

Japan Association of International Relations Report on Activities in Fiscal Year 2008

I . Annual Meeting

1. The annual meeting was held on October 24-26, 2008 at the Tsukuba International Congress Center in Tsukuba.
2. The Program Committee planned the Common Theme Session and various other panels while the Liaison Conference of the Study Groups planned their own sessions. They also solicited our members to propose their own panels and papers. In doing so, we were able to demonstrate the latest research frontiers as well as to provide opportunities for information exchanges among our members. Through these efforts, we could convene a fruitful meeting.
3. To encourage member participation, we conducted PR activities and established a simplified Internet registration system. In setting up the convention center, we provided child care for young scholars with children.
4. In order to disseminate our research results widely, we conducted PR activities through the Internet and other means and we encouraged participation by non-members to the extent possible.

II . Publication of journal and *Japanese Studies of International Politics* (4 volumes)

1. We published Nos. 153-156 of *Kokusaiseiji*. Nos. 153-155 were thematic issues with titles "The Global Economy and International Politics," "Foreign Policy and Coercive Power of Japan in Modern Times," and "Controversies in International Relations Theory and Methodology". No. 156, entitled "The Frontier of International Relations 6" was a collection of independent articles. The thematic issues tried to reflect the latest research trends with emphasis on theory, history, area studies and issues. The collection of independent articles was edited based on free submissions and a system of refereeing to maintain high academic standards while giving ample opportunities for young scholars to publish the results of their research.
2. We published Vol.8, No. 2, Vol. 8, No. 3 , and Vol. 9, No. 1 of our English journal *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*. We received a sufficient

number of manuscripts for review and based on our system of refereeing, we tried to maintain high academic standards while having the latest research trends reflected on the pages of the journal.

3. By the end of the fiscal year 2008, we completed our project of publishing the four volumes of *Japanese Studies of International Politics*, commemorating the half century of the Association.

III. Newsletters and the JARI homepage

1. In order to facilitate the two-way interactions between the Association and its membership by publicizing the activities and policies of the Advisory Board, Board of Directors, Committees, Study Groups and Secretariat while receiving opinion from our members, we made improvements in our newsletter and our homepage.

2. We published Nos. 115-118 of the Newsletter, and uploaded them on the website of the Association.

3. We tried to expand our PR operations through the Newsletters and the JAIR homepage. Especially, as a non-profit organization, we are expected to communicate with the outside world and to make contributions to society through our professional academic activities. Therefore, we improved the functionality of the homepage and uploaded most of its contents both in Japanese and English.

IV. Promotion of international academic exchange

1. We communicated the information about other professional societies such as the International Studies Association (ISA) and World International Studies Committee (WISC), and we promoted our members' participation in international academic meetings through our PR activities.

2. In order to encourage our members to participate in international academic conventions and to disseminate their research findings, we provided subventions of travel expenses to a limited number of our members based on the review of applications. We did two rounds of reviews of applications, which were publicized in our Newsletter and on the homepage. We provided subsidies to the amount of 50,000-100,000 per person to 6 applicants who attended various academic meeting such as the ISA Convention in New York.

3. At the Annual Meeting, we held a joint panel with the Korean Association

of International Studies (KAIS).

4. We conducted various PR activities to promote exchanges with various regions and countries in the world.

V. JAIR Award

1. We awarded our first JAIR Award, which was established to promote original research among young scholars. The selection was done by the Selection Committee based a rigorous review.

2. We announced the establishment of the Award through our Newsletters and the homepage.

VI. Changes in organization

1. We decided to delegate some of Secretariat work to the Nakanishi Printing Company to further improve our service to our members. We started the transition work from the previous company to Nakanishi.

2. In order to apply for Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Research, we publicly called for bids for publication of our journals and contracted with Nakanishi for the publication of the Japanese journal and with Oxford University Press for the publication of the English journal.

3. We established a task force to consider the system of public interest organizations with the entry into force of the new public interest organization law and its related laws.

4. In view of the fact mentioned above, we made some improvements in our accounting system to help grasp the financial conditions of the Association.

5. We did some research into the possible convention sites for future Annual Meetings to promote participation by many members and non-members.

6. We published a roster of our members.

VII. General Assembly and meetings of the Advisory Board and Board of Directors

1. In order to decide and approve the programs described above, we convened meetings of the Advisory Board in May, October, November of 2008 and March of 2009 and those of the Board of Directors in May, July, August, October, November, December of 2008 and in March of 2009.

2. The General Assembly was convened in October 2008 at the time of the Annual Meeting at the Tsukuba International Congress Center.