



## Nara JETNet 37<sup>th</sup> Event

### Games Day: Play Childhood Games with JETs

On January 28, 2012, Nara JETNet held its 37<sup>th</sup> event entitled “Games Day: Play Childhood Games with JETs” at Nara City’s Minami Kominkan. Nara JETNet is a committee which plans events to promote cultural exchange and understanding between the members of the JET Programme and citizens of Nara Prefecture. The organizers of JETNet events are the 5 Coordinators of International Relations (CIR) working in the Nara Prefectural Government and the city hall. The members are the rest of the JET Programme participants located throughout Nara Prefecture. This event had 31 citizens and 33 JET Programme participants come together to play childhood games of JETs, and learn about different cultures through a fun true and false quiz on various countries.

The event began at 10:30AM. Participants were divided into 6 teams, and went around to 6 different game booths, 15 mins each, that the JETs set up. Participants had fun experiencing childhood games of JETs such as “What time is it, Mr.Wolf?”, “Twister”, “Yutnori”, and etc. JETs also participated in games, remembering back to their childhoods. Everyone enjoyed playing large group games such as “The Ship is Sinking” and “Limbo”.

After a lunch break at 1PM, everyone joined in on a true and false quiz about different countries. There were questions based on the JETs’ home countries, which the participants solved with the JETs. At 3PM, everyone played “Guess Who”. Using 15 photographs of JETs, each team had to ask questions in English to the other team in order to guess the photograph that the other team has. The participants had a lot of fun playing the game with photographs of JETs that came out to the event.

The event ended well at 4PM. In the surveys, participants commented that the games were a lot of fun, and all the JETs were friendly and nice. Over 75% of the participants gave a great rating on the overall day, marking the event successful. We hope to carry on the success and organize another fun international exchange event for JETs and local citizens.

Thank you all for participating in this event!

