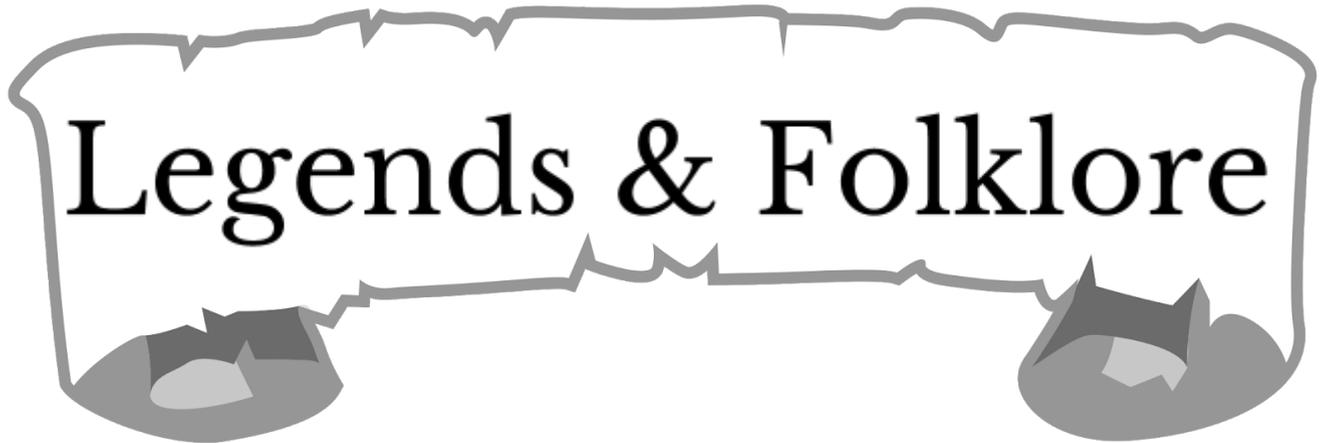
But don't worry, that is where we come in. Our lovely cohort of senpai JETs will be paired up with new JETs to pass along sagely words of wisdom in both panel and free-talk styles.

WORKSHOP LOCATION: **Obihiro Shimin Culture Hall**
帯広市民文化ホール
〒080-0015 帯広市西5条南11丁目48番地2
0155-23-8111

Workshop Location (Google Maps): <https://goo.gl/gpWysK>

Events

As per HAJET tradition, this Autumn Meeting will also double as a costume party! You can dress up all day, but usually the party starts at the enkai. Of course, it is *not* mandatory! So even if you are not comfortable dressing up, please still join us! But what, you may be wondering, is this year's **theme**?



This year's theme is "Legends & Folklore". Every country and culture has stories and folklore passed down from generation to generation, from scary witches that kidnap children, to ancient gods and goddesses, to horsemen with no heads.

Moving away from history though there are modern legends with sports stars, aliens and other things that go bump in the night. The choices are endless and now's your chance to showcase your own unique cultural heritage! (Though please keep it respectful)

And of course this isn't just a fancy dress party. A spectacular prize is up for grabs for the best costume of the evening. So make sure to bring your very best!

Enkai

This year's enkai will be held at the izakaya 海へ (**Umi he**), a quick 6-minute walk from Obihiro Station and a 5-minute walk from the hotel. The restaurant offers a full tabe-nomihodai (if it's on the menu, you can drink/eat it), for **4,500 yen per person**. We'll also have some fun HEC fundraising events for you all to look forward to ☺

海へ is also really lovely and are willing to work with any dietary restrictions, including lactose intolerance, celiac, vegan, vegetarian and more. If you have do have any dietary restrictions please be sure to note that on the RSVP form and I will make sure you are sorted.

魚活鮮とあぶり焼 海へ 帯広中央店
〒080-0011 北海道帯広市西1条南9-17-2 ALTAビル2F
050-3463-4901

Enkai Location (Google Maps): <https://goo.gl/XpoBTF>

Nijikai

Be sure to get a group of your friends together and join us for our Nijikai! This year we're going to treat you all to a traditional Japanese experience that has been passed down for generations. This being the long revered tradition of...late night karaoke! Be it Enka or death metal, pick your poison and blow your voice out (don't worry, you'll have Sunday to recover) with everyone

The nijikai will be held at **Karaoke Manekineko <Obihiro EkiMae>**, a mere 2-minute walk from our enkai location, with a **2,700 yen** karaoke & nomihodai plan (menu includes beer cocktails, sours, brandy, wine, soft drinks, and teas).

Karaoke Manekineko <Obihiro Ekimae> (カラオケまねきねこ <帯広駅前>)
〒050-0074 北海道室蘭市中島町1-17-1 GSビル2F
0143-50-6879

Nijikai Location (Google Maps): <https://goo.gl/iCNdcA>

Sightseeing

Maybe this is your first time to Obihiro, maybe you've been here many times before. You will have some free time on Saturday between the seminars and the enkai, so you're probably wondering what there is to do here.

Below is a link to a google map that we've created for anyone looking for something to do, see, or eat! Please have a look at it! I've tried to put some information in there for you, but you might have to dig a little deeper on some things.

Map: <https://goo.gl/gvx1C7>

We also have options for groups:

Option 1: Banei Racecourse

Go with a group of people to check out the racecourse and maybe even a few races. This type of horse racing is unique to Obihiro so it's something you will only see here! Go to just see the horses or if you're feeling lucky place some bets. There is a museum on the grounds if you are interested in a little of the history behind the horses. You can also visit the horses!

Option 2: Iwanai Gorge

This place is beautiful in the fall and if you're interested in seeing some nature this is the place to go! There is a bridge that stretches across the gorge and offers great views of the area. This place is a little out there but not impossible to get to! Definitely can get to during the free time period.

Other than that, please look at the google map link above to find some other interesting places to visit during your Saturday break!

On Sunday, I know a lot of people are making their way back home but if you are interested in making your way over to Lake Shikaribetsu then let us know! We are going to try and put a group together to go check out this area. There are many things that you can do here depending on your time and wallet. Go canoeing, ziplining, or hiking around this area. Again, the fall colors should look amazing and hopefully we get some good weather to go along with it! Happy Adventuring!!

Receipts

For anyone in need of 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. See Claire, our treasurer, about picking up your receipt when you pay your fees on Saturday!

Questions

For any questions, concerns, or comments, please contact Derek Moore at vp@hajet.org. Remember that while many contracting organizations *may* be able to help you either with funding to attend the event, or time off to travel, it is at their discretion. While it may take some time, we will be sending out a Japanese-language Information Pack to all HAJET members' contracting organizations informing them of this meeting, so please check in with them mid-October to make sure they've received it.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

**RSVP Deadline:
Monday, October 15th**

**RSVP Form:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSmf01QwHQoI5CXgDzd-gIG5CqHdqBYG5ZKbAPj0qio9DhKw/viewform?usp=sf_link**

***For those needing accommodation, please reply by
Monday, October 9th***