



Japan-Korea node Activities in 2007

In 2007, the Japan-Korea node supported four projects at the University of New South Wales, Melbourne University and Sydney University/ANU. The node advertised through different email and newsletter lists about its activities, inviting applications for small projects related to Japan and Korea. At the Sydney meeting in March 2007 and at the Japanese Studies Association of Australia conference in July 2007 at ANU, announcements were made about the availability of funding. But interest has been minimal.

As convenor of the Node, I am planning to organise a meeting at the Asian Studies conference in Melbourne comprising core members of Japan and Korean studies to discuss strategies so we can receive more applications.

Projects funded in 2006

1. Construction of Japanese Language and Linguistics network (A/Prof. Chihiro Kinoshita Thomson -University of New South Wales)
2. 'Legal Education in Asia' (Ms Stacey Steele- Melbourne Law Centre, Melbourne University).
3. 'KAREC International Symposium: Strategic Cooperation in Korean Studies in Oceania and Southeast Asia', (A/ Prof Chung.Sok Suh, University of New South Wales)
4. 'Nurturing the Next Generation of Women Researchers in Japanese Law' (Luke Nottage, University of Sydney, ANJeL Co-Director; ANU – Prof Kent Anderson)



A meeting of the Node steering committee was held in March 2007 at the following venue. Minutes of the meeting were copied to the Network Convenor - Professor Louise Edwards.

**Seminar Room 2063, Quadrangle Building
University of New South Wales**

Present:

Purnendra Jain, Luke Nottage, Christine de Matos, Trevor Wilson, Yuji Sone, Alison Tokita, Chung-Sok Suh, Gi-Hyun Shin, Greg Evon, Chihiro Kinoshita Thomson, Nanette Gottlieb, Elise Tipton, Wakao Koike, Seong-Chul Shin, Glen Stafford.

Apologies:

Ki-Sung Kwok, Peter Drysdale, Tessa Morris-Suzuki, Vera Mackie, Kay Broadbent, Louise Edwards.

Mission for 2008

We hope to fund at least 4-5 projects in 2008. The node particularly seeks applications with emphasis on Korea. The node is in contact with key Korea scholars in Australia and through them with the Korean Studies Association of Australia for dissemination of information.

As endorsed at the March meeting, to facilitate networking a database of Japan Scholars in Australia is being planned with additional funding from the Japan Foundation and some assistance from the Japanese Studies Association of Australia. A similar database for scholars of Korea in Australia has also been proposed.