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**Executive News**

* In July 2010, AJTA members were informed that they were accepted for the Japan Foundation Resource Grant. The AJTA received $1800 to purchase new resources for our library. Members are now searching for items to order.
* AJTA members are currently organizing a “Explore Japan” event that will be held at IISLE on October 26th, 2010. Grade 10 Japanese classes from around the province will attend this event. The event will include presentations by members from the Edmonton Japanese Community Association.
* A new Japanese REX teacher arrived in August, 2010. His name is Narumichi Abe and he is teaching at St. Tomas Aquinas High School in Spruce Grove. He will be here for a one year term.
* There will be three presentations for Japanese teachers at the SLIC Second Languages Conference in October, 2010. We are currently looking into an application for a grant with the Japan Foundation that will allow us to secure funds for a speaker at the 2011 SLIC conference. This is a work in progress. The application will be sent out at the beginning of 2011.
* AJTA members are continuing reviewing the Spanish resource lending agreement for IISLE as a template for the AJTA resource library that is now housed at IISLE. Once all members have had the opportunity to look over the document, changes will be made and the lending agreement will be sent back to IISLE for final approval.

**PD and other Events**

* Members will be meeting at the end of October, 2010 (location TBA). Items on the agenda for this day will be:

- IISLE/AJTA resource lending agreement

- Abe Sensei Introduction

- Japan Foundation grant (resource selection)

- exchange trip discussion

* There will be an on-line course for Teaching Japanese as a Foreign Language (TJFL) for the Beginner-Level offered from October 2010-March 2011. This course is organized by the Japan Foundation, Toronto and York University.