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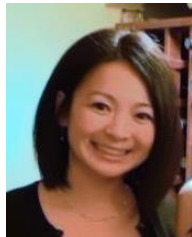
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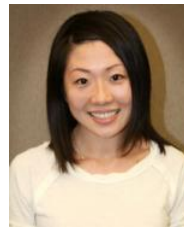
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JaLoGoMa Mascot (Created by 2013 program participant)

Takemasa Aiba

Ota City, Gunma Prefecture

Department:

Planning Dep., Policy Planning Section

Population: 221,234

Budget: \$767M

Number of Staff: 1,554

**Self-Introduction:**

Popular on the internet as “The Untapped Land, Gunma”, I join for the first time from the unorthodox eastern city of Ota.

While we are famous for the “Subarist” (Subaru enthusiasts) and Zero fighter aircraft, I will be bringing the community my energy accumulated from biking to work and participating in triathlons.

I secretly signed up for the city-supported “marriage hunt” program.

A word on my enthusiasm for participating:

“Perhaps you still lack the ability to see from the tax payers’ point of view.” Words pointed out in the interview have been the biggest wake-up call this spring, and I have felt the excitement grow ever since. I envision myself coming out of the program with a dramatic before-after experience.

Keisuke Iwatsu

Kashiwa City, Chiba Pref.

Department:

General Affairs Dep.,

Disaster Prevention & Safety Section

Population: 406,973

Budget: \$1.14B

Number of Staff: 2,600

**Self-Introduction:**

I am currently in my 13th year in the agency, affiliated with the Emergency Prevention and Safety Division after working in the City Council Secretariat and in the Division of the Support for the Elderly. I love soccer – I spend my weekends supporting the Kashiwa Reysols and practicing futsal.

My recent concern is the increase in my uric acid level.

A word on my enthusiasm for participating:

I hope to learn many things here. I am excited to have interactions with all the participants from various communities. I look forward to working with you all.

Hiroshi Eda

Kadoma City, Osaka

Department:

Integrated Policy Dep.,

Civic Collaboration Section,

Population: 127,569

Budget: \$531.1M

Number of Staff: 805

**Self-Introduction:**

Currently in my 8th year in the agency, and 2nd year working for the community. We held a regional sumo tournament last year, with the help of various local organizations to invite the sumo tour. I don’t sumo wrestle since I lack the physical build for it, but I enjoy physical activities in general.

A word on my enthusiasm for participating:

Motivated by the introduction of Kadoma City Principal Ordinance, put in place on January 1st to encourage community development through cooperation, I look forward to discovering how to gather the true needs of citizens through this program. I hope to do my best without obstructing others.

Tomohiro Kakizaki

Akita City, Akita Pref.

Department:

General Affairs Dep., General Affairs Section

Population: 318,186

Budget: \$1.24B

Number of Staff: 2,575

**Self-Introduction:**

Although I am in charge of policy formulation for the Next Administrative Reform Outline, I see my section as “jack of all trades”. I am feeling both excited and anxious, but I hope take home experiences gained from the Weekend School.

A word on my enthusiasm for participating:

Since cheerfulness is my strong point, I’ll do my best to be the icebreaker for the group!

Maki Kurata

Onomichi City, Hiroshima Pref.

Department:

Financial Planning Dep.,

Policy Planning Section

Population: 114,694

Budget: \$582.2M

Number of Staff: 2,235

**Self-Introduction:**

Despite receiving an award for working 25 consecutive years, I have not thought much about community development or policy planning until I was transferred to my current position.

I realized now is the time to learn, so I am in the midst of studying and taking on new challenges.

A word on my enthusiasm for participating:

My goal is to create an environment where the work of all employees, from policy making to community development, is centered about the community, whether or not they are in charge of such work. I am participating with the support of the community and my colleagues. I hope to give back what I learn here.

Taku Kojima

Sakura City, Chiba Pref.

Department:

Asset Management Administration

Population: 175,575

Budget: \$473.4M

Number of Staff: 1,004

**Self-Introduction:**

After college, I spent 2yr. 2mo. in the Urban Development Division of Urban Department and 3yr. 10mo. in the Asset Management Administration for Sakura City. I enjoy travelling throughout Japan, a hobby I got into while a student, and recently expanded my travels to overseas.

A word on my enthusiasm for participating:

Through the Weekend School, I hope to attain the ability to take actions as well as getting a direct feel of working with the community. I would also like to utilize the valuable network built through this program for my future work.

Junya Shimada

Nomi City, Ishikawa Pref.

Department:

Civic Living Dep., Local Promotion Section

Population: 49,684

Budget: \$239.6M

Number of Staff: NA

**Self-Introduction:**

15th year in the government, an appetite of meal for three, only half a man at work, and known for the large physique. I often take photos at city events, part for work and part as hobby.

A word on my enthusiasm for participating:

Stumbling around in the dark, I am currently conducting gatherings of villages and community development group. Through this program, I hope to become a better city employee who can shed light to the citizens and the community.

Kana Tanamachi

Tachiarai Town, Fukuoka Pref.

Department:

Health and Welfare

Population: 15,507

Budget: \$55.7M

Number of Staff: 82

**Self-Introduction:**

I enjoy exercising. My "don't waste time worrying, just work out!" approach helped me lose some weight. My goal is to participate in the Honolulu Marathon. I am in charge of nursing care insurance and elderly welfare related work. I exercise with the elders to promote health and preventive care.

A word on my enthusiasm for participating:

I want to learn more and become a person with broad perspective. I will do my best to absorb as much as I can and give back to the community. I look forward to working with you all.

Riki Deminami

Kuriyama Town, Hokkaido

Department:

Administrative Planning

Population: 12,781

Budget: \$82.97M

Number of Staff: 144

**Self-Introduction:**

My name is Deminami from Kuriyama Town, Hokkaido, the northernmost habitat of the national butterfly Great Purple Emperor. I am 37yr old and in my 15th year working for my hometown. I enjoy skiing, reading history literatures, playing in the river (just like a kid...), etc.
I look forward to working with you all.

A word on my enthusiasm for participating:

I would like to thank the staffs at Tokyo Foundation for the opportunity and community members, colleagues and my family (wife and 2yr son) for their understanding.
I will cherish every minute and encounter from this experience, and do my best to give back to my hometown!

Hiroki Nakao

Sasebo City, Nagasaki Pref.

Department:

Planning Dep., Policy Management Section

Population: 256,384

Budget: \$1.13B

Number of Staff: 1,517

**Self-Introduction:**

The city where I'm from, Sasebo, is a port city surrounded by ocean and mountains.
My character reflects exactly that of the Sasebo people: attracted to novelty brought in from outside ever since the construction of pre-war Naval District, open and frank. Please be nice to me!

A word on my enthusiasm for participating:

I have been thinking about how the life in this city can be nourished, ever since my return home. Through the discoveries and the people I will encounter through the Weekend School, I hope to return with a clearer vision.

Kouki Nagaki

Kita Akita City, Akita Pref.

Department:

Finance Section, Cadastral Survey Office

Population: 35,379

Budget: \$357.5M

Number of Staff: 395

**Self-Introduction:**

I can't say I have the looks, but I have passion and determination. Although I'm sensitive at heart, shy and awkward, I have great love for beauty, sports and sake.

A word on my enthusiasm for participating:

It would be great if this experience becomes a place for me to paint the blueprint I have envisioned, and for me to find confidence and certainty.
It would be even better if my blueprint is rejected and becomes a new starting point. Looking forward to being inspired through this new quest!

Kenji Nakashima

Hamamatsu City, Shizuoka Pref.

Department:

Water and Sewer Dep.,

Water Purification Section

Population: 816,490

Budget: \$5.45B

Number of Staff: 5,634

**Self-Introduction:**

I am in my 6th year working for Hamamatsu City. Having been assigned to just my second division, I still have much to learn (I am inexperienced?). Since I am a technical staff, my work consists mainly of water quality inspection. I enjoy reading and watching films, as well as art (both viewing and painting).

A word on my enthusiasm for participating:

I am often stuck in the chemical laboratory, since the majority of my work is analysis related. I would like to take this wonderful opportunity to learn many things and give it back to my community. I look forward to working with you all.

Kei Hanaoka

Azumino City, Nagano Pref.

Department:

Health Care Dep.,
National Health Insurance and Pension
Population: 98,959
Budget: \$439.6M
Number of Staff: 747

**Self-Introduction:**

In short, I would say I am an earnest person. Even in my day-to-day work, I prioritize working with precision. I am not so quick on the uptake, and instead work with patience.

A word on my enthusiasm for participating:

Although I am still in my 6th year in the government and have much more to learn, I want to take on challenges with no fear. I also look forward to gaining many things from my colleagues from all over Japan in order to grow.

Yoshinori Futamata

Shirai Town, Hokkaido

Department:

Accounting Section,
Contract Property Management
Population: 18,703
Budget: \$99.1M
Number of Staff: NA

**Self-Introduction:**

My expertise is in tourism, which I have been a part of for 11 years. While I have gone through health administration to where I am currently assigned, my responsibility as a government employee has always been to transcend boundaries and "build a proud home".

A word on my enthusiasm for participating:

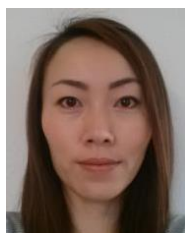
I want to master *Jimoto-gaku* (place-based community studies) in order to build a true community that does not rely on money or materials. In addition, I hope to enhance Japan from the bottom-up by building a network with all the aspired colleagues as well as inspiring myself and giving back to the community.

Miho Maekawa

Ashikaga City, Tochigi Pref.

Department:

Policy Promotion Dep., Public Relations
Population: 150,483
Budget: \$517M
Number of Staff: 1,134

**Self-Introduction:**

Born in Jan, 1979. Every day has been trial and error since my appointment to the new department established this year. I spend my weekend as a P.A. announcer at amateur baseball games. My favorite hobby is golf. I will give it my all for the weekend school by conquering my least (?) favorite activity: waking up early.

A word on my enthusiasm for participating:

I am where I am because of those in the community and at the city office. I hope to give back, even in a small amount, by working patiently and steadily. The weekend school will not come easy... but I will take on the challenge and enjoy the ride. I am grateful for the experience and encounter!

Kazuya Miyagawa

Fukui City, Fukui Pref.

Department:

General Affairs Dep., Personnel Section
Population: 266,836
Budget: \$1.06B
Number of Staff: 2,347

**Self-Introduction:**

I am in charge of planning and practice of employee training in my current department. Prior to that, I resided in departments such as welfare and digitizing information. I enjoy painting and singing in a chorus. An opportunity to draw something during the program would be lovely.

A word on my enthusiasm for participating:

I want to make this 6 months a time to listen to the opinions of others, as well as reflecting on myself and on the city of Fukui.

Fumitoshi Miyasaka

Okaya City, Nagano Pref.

Department:

General Affairs Dep., Minato Branch
Population: 51,547
Budget: \$213.5M
Number of Staff: 531

**Self-Introduction:**

I turn 40 this year. In my 16th year as a city employee, I began wanting to do the things I can only do now to grow, from working in the frontline with the community since my employment at the local branch 4 years ago. I look forward to working with you all this next 6 months.

A word on my enthusiasm for participating:

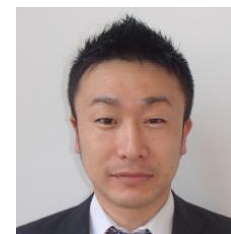
From the smallest city in Nagano prefecture and located by the self-proclaimed center of Japan, Lake Suwa, I am joining with the desire to share the energy of Okaya city. While the time is limited, I hope to expand my outlook through the encounters with you all.

Masatomo Yamakawa

Toyooka City, Hyogo Pref.

Department:

Takeno Branch, Local Promotion
Population: 86,173
Budget: \$487.9M
Number of Staff: 888

**Self-Introduction:**

Implement first. Take action first. With the belief that taking the first step without fearing failure is the most important, I want to take on challenges and continue towards my goal with positive attitude. I enjoy new discoveries and encounters, so I am very much looking forward to participating in this program.

A word on my enthusiasm for participating:

I will make the most of everything I learn through the weekend school, so I can give back to my community. I would love to hear everyone's stories about their community.

Ayano Yamamoto

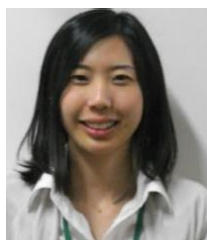
Shunan City, Yamaguchi Pref.

Department:General Planning and Coordination Dep.,
Policy Planning Section

Population: 149,460

Budget: \$644.4M

Number of Staff: 1,397

**Self-Introduction:**

Favorite things: Reading, sleeping, festivals, summer

Least favorite things: Math, winter, hunger

Things I enjoy: I love having conversations with people, so I look forward to meeting everyone from different places!

A word on my enthusiasm for participating:

I want to learn as many lessons as possible through this program and find what I lack as a municipal employee, so I can make the most of it for my community. I will put in my all!

Kimihiro Yoshizumi

Miyakonojo City, Miyazaki Pref.

Department:Agriculture Administration Dep.,
Livestock Farming Section

Population: 170,394

Budget: \$747.4M

Number of Staff: 1,485

**Self-Introduction:**Born 11/16/1973. Age 40. Family of four, wife and two daughters (2nd year in middle school and a 3yr old). I am in charge of dairy farming, horse, and breeding. I saw Caroline Kennedy, Ambassador to Japan, on the day of my interview.**A word on my enthusiasm for participating:**

Third time is a charm: I was accepted to the program with my third attempt. I will show my spirit and do my best.

Junichi Rokurouman

Shunan City, Yamaguchi Pref.

Department:

Local Promotion Dep., Otsu Island Branch

Population: 149,460

Budget: \$644.4M

Number of Staff: 1,383

**Self-Introduction:**I believe in the mindset that creation comes from creativity, and I take actions to bring my visions to reality. I organize my thoughts during a morning jog, polish my shoes and gaze at my feet. I am in my 3rd year working in a remote island. I have a wife, sons of 8 and 4, and a daughter of 1. I am 44 years old.**A word on my enthusiasm for participating:**

While the population of Otsu Island is currently 341, the number is estimated to reduce to 92 by year 2030. Now is the time for the government, community, and each individual to act. I hope to utilize the local community to lay the groundwork for the future, led by the citizens.

