

Would you like to teach English in Latrobe's Sister City, Takasago in Japan?

2011/2012 Takasago Assistant Language Teacher (ALT) Program

A unique and exciting opportunity exists for an individual looking for a challenge and adventure to assist with the teaching of English in schools in Takasago Japan for 12 months or more commencing in April 2011.

Latrobe City Council now invites applications from persons interested in entering into a contract with the Takasago City Board of Education to teach English to junior high school students in Japan for a period of 12 months or more. The ALT will assist with classes taught by Japanese teachers of English at junior high schools and participate in kindergartens, elementary schools or other educational facilities with international exchange activities as specified under the terms and conditions of service. All travel, accommodation expenses and wages will be met by the City of Takasago.

Applicants must –

1. Have a strong interest in and willingness to deepen their knowledge about Japan.
2. Be both mentally and physically healthy, and able to adapt to living and office conditions that are different from those of their home country.
3. Be under forty years of age as of 1 April 2011.
4. Have excellent English pronunciation, rhythm, intonation and voice projection skills, in addition to good English writing and grammar skills.
5. Not be a current participant on the JET Program.
6. Not have declined without justifiable reason, a position on the JET Program after accepting an appointment as a participant.
7. Be interested in the Japanese education system, particularly in the advancement of English education in Japan.
8. Have a Bachelor's degree or obtain one by 31 March 2011, or be qualified to teach at elementary schools or junior high schools, or obtain such qualifications by 31 March 2011.
9. Have a qualification as a language teacher or motivation to study about the teaching of English as a foreign language.
10. Be ready to travel to Takasago before 1 April and commence duties in April 2011.
11. Be a resident of the municipality or a past resident of the municipality who is able to demonstrate a link to Latrobe City.
12. Have demonstrated cultural awareness, respect and sensitivity.
13. Have proven ambassadorial qualities and willingness to provide assistance on a voluntary basis with projects related to international exchange activities with Latrobe carried out by Takasago City.
14. Have strong interpersonal skills and independence required to reside in a foreign country for this length of time.
15. Have a strong commitment to honoring all the terms and conditions of their contract.
16. Be willing to undergo a police check.

Applicants should include certified copies of academic transcripts, a detailed statement of why they would like to teach in Japan and the names of one academic referee and two personal referees.

Application forms together with Employment synopsis and Assistant English Teacher in Takasago City – Terms and Conditions of Service can be downloaded via Council's web page at www.latrobe.vic.gov.au or telephone 1300 367 700 to obtain a copy by mail or email.

Applications are to be forwarded to Jie Liu, Latrobe City Council, PO Box 264, Morwell 3840 by no later than 5pm, Thursday 16 December 2010. Enquiries to Jie Liu on 1300 367 700 or jieli@latrobe.vic.gov.au