



## Nara JETNet 48<sup>th</sup> event “A Warm Winter Around The World”

On Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> 2015, Nara JETNet held its 48<sup>th</sup> event, “A Warm Winter Around the World”.

Nara JETNet has, since its founding in the year 2000, been involved with the deepening of mutual international understanding. The organization committee is comprised of the 4 Coordinators for International Relations working at the Nara Prefectural Office, and the membership is made up of the JET program participants in Nara Prefecture. For this event, 34 members of the JET program along with 45 people from Nara Prefecture came together to participate in international exchange through various games and activities.

The event was held in the annex building of the Kashihara central public hall. We opened the door of the 4<sup>th</sup> floor community room at 9:30 in the morning and we started at 10:00 through the opening ceremony. After an icebreaking activity to know each other, we warmed our bodies and our hearts while dancing and singing winter songs. Then, three JETs from Jamaica, Kentucky and Scotland showed us their different winter customs from all around the World. It was very interesting!

After we ate our lunches all together, it was time to begin the afternoon activities. We divided the room on many corners: sports, tea time, word games, paper planes competition and paper crafts. To enjoy all the activities, it was decided to make 15 minutes turnovers for each corner. At 15:30, we stopped the afternoon activities and started to play the last game of the day: musical chairs! Everybody enjoyed it and had a lot of fun.

At the end, the survey was filled, we held the closing ceremony and the event ended. We had cultural exchange, moved our bodies and played many games. People from different ages enjoyed all the activities and were able to have international exchange with each other. We think this event was a great success.

From the results of the questionnaire, 92% of the participants felt that the event was really good. Amongst the impressions were the following comments:

- « All the JETS are very kind. Adults and kids had fun. »
- « The snow fight was very funny. There were numerous activities and it was a good event. »
- « It was my first time. My children and I had fun! »

We plan to continue to promote grassroots international exchange. Thank you everyone for your input and participation!

