## Music Therapy in Japan
**(November 2016)**

### National Association
Japanese Music Therapy Association (JMTA)
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Web: http://www.jmta.jp

### Founding Year of Professional Organization
2001

### Professional Publications
*Japanese Journal of Music Therapy*

### Supporting Regions or Provinces
All regions of Japan, divided into 9 regional chapters:
- Hokkaido
- Tohoku
- Hokuriku-Shinetsu
- Kanto
- Tokai
- Kinki
- Chugoku
- Shikoku
- Kyushu-Okinawa

### Mission Statement
The original stated aim of the JMTA is “to conduct interdisciplinary research into the role and function of music in relation to disease and health, so that music therapy may make a broad-based contribution to society by fostering and maintaining the health of people proactively in the fields of medicine, welfare, health, and education.”

### Current President
Current President: Yasuji Murai, Dr. med., RMT (Japan)
Vice President: Hiroko Fujimoto, M.ed., RMT (Japan)
Honorary President: Shigeaki Hinohara, Dr. med.

### Professional Credentials
Registered Music Therapist (RMT – Japan)

### Re-accreditation Process
The validity of an accreditation is for five years. However, if an accredited therapist obtains 50 points or more from the following four groups of activities during the five years, his/her accreditation will be extended for another five years:
- **1st group:** participation in music therapy conferences and seminars.
- **2nd group:** presentation at music therapy conferences and seminars.
- **3rd group:** music therapy theses and monographs.
- **4th group:** music therapy practices and trainings.

### Number of Professionals
2917 RMT (Japan) [as of March 2016]

### Number of Schools
22 [as of March 2016]

### Number of Schools Offering Graduate Degree
1 [as of March 2016]

### Next National Conference
September 16-18, 2016 in Sendai