

JSAA Newsletter July 2008

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1. 2007 JSAA AGM

The AGM was held on the 3rd of July during the ASAA conference in Melbourne.

Details will be available on the JSAA website soon. Some of the issues discussed were:

- Database of Japan Scholars in Australia: It was agreed that JSAA will be responsible for maintenance of this database (once Adelaide University has set it up).
- Online membership registration: to be introduced
- Journal editorial team: Possible structural change
- JSAA conference 2009: Reports on planning. A reminder the conference will be held from 13 July (Opening at the Art Gallery of NSW) 17 July (at UNSW)

2. 'Japanese Studies' ERA ranking

Congratulations to Judith Snodgrass and her editorial team! Japanese Studies received an A ranking in the ARC's new ERA process.

3. Inoue Yasushi Prize

Congratulations to Roman Rosenbaum! Roman's article was awarded the Inoue Yasushi Award for best refereed journal article or book chapter on Japanese literature. He received this award for his essay 'The Generation of the Burnt-out Ruins', which was published in your journal Japanese Studies, Vol. 27, No. 3 in December 2007.

4. National Library of Australia Japan Study Grants - Call for applications

The National Library invites applications for the 2008-09 Japan Study Grants program.

Japan Study Grants are open to postgraduates, honours students, academic staff or independent researchers in Australia who wish to use the Japanese or Japan-related collections of the National Library for their research.

Grants are offered for periods of up to four weeks and support travel to Canberra and living costs.

At least four grants are awarded each year. For full details visit the website at

<http://www.nla.gov.au/grants/jsg/> <<http://www.nla.gov.au/grants/jsg/>> For more details on the NLA's Japanese collections visit <http://www.nla.gov.au/asian/lang/jap.html> <<http://www.nla.gov.au/asian/lang/jap.html>>

Closing date: 30 September 2008. Applicants will be notified by the end of November. The awards may be taken up at any time following notification from

1 December onwards, and before 30 September the following year.

For further information, contact: Amelia McKenzie, Director, Asian Collections

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NLA Japan Fellowship information for prospective applicants Established researchers and those who have completed postgraduate study may wish to consider applying for an NLA Japan Fellowship. Awarded annually, the Fellowship funds travel and living costs for a 3-6 month period to undertake extended research based on the NLA collections. Applications for 2009 closed on 30 April 2008. Applications for the 2010 calendar year will be accepted from February 2009 until 30 April 2009. Further details at <http://www.nla.gov.au/grants/japan/jpinfo.html> <<http://www.nla.gov.au/grants/japan/jpinfo.html>>

5. Positions

- 1) Academic position at Oita University, Kyushu, Japan

Position: Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or Professor at the Center for International Education and Research.

Starting date: 1 April 2009. Deadline for Applications: 30 September 2008.

Work Requirements:

The successful candidate is expected to (1) teach the Japanese language, through the medium of English, to students from overseas, and, in addition, Japanese Studies topics in English, (2) provide pre-training (such as English courses) to Japanese students who wish to study abroad, (3) provide Japanese students proposing study abroad, and overseas students studying in Oita, with lifestyle guidance and academic supervision, (4) negotiate and liaise with tertiary educational institutions overseas to promote international student/staff exchanges and (5) be actively engaged in all activities of the Center for International Education and Research. The successful candidate will be expected to undertake research.

Qualifications:

The successful candidate (1) must hold as the minimum a Masters Degree, (2) must be able to give lectures in English, (3) must have taught the Japanese language as well as Japanese Studies at the tertiary level, (4) must have lived outside Japan for an appreciable period of time, (5) must have at least three publications (excluding degree theses) published in academic journals or in publications of similar standing and (6) must be able to live in the City of Oita or in its vicinity after being engaged.

For further details and inquiries: the International Office of Oita University by email. The address is ryugaksi@ad.oita-u.ac.jp. Applications should be addressed to the International Office, Oita University 700 Dannoharu, Oita 870-1192 Japan.

2) International Fund for Animal Welfare, Japan (www.ifaw.org) -
Communications Consultant Location: Tokyo, Japan

The International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW, one of the world's leading international animal welfare organization, seeks a Communications Consultant to increase and strengthen IFAW's profile in Japan by producing communications to external stakeholders.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Interfacing with the IFAW Program departments to ensure timely conception, production and delivery of compelling and quality communication material (print, collateral, online, etc.); Executing distinctive and effective content to support tactical initiatives of the IFAW Japan Team as directed by the Country Director from time to time; Reporting IFAW Japan's activities and achievements to other IFAW offices and departments **QUALIFICATIONS** Fluent Japanese language skills (speaking and writing); Good English language skills; At least 2-3 year's marketing or communication experience; Excellent conceptualizing, writing and editing skills; Understanding of contemporary Japanese culture, literature and trends; Strong co-ordination and teamwork skills; Advocacy or campaign experience raising or mobilizing public awareness and action **WORKING CONDITIONS** The contract is for 1 year with a 3 month trial period with the option to renew. The position reports to the IFAW Japan Country Director. The position is based at the Tokyo Japan Office of IFAW.

TO APPLY

Please email resume and cover letter to Vinh Do at:
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