For $1,000 I’ll Love You Too
An Understanding of Japanese Hosts and Host Clubs

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Japanese Group
Common Misconceptions

Sex worker  Geisha  Kyabakura

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What are Hosts?
“A mental illness is something that causes problems for the person’s day to day life. A mental illness usually has an organic nature or can be based from social issues.”

"It's always good to have a support system, in-patient, out-patient, you can use groups. Or you can go do active things and not acknowledge they're trying to make themselves feel better."
Methods

Participant observation inside of two host clubs

Internet resources: www.host2.jp

Open-ended Survey
(www.surveymonkey.com/Japanesehostclubs)

Open interviews 14 non-hosts
12 Hosts
Kabuki-cho Hosts

193 Host Clubs in Kabuki-cho

Average amount of Employees: 24

Average Age: 24

The type of person they believe they are:

performer, cool,
Visual kei, sexy, childish, and a healer

Source: www.host2.jp
“In Japan, Japanese people are always so busy and they always have ideas of position, they wear different types of masks all the time. It feels nice to have no mask. You can do that in a host club.”

“The illusion of having a friend, or somebody, I think it's something to do with Japan is such a strict country or society of people on each other, so people instead of praising others, will get on to you so you will hassle and do more, even inside of the family......You put yourself down, your family puts you down and you are put down with others so you want to hear something good, so that's their job to give compliments because you want to have a good time and make you feel good. I think people think 'I don't want to be put down anymore,' so let's go to kyabaukura and drink, it is like an escape from reality.”
“I think serving is a part of Japanese culture, it has been around for so long. It’s deeper than just people paying to get drunk and have sex. They don’t really have sex with them either, well while at work. If you have sex it’s on your own time. I remember when I worked at kyaba clubs, men just came to try and have sex then they would get mad when the girl wouldn’t sleep with him and he would move on to another club.

I think it’s different at host clubs, women don’t go there for sex, well some do I’m certain, but they are there more for entertainment and serving.”

“I hate the hosts, he knows too much about women. It’s all fake, I just hate it.”
Conclusion