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# Life After JET: Stories of Opportunity, Change and Inspiration (What happened to those guys, anyway?)

Presenters / Discussion Panel Members:     

1. **Chris Hollis** of the Hokuei Government Office: Town Planning & Finance Department (Tenured)
2. **Mel Ok** of Ace Honyaku, Ltd. – Professional Translator & Video Game Localizer
3. **Kieran Enright** of the Tottori Prefectural Office: Domestic & International Affairs Division
4. **Raymond Levy** of Tottori Junior College: Intercultural Communication Department
5. **Martin Barnard** of Old Friends Japan

Location: **Tottori University 鳥取大学** (湖山キャンパス)

In Room C (2F) of the Kōhō Center, which is just inside the main gate  
広報センター (2F) C室 (正門を入ってすぐの左側にある建物です)

When: **December 18<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) 12月18日 (日)**

Time: **14:00pm ~ 16:00pm** (Room opens from 13:45) (Please be seated by 13:55)

## Presentation Title: “Life After JET: Stories of Opportunity, Change and Inspiration”

**Abstract:** Whether you've been here in Tottori for one year, or three (or more!), you've noticed that it is one of the most liveable places in Japan. We have fresh air, good food, a (relatively) low cost of living, and some of the nicest people you will ever meet. Have you ever wondered what it would be like to stay here after your time in the JET Programme ends? Or, are you curious to see where those old JETs have ended up? This is your opportunity to hear what it is like to stay here for years (and years, and years...) Please come and join us for an entertaining afternoon. And, if you are thinking of staying, this is a forum where you can ask your questions. There will be a question and answer session during the second half of the event.

## Presenter Bios:

**Christopher Hollis** has taught in Japan for 13 years. MA in TESL from the University of Illinois (USA). Research interests: Second language vocabulary acquisition, extensive reading, bilingualism, diversity & inclusion, and TBLT. Former president of Tottori JALT. Chris was the inspiration behind US comedian Conan O'Brien's visit to Hokuei (“Conan Town”), an event that went viral all over the world, and launched Tottori Prefecture into the “No. 1 Japan Travel Destination” spot in 2019.

**Mel Ok** feels that his love for language and video games helped him pave a career in the games industry. Ace Honyaku, Ltd. has provided high quality localizations for a number of titles you may recognize!

**Kieran Enright** currently works as a Coordinator for International Relations (CIR) for the Tottori prefectural government office. MA in Applied Linguistics. He will give us his thoughts on using your skills / knowledge / experiences to contribute to the community as well as discussing future opportunities in Tottori Prefecture.

**Raymond Levy** is an Assistant Professor at Tottori College. Ray has taught EFL in Japan at the secondary and post-secondary level for over ten years. His research areas include syllabus and curriculum development as well as learner feedback.

**Martin Barnard** taught English on the JET Programme from 2007-2012. After that he started teaching English privately. He says he has had some interesting experiences, but most meaningful for him has been the great students. Martin now works for one of his students as the general manager of a company they started together. He will talk about life in Japan after JET.

(Moderator: **Bettina Begole**, ex-ALT, now professor at Tottori University of Environmental Studies)

Cost: JALT Members: **FREE**. Non-Members: **1000 Yen**. Non-Member ALTs: **500 Yen**. Students: **500 Yen**. JALT 会員は無料。非会員は1000円。非会員ALTは500円。学生割引は500円。

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