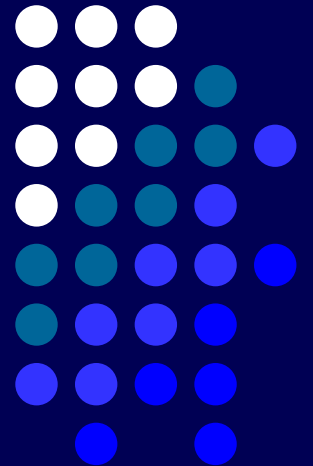
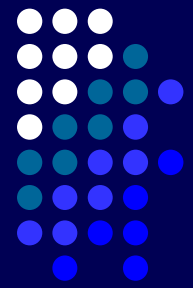


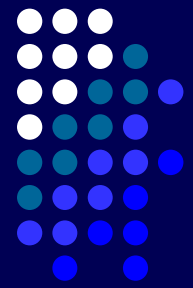
Being a Municipal ALT





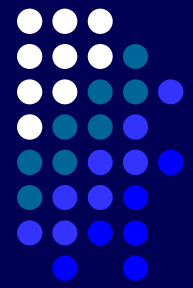
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Moving and Starting Anew

- Bad points:
 - Leaving people and places
 - Hassle of moving
 - Change (working conditions; contract; housing)
 - Possible cost of moving
- Good points:
 - Most won't move far
 - Chance to start afresh
 - New people and places



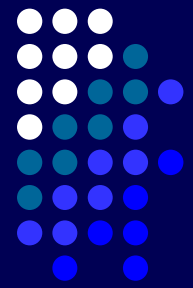
Prefectural vs. Municipal

Prefectural

- Employed by the prefecture
- Standardised terms of employment between ALTs
- No room for negotiation on duties/conditions etc.
- Under the prefectural BoE

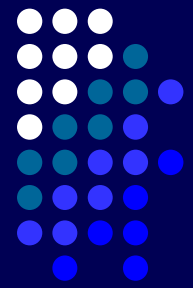
Municipal

- Employed by the municipality
- Varied terms of employment between ALTs
- Possible room for negotiation
- Associated with International Affairs Division



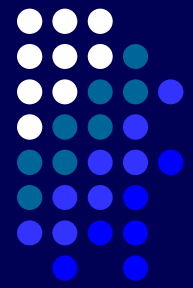
Common Municipal ALT Duties

- Junior High Base School
- Elementary School Visits
- Adult Classes (possible evening/split shift)
- Office Time at the BoE
- Town Festivals/Events
- International Exchanges e.g. sister city etc.



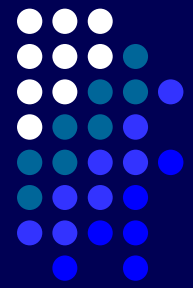
Elementary School Visits

- A different experience
- Superstar status
- No 'shyness'
- Fun, active lessons; lots of games; variety
- Chance to create an English curriculum/course
- Good Japanese practice
- Can be tiring
- Communication difficulties (no 'JTE')



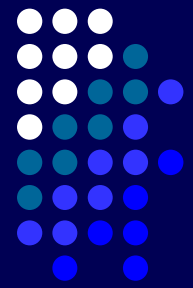
Community Involvement

- You work for the town. They might be proud to think of you as “their ALT”
- You might be famous
- High involvement in events and festivals
- Possible evening classes
- Lots of invitations for different things
- Responsibility



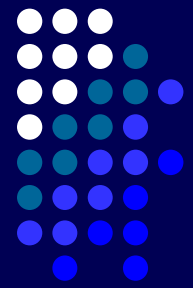
'Common' Municipal Problems (depending on the situation)

- Language Barrier
- Cultural Distance
- Departures from 'the norm'
- No relation to the prefecture
- Travel distance to visit schools
- Privacy
- Isolation
- Administrative problems; *Gappei*



What if I have problems?

- Acceptance is the first step – problems happen, anywhere
- Is it actually a problem?
- Always best if you can deal with it yourself
- Explanation; Negotiation; Alternatives; Compromise
- Colleagues/Friends/JTEs
- Speak to the CIR Prefectural Advisor at the International Affairs Division



'Common' Municipal Perks (depending on the situation)

- Cheap Housing (possibly)
- Summer Leave (possibly)
- No Kencho
- Learn More Japanese
- Community Involvement
- Variety
- Freedom

Questions?

Speak to your PA

