



The Australian Network for Japanese Law

Newsletter – April 2008

ANJeL Initiatives

Lost Members Request

An update of our membership records has shown some members and affiliates e-mail addresses are no longer current.

ANJeL asks that each member / affiliate advises us of the following via our new ANJeL email ANJeLinfo@gmail.com:

a second (permanent, non-institutional) email address;

any relevant changes in professional capacity; &

whether you consent to be listed in the Selected Members list on the ANJeL website.

ONLINE

ANJeL is collaborating with AustLII to host its online research tools and resources on the new AsianLII site. The WorldLII Catalog Japan page is available at <http://www.worldlii.org/catalog/232.html> and the AsianLII Japanese Law Resources database page is now available online at <http://www.asianlii.org/jp/other/JPLRes/>. The new websites were unveiled at the last ANJeL International Conference on Japanese Law at Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, on 18 February 2008.

ANJeL is also revamping its own mirror websites (URLs below). Please check them from early May for updated information on ANJeL visitors, research activities and upcoming events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANJeL will hold a Joint Reception with the Australia Japan Society of NSW at TressCox Lawyers, 135 King St, Sydney on Thursday 22 May at 5.30 pm. The Australia Japan Society of NSW was a co-sponsor of ANJeL's 'Team Australia', which again won the Intercollegiate Negotiation and Arbitration Competition in Tokyo last December (details below). The next generation of artists, as well as lawyers, will also be featured in an opportunity to network with those interested in Japan from a variety of perspectives. RSVP to infonsw@austjapanfed.org.au by 16 May. Admission free. See attached flier.

ANJeL will hold a Joint Reception with Blake Dawson on 12 June at 6 pm at 225 George St, Sydney to award the 2007 ANJeL Blake Dawson Essay Prize in Japanese Law and further celebrate Team Australia's win. Blake Dawson was the principal sponsor of the Australian team. The Reception will be an opportunity to network with those particularly interested in Japanese law and business. Admission free. RSVP to Mark.Yin@blakedawson.com.

Professor Souichiro Kozuka and Associate Professor Luke Nottage will conduct a CLE Seminar at Sydney Law School on 21 July 2008 at 5.30 pm on Japanese corporate governance. The Seminar will anticipate the Co-directors' book forthcoming late this year from Elgar (UK) - expected to be the first book in a series emerging from ANJeL conferences and research interests. Admission discount for ANJeL members. Contact v.carey@usyd.edu.au for information and registration. A version of the book's introductory chapter will soon be available on the ANJeL websites and via www.ssrn.com. A generous book discount will be offered to ANJeL members.

More details of these events will be available on the ANJeL websites in May.

2007 Prize Winners

Congratulations to Joel Rheuben who not only won the Blake Dawson / ANJeL Essay Prize with a paper on Japan's local government reform, but also took the Akira Kawamura / ANJeL Prize for Japanese Law at USyd. David Ackers (ANU) and Katie Campbell (UNSW) were the other winners of the Akira Kawamura / ANJeL Prize.



ANJeL wishes Joel all the best in his new position at Herbert Smith in Tokyo from July 2008

VISITORS

ANJeL will be welcoming several new visitors from July this year. The Supreme Court of Japan is sending three judges to spend a sabbatical year in Australia, including Judge Emiko Yasunaka (hosted by ANU), Judge Yoshinori Nishioka (hosted by UNSW) and Judge Atsushi Shiraishi (hosted by the Asian Law Centre, University of Melbourne). Mr Kazuto Hatano of the National Police Agency will spend six months at ANU, and Kyoto University (administrative law) Professor Ryuichiro Fukusawa will be based at USyd.

ANJeL farewells Professor Makoto Ibusuki of Ritsumeikan, who researched the video-taping of police interrogations at UNSW, guest lectured in the Japanese Law courses at ANU, and also assisted a large delegation of Kyoto lawyers who visited Sydney for intense study into how best to defend defendants in quasi-jury trials. We also farewell three professional visitors to the ANU College of Law: Ms Masako Yabu, a Japanese prosecutor who studied police recording systems when interviewing suspects, Ms Aya Kitaoka, a court administrator from Tokyo Family Court who studied the use of technology in the Australian justice system and the jury system, and Mr Masanori Hiramatsu from the National Police Agency, who undertook a comparative study of lawful interception systems in Australia and Japan. ANJeL will soon farewell Judge Shimpei Takahashi from the University of Sydney and Judge Takamoto Hagiwara from the Asian Law Centre at the University of Melbourne, both of whom will return to Japan in June.

ANJeL Reports

6th Intercollegiate Negotiation & Arbitration Competition – 1-2 December 2007, Tokyo

Students from ANU, UNSW and the University of Sydney travelled to Tokyo in late 2007 for the 6th Intercollegiate Negotiation and Arbitration Competition. The team successfully defended the title won by the 2006 team, competing against some 16 universities from around Japan, including the University of Tokyo, Kyoto University and Waseda University



Students interested in participating in 2008 should contact Kent Anderson kent.anderson@anu.edu.au with selections to be made in August.

ANJeL 6th International Conference –
16 February 2008, Kyoto



ANJeL hosted its sixth international conference — but first off-shore — on 16 February at the Kyoto campus of Ritsumeikan University. ANJeL used ARC funding from the Asia Pacific Future Network to invite three colleagues from its founding institutions, James Prest, ANU, Alexandra George, UNSW, and Brett Williams, USyd, to present their research to their Japanese colleagues and build scholarly links in the Japanese research community

Member Spotlight



ANJeL associates are forging pathways in the field of Japanese law around the world. Geread Dooley's career path from the Faculty of Law at Kobe University to graduate law at the ANU and the North Asia group at Blake Dawson was featured in the March edition of *Lawyers Weekly*. The full text of the article can be found online at http://www.lawyersweekly.com.au/articles/Japanese-law-big-in-Australia_z165020.htm.

ANJeL Tokyo, Kyoto and Canberra Seminars

In February 2008, thanks to a significant grant from the Australia-Japan Foundation, ANJeL ran three intensive law courses on Australian-Japanese law.

In Japan, the co-directors taught two courses on Japanese law, the 'Kyoto Seminar on Japanese Law in the Global Era' (for the third time) and the inaugural 'Tokyo Seminar on Japanese Law and the Economy', both co-hosted with Ritsumeikan University. The courses were recognised for LLM credit at ANU and UNSW. In addition to attracting ANJeL and Ritsumeikan students, the seminars were also attended by students from eight countries and a variety of institutions.



**ANJeL/Blake Dawson
Essay Prize**

The deadline for the 2008
Japanese law essay prize
is 30 November 2008.

Please visit the ANJeL
website for more
information and to
download a cover sheet.

In Australia, the second annual 'Canberra Seminar' on Australian law was held at ANU for undergraduate law students from Japan. Students from Aoyama Gakuin University and Chuo University attended the two-week program.



Advisory Board

ANJeL is very pleased to welcome Consul-General Nobuhito Hobo of the Japanese Consulate-General in Sydney to the ANJeL Advisory Board. Mr. Hobo takes the place of Mr. Tsukasa Kawada, who has returned to Japan.

Best wishes from the ANJeL Co-Directors:

Kent Anderson, Luke Nottage & Leon Wolff

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