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ANJeL Newsletter 2005/1

Dear ANJeL members and associates:

Domo gobusata shite orimasu. Thank you – all 220-plus of you! – for your ongoing support of the Australian Network for Japanese Law (ANJeL). This newsletter updates you on ANJeL's main activities.

Current

1. ANJeL convened on 5 July a panel on “[Legal Reform](#)” at the biennial conference of the Japanese Studies Association of Australia (JSAA). All panelists and the chair were ANJeL members and materials are already becoming available online.
2. In collaboration with members in one of Japan's leading law firms, Nagashima Ohno and Tsunematsu, ANJeL just unveiled <<http://www.jlawonline.info>>, a new website introducing online resources in English on Japanese law (particularly translations of Japanese legislation). We warmly welcome feedback, as ANJeL takes over the updating and further developments of this site.

Future

3. ANJeL will coordinate an informal [sushi dinner](#) in Kyoto on Sunday 11 September – RSVP to anjel@law.usyd.edu.au if interested. It will coincide with [two events sponsored by Ritsumeikan Law School](#): a conference on “Japanese Law and International Trade” on Saturday 10 September; and the “Kyoto Seminar” on Japanese Law over 12-17 September.
4. In December 2005, ANJeL will sponsor an Australian team at the [Intercollegiate Negotiation Competition](#) in Tokyo where the team will negotiate against Japanese university teams in Japanese and arbitrate in English. Osaka University has kindly offered to assist with the funding of the team, but the students are still seeking additional assistance. If any ANJeL member is able to provide in-kind or financial assistance to help in this unique educational opportunity, please contact Kent Anderson at <kent.anderson@anu.edu.au> or <AndersonK@law.anu.edu.au>.
5. Dr Harald Baum, executive editor of the *Journal of Japanese Law* and senior researcher in Japanese law at the Max Planck Institute in Hamburg, will be an ANJeL Research Visitor from late February 2006. ANJeL is planning a half-day symposium in Sydney in the afternoon of 28 February, “[The War of the Worlds in Japanese Law?](#)”, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the *Journal* as well as the [Australia-Japan Year of Exchange](#). Dr Baum will be invited to attend ANJeL's Advisory Board meeting that morning, and is also expected to visit Wollongong, Canberra and Melbourne.



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6. The [Inter-Pacific Bar Association](#) (IPBA) is holding its annual conference in Sydney 30 April to 3 May 2006. Several ANJeL members are actively involved in IPBA, and we hope to organize an informal event during the conference.
7. ANJeL is also considering an event in Canberra coinciding with the 30th Anniversary of the Nara Treaty, on 19 June 2006; and/or in Wellington, coinciding with the conference of the [Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law](#) supported by its counterpart in Japan.

Past

8. Many thanks again to the participants in the ANJeL conference on “[Japanese Law on Trial](#)” held in Sydney on 23 February.
9. The inaugural ANJeL [Judges-in-Residence](#), Judges Masaki Takasugi and Daijiro Yasuda, have returned to Japan, and we welcome their successors: Judges Kayoko Ishida (Sydney) and Takaaki Miura (Melbourne).
10. The [Japan Foundation Sydney](#), who kindly provided financial support for the February conference, also published an interview introducing ANJeL in their July 2005 newsletter. A [translation into Japanese](#) is available on the ANJeL websites.
11. ANJeL assisted in the promotion of a conference on Japanese law schools held in February at the University of Melbourne’s Asian Law Centre, ANJeL’s inaugural Affiliate. Many conference papers are expected in *Australian Journal of Asian Law* and *Journal of Japanese Law* special issues.
12. [Issue 18 of the Journal of Japanese of Law](#) came off the press recently, the first since ANJeL began formally collaborating in editing and promoting this publication of ANJeL’s second affiliate, the German-Japan Association of Jurists. Parts from this Issue, and some earlier issues, are also available through the ANJeL websites.

Please feel free to contact us about any of these activities, and let us know how else we may serve your interests to advance the study of Japanese law particularly in (or comparing) Australia.

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