



## Being a Minority in Japan: JETs of African Descent

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### Resources for JETs of African Descent

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#### Staying Connected

##### Facebook Groups

- **JETs of African Descent** (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/JETsAD>)  
This group is open to all and focuses on topics related to JETs of African Descent (JETs AD). They aim to provide useful information and share resources on hard-to-find hair and beauty products, foreign foods, events, ways to stay connected, and other topics relevant to our demographic.
- **Caribbean JETs** (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/CaribbeanJETS>)  
Connect with past, present, and future JET Program participants from the Caribbean and of Caribbean roots and ancestry.
- **Africa in Japan** (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/9113625830>)  
This is a group that shares resource and information on anything and everything from African festivals and restaurants to embassy related events and everything in between in Japan.

##### Forums

- <http://www.ithinkimlost.com/> \*A forum that connect prospective, current, and past JETs
- <http://www.jetprogramme.org/forums/> \* The official JET Programme forum

#### Educational Resources

- **TeacherVision**  
[www.teachervision.fen.com/black-history-month/teacher-resources/6602.html](http://www.teachervision.fen.com/black-history-month/teacher-resources/6602.html)  
Provides Black history lesson plans you can use: Educational Videos, Literature, Biographies, Quizzes, etc...

#### Cosmetics and Personal Care

##### Hair & Skin (wigs/weaves, shampoo, etc...)

\*These websites provide international shipping to Japan. Extra shipping fee may apply.

- [www.ebonyline.com](http://www.ebonyline.com)
- [www.hairsisters.com](http://www.hairsisters.com)
- [www.oyinhandmade.com](http://www.oyinhandmade.com)

## **Natural Hair Care Advice**

- [www.nappturality.com](http://www.nappturality.com)
- [www.curlynikki.com](http://www.curlynikki.com)
- [www.naturalhairrules.com](http://www.naturalhairrules.com)

## **Other Services**

- <http://enjoyingjapan.com/maps/geo/bases/index.htm>

If you know someone working at any of the many military bases in Japan, you can probably get your hair cut/done and shop for foreign goods.

## **News, Blogs, and Online Magazines**

### **News**

- [www.blacktokyo.com](http://www.blacktokyo.com) \*A website dedicated in reporting news about Blacks and Black culture in Japan and their stories.
- [www.japantoday.com](http://www.japantoday.com) \*Japan's new & current events in English

### **Blogs**

- <http://whoa-im-in-japan.com> \*A blog about a black woman's life in Japan. Her posts *Blacks in Japan* are intriguing and insightful.
- <http://sistaintokyo.blogspot.com> \*Another blog about a black woman's experience in Japan (a bit outdated but still got a lot of useful advice).
- <http://gaijinchronicles.com> \*Has an old collections of stories from past JET's experience in Japan
- <http://www.locoinyokohama.com/> \*A website created by a black teacher/author in Japan who dedicate his time exploring the relationship of race in Japanese society and media
- <http://japanblogdirectory.com> \*This site has a directory of blogs all relating to Japan

### **Online Magazines**

- [www.kansaiscene.com](http://www.kansaiscene.com) \*Online magazine providing the latest in Kansai news such as fashion styles, public events, festivals, etc...
- [www.fukuoka-now.com](http://www.fukuoka-now.com) \*Online magazine providing area guides, and news on events, food, drink, and shopping in Fukuoka.
- <http://blackexpat.com/new/> \* An online magazine and blog site dedicated to connecting black expats from around the world.
- <http://www.tokyojournal.com> \*An online magazine that provide an array of topics and articles encompassing travel, the arts, entertainment, fashion, etc...

\*\* Please feel free to share this list of resources with fellow JETs /expats of African descent. If there is any resource that you would like me to add to this list, please feel free to email me at [spence1400@gmail.com](mailto:spence1400@gmail.com). \*\*