



# City of Edmonds Media Release

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## **EDMONDS SISTER CITY COMMISSION SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR ASSISTANT LANGUAGE TEACHER IN JAPAN**

***Experienced Teacher Shall Also Act as Edmonds' Unofficial Ambassador to Hekinan***

**(Edmonds, WA)** - The Edmonds Sister City Commission is accepting applications for a full-time Assistant Language Teacher (ALT) in Hekinan, Japan, for a two-year term starting August 2016. The ALT will supplement the curriculum and lesson plans provided by the Japanese teacher of the class with English speaking practice and skills, as well as class presentations when requested.

The ALT must be an Edmonds, or neighboring city, resident and a certified teacher or able to demonstrate knowledge of the English language. The ALT should be an outgoing person who can interact well with middle school students, is interested in Japanese culture, and is eager to teach American cultural aspects along with English language skills. A Bachelor of Arts degree is required for a Japanese work visa. Background and security checks are also necessary. The ALT should be willing and available to communicate with the Edmonds Sister City Commission contacts during their tenure in Japan. The ALT will become an employee of the Hekinan Board of Education and final hiring will be done by that Board. Yearly salary is approximately \$40,000 with a monthly housing stipend of \$3,500 and travel stipend of approximately \$3,500 for travel to and from Japan at the beginning and end of the 2-year contract.

The City of Edmonds has had a 28-year relationship with its Sister City of Hekinan, Japan. The ongoing presence of an Assistant Language Teacher (ALT) selected by the Edmonds Sister City Commission and hired by the Hekinan Board of Education is a very important element of this relationship. This position assists teachers in the Hekinan middle schools and in many ways is Edmonds' unofficial "ambassador" to Hekinan. It is the mission of the Edmonds Sister City Commission to promote international communication and understanding through exchanges of people, ideas, and culture.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in applying for this very rewarding position, please request an application packet from:

- Edmonds Sister City Commission  
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121 Fifth Avenue N  
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- By phone at 425.771.0247
- By email at [Carolyn.lafave@edmondswa.gov](mailto:Carolyn.lafave@edmondswa.gov)
- Or download from the website at [www.escc.edmondswa.gov/sister-city-commission](http://www.escc.edmondswa.gov/sister-city-commission) and go to **Exchange Programs**

Deadline to apply is June 10, 2016 at 4:30 pm.