

## Message from the President

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Dear JACET members and supporters,

It is with great honor and excitement that I assume the position of the 8th President of The Japan Association of College English Teachers (JACET).

In 1962, JACET was established in a time of educational reform in order to improve the state of English language education. Those involved were strongly convinced of the need to solve college-level problems related to English language education so as to improve its teaching at all levels of the education system.

Six types of JACET activities are stipulated in Article 5 of the JACET Statutes (*Teikan*). Each activity is described in terms of its objectives, target, scale, publicity and expected results as follows:

- First Activity: Holding a national convention, seminars and other meetings for the presentation of theories of university education and language education as well as reports of practice results
- Second Activity: Publication of journals, bulletins, news and project reports
- Third Activity: Awarding JACET prizes to scholars associated with university education, academic associations and institutions
- Fourth Activity: Research and study of theories and practices of university English education and related language education
- Fifth Activity: Exchange of scholars with affiliate associations
- Sixth Activity: Other activities necessary to accomplish the objectives of this association

JACET consists of the Headquarters and seven chapters: Hokkaido, Tohoku, Kanto, Chubu, Kansai, Chugoku-Shikoku and Kyushu-Okinawa. The Board of Directors (*Rijikai*) includes one president, two vice-presidents, seven chapter presidents, seven chapter-appointed directors, three president-appointed directors and two auditors.

JACET is now officially affiliated with ten associations and institutions: AILA, IATEFL (UK), RELC (Singapore), KATE (South Korea), ETA-ROC (Taiwan), ALAK (South Korea),

MELTA (Malaysia), PKETA (South Korea), CELEA (China), Thai-TESOL (Thailand) and JALT (Japan).

With over 2,700 members who share the common goal of improving English language education in Japan and wherever else this is necessary, JACET continues to progress and grow.

As the new president of this very active academic association, I will strive to do my best during my two-year term and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely yours,

Hajime Terauchi, Ph. D.  
President, JACET