



DEMOCRATS ABROAD JAPAN PRECINCT CAPTAIN INFORMATION SHEET

What is a precinct?

Back home, a precinct is the smallest political unit within a county. Election judges are appointed for each precinct, and voting takes place at precinct polling stations. Here in Japan, precincts are established by DAJ leadership and may range from the size of a city down to the size of a train-station district or neighborhood. Because the population density of American voters is significantly less in Japan than in the US, precincts will tend to be larger here.

What is a Precinct Captain?

In short, a Precinct Captain is a grass roots organizer. They are the main liaisons and relationship builders between DAJ and the voters in their precincts.

What are the duties and expectations?

- Stay up to date on DAJ events and issues important to the Democratic Party
- Build relationships with existing DAJ members within the precinct
- Identify and recruit potential new members within the precinct
- Assist DAJ leadership with GOTV and membership certification efforts
- Host a meeting or an event at least once every 6 months
- Report your activities, contacts, and new members recruited to DAJ leadership once every 6 months

How much time will it take?

Over the course of 6 months, DAJ would like its Precinct Captains to dedicate at least 8 to 10 hours to their duties. That averages out to about 1.5 hours per month.

How do I become a Precinct Captain?

First, you must be a member of Democrats Abroad Japan. To join, go to <http://www.votefromabroad.org>. All Precinct Captains are appointed by the DAJ Chair. If you would like to become a Precinct Captain, contact your any of your DAJ officers or your Member-at-Large.

Questions? Contact Mike Stensrud, Chair (chair-jp@democratsabroad.org) or Tom Schmid, Secretary (jp-secretary@democratsabroad.org)