# Hajimemashite! Getting Comfortable with Self Introductions

### Formal self introduction

Ohayou gozaimasu/kon'nichiwa! Hajimemashite.

Watashi wa (full name) desu.

Watashi wa (country) no (city/state) kara kimashita. (City/state) wa (country) no (kita/minami/ nishi/higashi/manaka) no hou ni arimasu.

(City/state/country) wa, (famous thing, person, or food, etc.) ga yuumei desu.

Douzo yoroshiku onegaishimasu!

#### English:

Good morning/good afternoon.

Nice to meet you.

My name is (full name).

I am from (city/state) in (country). (City/state) is in the North/South/West/East/middle) of (country). (City/state/country) is famous for (thing).

# Community

Doko kara kimashita?

Where are you from?

Doko no sensei desu ka?/ Doko no gakkou de oshiete imasu ka?

Which schools do you teach at?

## <u>In-class self introductions</u>

- Power point works wonders.
- Use as many pictures as you can.
   Embarrassing or funny pictures help to break the ice.
- Include activities you enjoy, languages you speak, countries you've travelled to, your favourite things, and your family.
- If you have a talent, feel free to demonstrate. Bring your guitar or do a card trick.
- Prepare an activity. This could be true/false, bingo, fruits basket, etc, and will depend on the ages of students.
- Make your presentation fun and simple. Regardless of your Japanese ability, you may be asked to do your introduction in English.
- Time your self introduction. Make it adaptable. You may need it to be longer, or more difficult for some schools or classes.

For more information on introductions: <a href="http://sites.google.com/site/jetselfintros">http://sites.google.com/site/jetselfintros</a>

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