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ANJeL Newsletter – October 2006

1. Submissions for the \$1000 ANJeL Blake Dawson Waldron Essay Prize in Japanese Law, open to all Australian law students (including those studying in Japan), are due on **31 October 2006**. Please see http://www.law.usyd.edu.au/anjel/content/anjel_teaching_essaypriz.html and notify anyone you think might be interested.
2. ANJeL will again collaborate in the Kyoto Seminar in Japanese Law, taught intensively in English to both Japanese and international students at Ritsumeikan University Law School over **5-9 February 2007**. ANU, UNSW, and USydney have all accredited this course as the equivalent of one postgraduate law unit. Places are limited so students at those institutions should enrol as soon as possible via www.kyoto-seminar.jp (and via those Australian institutions, if credit is sought there). For further general queries and USydney enrolments, please contact Luke Nottage (luken@law.usyd.edu.au); for queries on enrolling via ANU or UNSW, contact Kent Anderson (AndersonK@law.anu.edu.au) or Leon Wolff (leon.wolff@unsw.edu.au).
3. ANJeL will hold its next annual international conference at the Australian National University in Canberra on **5-6 July 2007**. The conference will follow the Japanese Studies Association of Australia conference at ANU from **1-4 July 2007**, where ANJeL will also sponsor a Japanese Law panel. A major theme will involve comparing Japan's new *saiban-in* (quasi-jury) procedure for serious criminal cases, with input from senior academics and practitioners from both Australia and Japan. For details or to register interest, please contact Kent Anderson (AndersonK@law.anu.edu.au).
4. ANJeL has confirmed two teams to compete in the Intercollegiate Negotiation (and Arbitration) Competition in **Tokyo on 2-3 December 2006**. A Canberra-based team will compete in the Japanese division and a Sydney-based team will compete in the English division. ANJeL wishes to thank the following organisations for their generous contributions to the teams' expenses: **Blake Dawson Waldron, Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Sydney), Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu, and the University of Sydney (Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Law School)**. ANJeL hopes to cover all students' airfares, thus, if you or your organisation is interested in assisting, financially or in-kind, please contact either Kent Anderson (AndersonK@law.anu.edu.au) or Luke Nottage (luken@law.usyd.edu.au).

5. ANJeL Executive Co-ordinator Hitoshi Nasu has been offered a lectureship at the ANU College of Law. Hitoshi will move to Canberra in November from the University of Sydney where he recently completed his PhD in International Law. In his new appointment, Hitoshi will be ANJeL Associate Director. Congratulations, Hitoshi!
6. Visitors: In June, ANJeL welcomed Judge Takashi Masuo to University of Sydney and Judge Eriko Kawajiri to the ANJeL Affiliate Asian Law Centre at the University of Melbourne. Both judges will be staying for one year under the ANJeL Judges-in-Residence program which we anticipate to expand in 2007. In September, ANJeL welcomed Prosecutor Genta Yoshino from the Japanese Ministry of Justice to the ANU for a 5-month stay during which he will be investigating Australia's approach to victims' rights. In July, ANJeL farewelled Mr Mitsuhiro Ohara from the Japanese National Police Agency who investigated the Australian approach to restorative justice at the ANU for a year, and Judge Kayoko Ishida at University of Sydney and Judge Takaaki Miura at University of Melbourne who completed a year under the ANJeL judges-in-residence program. ANJeL welcomes both Research Visitors and Practitioner Visitors throughout the year. For details see http://law.anu.edu.au/anjel/content/anjel_people_vis.htm.
7. Issue 21 of the *Journal of Japanese Law* has been published. Hard copies are available to those who join the DJJV, ANJeL's affiliate in Germany, but selected excerpts and full articles are also available on the ANJeL website (http://law.anu.edu.au/anjel/content/anjel_research_pap.htm). Issue 22 in December will include some papers related to the ANJeL Japanese Law conference in Sydney in February, including Chief Justice Spigelman's lunch-time address (now available on the ANJeL website). As another Year of Exchange activity, in July, the Chief Justice led a large delegation of Australian judges for seminars with counterparts in Japan, and gave lectures at Chuo University (in memory of Malcolm Smith) and Sophia University (with Justice Bergin).
8. ANJeL Co-Director Luke Nottage has drafted a very tentative analysis of the recent results from first National Legal Examination for students of Japan's new postgraduate Law School programs (via http://law.anu.edu.au/anjel/content/anjel_research_pub.htm). Several ANJeL members kindly provided information or views. A more detailed analysis will be updated on this website, and feedback is very welcome (anjel@law.usyd.edu.au).
9. The University of Western Sydney School of Law is co-hosting with Meiji University two conferences at their Parramatta campus. The first event, "Consumer Protection Law in Japan and Australia", is on **Thursday, 2 November 2006 from 1:00 - 5:00 pm**. The second event, "Settling Disputes: Dispute Resolution in Australia and Japan", is all-day on Friday, 3 November 2006. A full program for both days is available at http://law.anu.edu.au/anjel/content/anjel_events_up.htm. Inquiries should be directed to UWS Head of School Carolyn Sappideen (C.Sappideen@uws.edu.au).