

Osaka International Club News

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Hello Everyone! My name is Jessica Hogue and I am from the United States; my hometown is San Diego, California. From August 2005 to August 2008, I worked in the International Affairs Office of the Osaka Prefectural Government as a participant in the JET Programme (Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme). During those three years, I worked as a Coordinator for International Relations (CIR); part of my job involved helping to plan Japanese culture events, participating in international exchange events and translating prefectural government documents into English. Overall, it was a very rewarding and memorable experience.

Once my work contract ended, I returned to America and immediately began hunting for a job. After much searching, I was hired by a Japanese corporation located in San Diego. I work in customer service and marketing; I enjoy my job a lot because it enables me to use my Japanese language skills and it is challenging. In my free time, I like to take pictures around San Diego and look for delicious restaurants with friends (Unfortunately, I have yet to find an okonomiyaki restaurant!).

Even though a year has passed since I have returned to America, I still think of Osaka fondly, especially my co-workers at the Prefectural Government office, the Osaka dialect and the region's delicious cuisine. Osaka has become like a second hometown to me, and I would love to visit it again in the near future.



Jessica at Lego Land, California