



ANJeL Newsletter
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Dear ANJeL members and associates:

Your Network is pleased to report another busy semester of activities and some new projects. We also look forward to hearing from you with further ideas to develop ANJeL's activities.

1. Next ANJeL Japanese Law conference: University of Sydney, 23 February 2005.

ANJeL will host an international conference on Japanese law on 23 February 2005 in Sydney, Australia. To register for this event, please email <anjel@law.usyd.edu.au> with your name, affiliation and paper proposal (if any). The details of the conference are as follows:

(Date) 23 February 2005. A late afternoon debate and beach-style "Aussie" BBQ will precede the main conference on 22 February.

(Venue) University of Sydney, Faculty of Law, 175 Phillip Street, Minter Ellison Conference Room (level 13). (A pre-conference event will be held at the University of New South Wales and the BBQ at nearby Coogee Beach.)

(Theme) Japanese Law on Trial.

(Mode) The conference will feature panels facilitated in the form of mock trials. These include "The Trial of Japan's Criminal Justice System" and "The Trial of Japan's Corporate and Commercial Law Reforms". Participants are encouraged to submit paper proposals on these or other areas of law in Japan.

(Fee) ANJeL does not require a conference fee. However, we do recommend a donation of \$100 (\$20 for students).

(Financial assistance) ANJeL will host the pre-conference dinner and conference lunch, and can provide limited financial assistance towards accommodation costs for some speakers (please contact the co-directors for details).

The conference follows the Symposium "Build it and They Will Come: The First Anniversary of Law Schools in Japan" hosted by ANJeL's inaugural Affiliate, the Asian Law Centre at the University of Melbourne (www.law.unimelb.edu.au/alc/conferences/conf_2005/).

For more information on the ANJeL conference, see the ANJeL mirror websites (www.law.usyd.edu.au/anjel or www.law.anu.edu.au/anjel or www.anjel.unsw.edu.au).

2. Collaboration with the DJJV and the "Journal of Japanese Law"

In August, ANJeL successfully concluded negotiations with the German-Japanese Association of Jurists (DJJV: www.djjv.org) to promote their *Journal of Japanese Law* (*Zeitschrift fuer Japanisches Recht*).



The Australian Network for Japanese Law

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The journal is now co-published twice-yearly with the Max Planck Institute for Foreign Private and Private International Law (www.mpipriv-hh.mpg.de/english/), as the only regularly published journal in Western languages focusing on Japanese law. From the December 2004 issue (No 18), it will be published in collaboration with ANJeL, which will:

- a) Help solicit submissions, including articles, conference papers, summaries of past and future conferences, notes on recent legislation and case law, book reviews, and news from collaborating institutions;
- b) Assist in refereeing and editorial functions (with Kent Anderson and Luke Nottage joining the Editorial Board);
- c) Assist in making more Journal material more readily available, especially in digital form.

ANJeL and DJJV will also become Affiliates of one another. ANJeL members are encouraged to join DJJV to receive hard copies of the Journal as well as free or preferential participation in DJJV's conferences and other activities. DJJV members are also encouraged to join ANJeL. Please see the ANJeL websites for further developments.

3. Student prizes in Japanese law:

ANJeL Advisory Board member and a senior lawyer involved in Australia-Japan relations, Mr Akira Kawamura, has kindly agreed to sponsor prizes for the top students in Japanese law courses at each of the founding institutions (ANU, UNSW, and USydney). The "ANJeL Akira Kawamura Prize in Japanese Law" at each institution will be worth \$750.

These course prizes are in addition to the "ANJeL Blake Dawson Waldron Essay Prize in Japanese Law". The essay prize is worth \$1,000 and is open to all Australian students. Entries for the 2004 prize are due by 29 October (submissions via email to anjel@law.usyd.edu.au).

4. Possible seminar in Japan in late 2004:

ANJeL remains interested in holding a smaller-scale seminar in Japan at the end of this year or in January 2005. A possible theme for the seminar is comparing regulatory reforms in Japan, Australia and elsewhere. The Kansai or Kanto areas are preferred as locations for the seminar. Please contact us if interested.

Regards

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