

IJS Beat Newsletter – September 06, 2007

Dear IJS Members and Friends:

Don't miss out on up coming events in the community and around the world. Get information on the symposium this weekend at Oberlin – see details below.

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1. Symposium on clothing in Japanese history

Please join us at Oberlin College on Saturday, September 8 for a symposium on clothing in Japanese history. An afternoon of papers will be followed by a pay-as-you-go dinner at a local restaurant. Each paper will be 15-20 minutes followed by discussion of that paper. The event will be conducted in Japanese except for the final paper which will be in English. The papers are as follows:

Sociohistory, Gender and Japanese Clothing from Premodern to Present
Continental Influence and Gender Difference in Ancient Japanese Clothing.
Gender and Class Difference in Medieval Japanese Clothing
Early-Modern Japanese Sartorial Regulation and the Class System
Dissolution of the Class System and Sartorial Regulation in Modern Japan
Japanese Postwar Clothing and Changes in Regulation
“Suteki” tte itte wa ikenai”: Shaping Aesthetic Response to the Buddhist Robe

6:00 – 9:00 dinner at Weia Teia in Oberlin; approximately \$20.00 per person.

RSVP to Suzanne Gay (Suzanne.Gay@oberlin.edu)

2. “Chikanobu: Modernity and Nostalgia in Japanese Prints. September 8 – October 28, 2007

Yoshu Chikanobu was an extremely productive and important woodblock-print artist of the Meiji era. Born in 1838, he died in 1912, the last year of the Meiji. Chikanobu is significant because he hasn't been studied much even though he had a significant output of work during this period.

The show runs September 8 through October 28, 2007 at the Denison Museum in Burke Hall, 240 W. Broadway, at Denison University in Granville. Hours are 1-4 pm daily during the academic year and by appointment. Call 740-587-6255 for more information!

3. Japanese-Language Proficiency Test. – December 2, 2007

The Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) is an internationally accredited language examination, offered in four different levels, designed to measure a person's Japanese skills. Last year, JLPT test takers numbered over 437,000 in 46 countries. Those who pass the JLPT receive a Certificate of Proficiency and, as a result, are better able to market their Japanese skills.

Registration is required and must be made between August 1 and October 5, 2007. The fee is \$50 for levels 1 & 2, and \$40 for levels 3 & 4. There are various testing sites throughout the country. For more information see the website at www.jflalc.org

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4. BJT Business Japanese Proficiency Test

The Business Japanese Proficiency Test (BJT) was created to promote the inflow of skilled human resources from overseas. BJT is intended for business-related people whose mother tongue is not Japanese and are learning Japanese as a foreign language or second language. Registration is currently open until Wednesday October 10, 2007. The test date is November 18, 2007. Please visit <http://www.jetro.go.jp/en/bjt/index.html> for more information and to apply.

5. Dr. Donald Keene Research Award in Japanese Literature CALL FOR PAPERS

The Dr. Donald Keene Research Award in Japanese Literature was established to honor the great achievements of Dr. Keene and to promote research in Japanese literature both in Japan and the United States. Applicants from Japan and the United States are invited to submit papers.

6. JASCO 9th Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser summary

The golf gods were smiling on Central Ohio at the 9th Annual JASCO Golf Outing Fundraiser on May 22, 2007. Sunshine and blue skies were the order of the day, and participants this year enjoyed the beautiful weather as they teed off in support of JASCO's many educational and cultural programs for the Central Ohio community. The Wachovia Insurance Services team (pictured from left to right) of Laurie Turner, Tony Vergari, Suzanne McKenna and Pete Johnson evidently found the conditions to be in their favor as they walked away with this year's first place prize. Second place was awarded to the Nifco America Corporation/Plante & Moran PLLC team and third place was taken by Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, LLC. Special thanks to Hidaka USA, Inc. for again sponsoring the first place team award, Nissin Travel Service Inc. for again sponsoring the second place team award, and Chubb Group of Insurance Companies for sponsoring the third place team award. For the full summary of the day, please visit www.japan.osu.edu/events/pdfs/2007_Golf_Summary_web.pdf

7. Volunteers needed to share Japanese culture!

Are you looking to share your knowledge of Japanese culture with others? If so, this is the opportunity for you! We are currently looking for volunteers with knowledge of Japanese culture such as tea ceremonies, Japanese dance and drumming to name a few. JASCO receives many requests for individuals with these talents. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Nori Ito at (614) 292-4002 or by email at ito.12@osu.edu.

8. ConsuLink Newsletter now available from the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit!

The Consulate General of Japan is now offering the ConsuLink Newsletter! Check it out at www.cgjdetroit.org.

9. The Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Midwest Newsletter

The Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) has released a newsletter highlighting changing economic fundamentals in Japan. The latest installment can be viewed at http://www.jetro.org/documents/JETRO_Midwest_Aug07.pdf.

10. Columbus Council on World Affairs (CCWA) eNews

Checkout the Columbus Council on World Affairs upcoming events and information at www.columbusworldaffairs.org/upcomingevents.php.

11. Edward Seidensticker passes away Tuesday August 28, 2007

Edward Seidensticker was a distinguished Japanese scholar and pre-eminent translator of Japanese literature. Seidensticker collapsed in Tokyo in April of this year and was in a coma ever since. Please see obituary in the New York Times Friday, August 31, 2007.