

LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRAINEESHIP IN JAPAN

Interested in Japan? Want to live and work near Tokyo?

The Japan Local Government Centre (CLAIR Sydney) is offering an opportunity to train for 6 months in Japan under the **Local Government Officials Training Program (LGOPT) 2008**.

You are eligible to apply if you are a government employee in any field, and:

- **work for a council or State government** in Australia or New Zealand
- are (in principle) **aged 20-39**
- could secure leave of absence for **6 months from 18 May 2008**
- Japanese language ability is not a requirement for the position although some basic knowledge and a **willingness to learn** will be an advantage

The host council, **Saitama City**, is located approximately 30km north of central Tokyo. It is the 9th largest city in Japan, with a population of **1.18 million people**, and is a major transportation hub in eastern Japan. Saitama has sister city and friendship relationships with six cities overseas and holds international exchange events in a variety of sporting, cultural and educational fields. Go to <http://www.city.saitama.jp/en/index.html> for more information.

Saitama is looking for a trainee to be involved in general administration, with a particular focus on promoting culture and traditional arts, although a professional background in this area is not required. There is some scope to tailor parts of the general training to meet the trainee's individual experience and expertise.

The **host council covers the program costs** (including airfares, housing, monthly allowances and training expenses, etc).

APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2008.

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