

## CLAIR Presentation for JETAA USA Conference 2012 in D.C.

### Topic I: Earthquake and tsunami related matters

#### 1. 2011 JET program

- expecting 1,655 new JETs, including 855 from U.S.A.
- many more cancellations compared with previous years

#### 2. CLAIR and JLGC's response to the East Japan Great Earthquake

- ascertain participants' safety through local authorities and direct e-mails
- create Web site to list JETs who have been confirmed safe
- dispatch a counselor to the devastated areas, and also counseled JETs through JET line (telephone and e-mail counseling)
- redeployment of several JETs whose contracting organization cannot continue to keep JET participants
- funding given to local governments for inquiry desks to answer and counsel foreign victims (not only for JETs)

#### 3. 2012 recruitment

- application process will likely be scheduled as the previous year
- need to strengthen the publicity of 2012 JET application
- need to give comprehensive information for potential applicants' questions

## Topic II: Jigyo-shiwake (budget review) related matters

### 1. National government's Jigyo-shiwake conclusion

- review the programs of CLAIR and the contribution by local governments to CLAIR, based on the local governments' policy

### 2. CLAIR reform / budget for FY2011

- a 20% decrease of contributions by local governments since 2009, also contribution from other non-profit organizations were severely decreased in 2011
- resulted in the annual budget cut by JPY 345 million (USD 4.1 million) in 2011 from 2010
- downsizing overseas offices, decreasing expense for programs such as international cooperation by local governments
- maintained substantial JET related budget other than public relations expense, also kept approximately the same amount of GiA as the previous year

### 3. Future perspective of CLAIR budget

- continuous strong pressure to decrease local governments' contribution mainly because of financial strain
- must anticipate further decrease of contributions from local governments in the future, which might result in further downsizing and budget cuts

Topic III:Principal opinions and expectations of local governments regarding JET program and JETAA, acquired by CLAIR

(JET program)

- more involvement of current JETs in the local community activities
- strengthen JETs' teaching ability, Japanese communication ability, adjusting capability to the Japanese culture as well as basic discipline as a teacher in Japan
- wants to reduce JET related expense by local governments
- more flexibility of filling up vacancies which arise before the end of contracting term

(JET alumni)

- maintain contact information of JET Alumni at CLAIR so that local governments can refer to it and contact them when necessary (mainly for the purpose of asking assistance in tourism or local industry export promotion)

## Topic IV: Expectations of JETAA, based on Topics I - III

### 1. Further assistance to the JET program

- help publicity of 2012 JET application by individual members
- ask new returnees to give an account of Japanese local area information after 3.11
- assist at orientation for new JETs, especially by underscoring the importance of involvement in local community activities and the manner as an assistant teacher

### 2. Develop opportunities for cooperation between JETAA and Japanese local governments

- promote member registration of JETAA LinkedIn groups (prefectural groups as well as professional groups, especially in the field of tourism and trading)
- if possible, it's good to have a representative or coordinator for each prefecture group within JETAA USA as a whole
- assist Japanese local governments' promotion of tourism and export of local industry in U.S.
- make the most of Japanese local delegation visits (JLGC will do its best to notify JETAA of potential Japanese local delegation visits)
- keep senior chapter members who might be of great assistance for Japanese local governments

### 3. Assist CLAIR to record JET alumni's disaster relief effort

- JETAA chapter's disaster relief effort (including subchapters)
- stories from the JET alumni who were involved in the relief effort, volunteered, etc. in Japan