

What to Expect After Arriving in Japan

- AETs are requested to arrive at Narita International Airport on the second Thursday in April and stay overnight in a local Narita Hotel. There are many very inexpensive hotels nearby.
- Mito has requested that everyone stay at the same hotel. On the next day Friday at noontime a special chartered bus will come to your hotel and take you directly to Souken where you will be collected by their mentors/buddies.
- Individually, you are paired up with your assigned "buddy" (sempai AET) and will go with you by carpool the additional 20-30 minutes to our apartments in Mito City.
- That night, your buddy will show you amenities nearby your apartment, like the coin-laundry, the grocery store, convenience store, etc. They also had been the one to prepare your apartment for you. They will explain its features.
- The weekend you will spend with your buddy and a couple other new AETs grocery shopping, appliance shopping and just taking in our new surroundings. Your buddies will also show you how to get to Mito Educational Research Center so that you could walk/bicycle ride there by yourself the following week for training.
- "Buddies" will be announced to new AETs by email, prior to their coming to Japan.
- They have tremendous support for this program. No one is left hanging or lost during the transition.