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### 1. Editorial

As in-coming editor I would like to thank the previous editor, Pauline Keating (Victoria University of Wellington), for the hard work she put into the Newsletter, and for establishing its present web format. I can only endeavour to continue her excellent work.

The Newsletter includes a range of news and information contributed by members of the society, although this issue contains no extended features. This somewhat shortened Newsletter is due to my recent return to New Zealand from research and study leave.

Members are encouraged to submit items of interest for the next Newsletter: short essays on current affairs, news, reports, announcements, etc. The deadline for submissions is 30 November 2000.

Henry Johnson  
Editor, NZASIA Newsletter

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## 2. News and Reports

### 2.1 University of Waikato

The University of Waikato has recently received two distinguished visitors: Professor David Goodman, Director of Institute of International Studies, Sydney University of Technology, gave a seminar on the relationship between periphery and centre in Chinese politics; and Mabel Lee, Honourary Associate Professor, School of Asian Studies, Sydney University, gave a seminar on the life and work of author Gao Xinjiang.

### 2.2 New Zealand Journal of Asian Studies

The New Zealand Journal of Asian Studies, Vol 2, No 1 (2000), has recently been published. At 320 pages it is twice the normal journal length and has a special supplement on the Inter-Korean Summit.

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## 3. People in NZASIA

**Charles Higham**, Professor of Anthropology, University of Otago, was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in July this year. Also, Professor Higham was awarded a Marsden research grant of \$420,000 over three years to continue his research programme "The Origins of the Civilization of Angkor."

**Rosemary Mercer**, Victoria University of Wellington, has been invited to Akimachi, in the Kunisaki peninsula of north-east Kyushu, Japan, to speak at the opening of the Baien Archive (Baien Shiryokan), in the home village of Japanese scholar Miura Baien (1723-1789). The people of Akimachi are opening an archive in his memory on 24 October 2000. Rosemary Mercer, who has translated several of his works and written about him, has been invited to give a speech at the opening ceremony.

**Chris Rudd**, Senior Lecturer in Political Studies at the University of Otago, has just completed an analysis of the coverage of the 2000 Japanese national election by Japan's three main newspapers: Asahi, Mainichi and Yomiuri. The analysis looks at the amount of coverage given to different parties and their leaders, which issues received the most coverage, what the editorials had to say, what the cartoons had to portray, and the images that the party advertisements tried to put forward. It is hoped to compare the findings of the study with a similar one carried out on the New Zealand general election of 1999.

**Christopher Seeley**, Head of the Asian Languages Department at the University of Canterbury, will be retiring at the end of February 2001.

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#### **4. New Books by NZASIA Members**

Barber, L. and K. Henshall. 1999. *The Last War of Empires: Japan and the Pacific War 1941-1945*. Auckland: David Bateman.

Henshall, K. 1999. *Dimensions of Japanese Society: Gender, Margins and Mainstream*. Basingstoke, Hampshire: MacMillan Press.

Henshall, K. 1999. *A History of Japan: from Stone Age to Superpower*.

Basingstoke, Hampshire: MacMillan Press.

Lin, M. 2000. *Certainty as a Social Metaphor: the Social and Historical Production of Certainty in China and the West*. Westport, Con.: Greenwood Publishing.

Swale, A. 2000. *The Political Thought of Mori Arinori: a Study of Meiji Conservatism*. Richmond, Surrey: Japan Library (Curzon Press).

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#### **5. Conferences Announcements**

##### **5.1 The Korean Peninsula: Peace and Prosperity after the Pyongyang Summit**

The New Zealand Asia Institute, Asia 2000 Foundation and New Zealand Institute of International Affairs will jointly organise a conference on "The Korean Peninsula: Peace and Prosperity after the Pyongyang Summit" on 6 - 7 October 2000 at the University of Auckland. Scholars from North Korea, South Korea, China, Japan, the United States and New Zealand will speak at the conference.

The conference will begin with an Opening Reception at Russell McVeagh, 51-53 Shortland Street from 5.30 to 7.00 pm on 6 October 2000. The conference proper will be a whole day event on 7 October at the University Conference Centre, 22 Symonds Street. Late registration will begin at 8.30 am and the first session will start at 9.00 am.

Registration fee is \$120 for general public and \$50 for students. The registration form can be downloaded from <http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/nzai/>

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##### **5.2 The Japanese Studies Association of Australia**

The Japanese Studies Association of Australia is having its biennial conference in June 2001.

###### **Call for Papers**

Authors are invited to submit papers that demonstrate original unpublished research in all areas of Japanese Studies for the Japanese Studies Association of Australia Biennial Conference, 2001. Papers may be presented in either English or Japanese, and an abstract of 500-700 English words or 1000-1500 Japanese characters is to be submitted by 15/12/00. Authors will receive feedback from the committee and may be asked to re-submit their abstract.

For details on submission specifications, please contact [l.walton@unsw.edu.au](mailto:l.walton@unsw.edu.au)

###### **The Conference**

JSAA is an organisation of Japan scholars who research and teach a variety of areas of Japanese Studies including economics, sociology, political science, history, language and literature. The JSAA conference aims to advance the knowledge and understanding of Japan, the Japanese people and the Japanese language, and at the same time strengthen the relationship between Australia and Japan. On the last day of the conference there will be sessions especially for primary and secondary school teachers. In 2001, the biennial JSAA conference will be held in Sydney, the largest city in the Oceania region and the gateway to Australia. We expect to attract over 500 participants from Australia and overseas.

### The Venue

The conference is co-hosted by the University of New South Wales (UNSW) and the University of Sydney. The majority of conference events (plenaries and parallel sessions) will be held on campus at UNSW, which is located in Kensington. The Kensington campus is close to the CBD and many beaches, and is only 15 minutes from the international and domestic airports. The JSAA 2001 Biennial Conference opening will be held at the prestigious Art Gallery of New South Wales.

### Registration

Registration will be open as of January 2001, once all abstracts have been submitted.

### Further Information

Details on registration fees, keynote speakers and other conference activities will soon be available on our web site, which will be accessible at: [www.arts.usyd.edu.au/Arts/departs/asia/jsaa/index.html](http://www.arts.usyd.edu.au/Arts/departs/asia/jsaa/index.html)

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## **5.3 14th NZASIA International Conference 2001**

Theme: Asian Futures, Asian Traditions

Dates: Wednesday 28 November 2001 - Saturday 1 December 2001

Venue: The University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand

Papers are invited in fields pertaining to Asian Studies. Please visit our web site for further information. It will be updated frequently over the following months.

[http://www.asia.canterbury.ac.nz/NZASIA\\_Conference\\_Home](http://www.asia.canterbury.ac.nz/NZASIA_Conference_Home)

We look forward to your participation again.

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## 6. Reminder: NZASIA Membership Subscriptions

### NZASIA SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Have you paid your 2000 subscription?

We remind you that the \$40 annual membership fee now includes a subscription to *The New Zealand Journal of Asian Studies* (published twice yearly).

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