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The 14th BJT Business Japanese Proficiency Test
(former JETRO Business Japanese Proficiency Test)

We are pleased to inform you that the above examination (renamed in January 2006) that will take place on **Sunday, 19 November 2006** in Sheffield (min. 10 applicants), London and worldwide.

Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO) is an incorporated administrative agency that was established in 1958 to promote trade and investment, regional development research and to support activities that stimulate international business and a well-balanced relationship between Japan and other countries.

The JETRO Business Japanese Proficiency Test (JETRO test) has been renamed in January 2006 as the “BJT Business Japanese Proficiency Test”. It is our hope that the test, now BJT, will continue to gain international recognition – among companies and students of Japanese around the world as a standard test for evaluating business Japanese proficiency. It is designed to objectively measure and evaluate one’s Japanese communication skills in business situations, targeting non-native speakers engaged primarily in business. The name change will not affect the method and content of the test, nor will it have any affect on the validity of official test results (and certificates) issued for past administrations of the (formerly named) JETRO Business Japanese Proficiency Test.

The test consists of two parts, **JLRT (Japanese Listening & Reading Comprehension Test)** and **JOCT (Japanese Oral Communication Test)**. There is one exam paper for the people in all levels of the language skills and those who take the JLRT are informed of their scores while test takers who qualify for the JOCT are provided with official certificates and the JOCT will be held later in Tokyo, Japan.

The test is supported by Japan’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Agency for Cultural Affairs and Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, and leading business and academic organisations as well as the Japan Foundation and the Japan Educational Exchange and Services (JEES), and the National Language Research Institute, etc.

Application will be open **Monday, 1 May** and close **Wednesday, 4 October 2006** and applicants should contact **Carol Swift** for an application form at **EABS/ELTC, The University of Sheffield**, 283 Glossop Road, Sheffield S10 2HB (Tel: 0114 222 8060 Fax: 0114 222 8078 Email: eabs@Sheffield.ac.uk).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

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