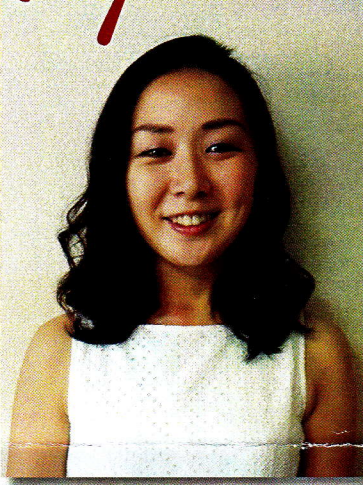


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Megumi Homma
JOI Coordinator

My name is Megumi Homma but I prefer to be called Meg. I am a Japanese Outreach Initiative (JOI) coordinator at the West Virginia Department of Education. I was born and raised in Yokohama, a city in the Kanagawa prefecture of Japan. I have a BA in International Studies from Meiji

Gakuin University in Yokohama and studied Anthropology at the University of California San Diego for a year as an exchange student. Before becoming a JOI coordinator, I worked for a travel agency in Shinjuku, Tokyo. I arrived in WV for the first time in August 2015. I like yoga, traveling, and cooking, and I am excited to try the outdoor activities that West Virginia offers.

My goal as a JOI Coordinator is to share the Japanese language and culture by giving presentations throughout WV. I am very familiar with the topics listed below and I am willing to research another topic of interest to your organization.

If you have any particular requests or would like to schedule a presentation/demonstration, please contact

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For K-12/University

- Japanese Songs
- Reading Japanese Stories in Japanese and English
- School life
- Origami
- Japanese dance
- Japanese dialects
- Holidays and celebrations
- Seasonal and regional festivals
- Manga, anime, and popular culture
- Calligraphy

Business Community

- Business etiquette and manners
- Conversational/Business phrases
- Japanese Holidays

Local Community/ Civic Organization

- Holidays and celebrations
- Seasonal and regional festivals
- Manga, anime, and popular culture
- Calligraphy
- Kimono/Yukata (Japanese traditional wear)
- Cooking

I am excited to share the Japanese language and culture with as many people in West Virginia as possible!



The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership and the Laurasian Institution designated the **Japan Outreach Initiative (JOI)** to help Americans learn more about Japanese people, history, culture, language and commerce.

The JOI Coordinator for West Virginia is sponsored through a partnership between the West Virginia Department of Education, the Education Alliance, WV Higher Education Policy Commission and the West Virginia Development Office. Megumi Homma is here to promote interest in and the study of Japan. Through her work, she will enhance the communities' understanding of Japan by offering many educational activities for West Virginia.

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Through this effort, the program hopes to further develop cultural and economic exchanges that will enhance the great state of West Virginia.



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