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TJF's New Website Top Page

<http://www.tjf.or.jp/>

Reopening with a whole new look, TJF's new top page is easier to grasp at a glance. The redesign incorporates a number of features that make it simpler and faster to get to the information you want to find.

- The top page has new "Information" and "TJF Toplines" corners. The Information corner presents a list of all new topics at a glance. The TJF Toplines introduces the freshest topics TJF especially wants to call to your attention.
- The main content featured on the site can be readily accessed under four main topics: Japanese Language/Japan, Chinese Language/China, Korean Language, and Student Exchange and the different topics under each of these areas is presented in a simple table. Japanese language teachers will be most interested in the Japanese Language/Japan and Student Exchange sections, but we hope you will check the other parts of the site as well.
- Users who already know which TJF program they want to access will find the column of icons listed on the right side of the top page the short-cut to that part of the site.



Access Free Photographs!

Approximately 3,000 photographs about Japan can be found in TJF Photo Data Bank, Japan. Most of the photographs are real life images photographed by Japanese high school students about their own lives. They are available free of charge and may be used freely if for educational purposes.

The photographs can be selected from 16 thematic categories and can be found by searching with keywords. For example, "autumn" evokes for Japanese images like *minori no aki* ("season of harvest"), *undo no aki* ("field day season"), and *dokusho no aki* ("season for reading"). You can find images relating to such topics for use in your classes.

- For example, a search for "reading" takes you to:



Left: She just loves books. Right: Studying at the library.

- And you can click freely back and forth between the English and Japanese pages. The Japanese and English captions may not be exactly the same; it can be interesting and instructive to read both.

- Now, search for "sports day" and you'll come to:



Left: A relay race at the school athletic festival. Right: Tug-of-war is one of the customary events on Sports Day (high school).

http://www.tjf.or.jp/photodatabank_j/

- ◆ Related lesson plan: "What X Means to Us"

http://www.tjf.or.jp/takarabako/PDF/TB05_LP.pdf

- Or, search for "harvest" and you'll come to:



Left: A field of rice. Right: She plays happily among the stalks.

- ◆ Related lesson plan: "Rice" from Japanese Culture and Daily Life

<http://www.tjf.or.jp/eng/content/japaneseculture/01rice.htm>

<http://www.tjf.or.jp/eng/content/japaneseculture/01rice2.htm>

- ◆ The lesson plans using photographs from the TJF Photo Data Bank can also be found by looking at the back issues of *Takarabako*.

TJF Photo Data Bank: Japanese Classes Using Photographs from the TJF Photo Data Bank

http://www.tjf.or.jp/takarabako/PDF/TB05_SOZAI.pdf

http://www.tjf.or.jp/takarabako/PDF/TB05_LP.pdf

Help Us Enrich the Data Bank!

If you have any suggestions for themes or scenes you would like to see added to the TJF Photo Data Bank, please contact us at the address below. Please be as specific as possible in making your request. forum@tjf.or.jp