

** Sino-Japanese News **

Conference in China. The first international conference of the China Association for the Study of Sino-Japanese Relations (Zhongguo Zhong-Ri guanxi shi yanjiu hui 中国中日关系史研究会) met October 25-29, 1988 in Beijing. It was the first conference of its kind in China and will be reported on in detail in the next issue of the Newsletter. The theme of the conference, "Sino-Japanese Relations: Past and Future," presumably includes everything. The sponsoring organization was founded in 1984 in Beijing and is now comprised of university professors and researchers in the People's Republic of China. It now boasts over 620 members and ordinarily holds scholarly meetings every two months. Every second year a nation-wide conference is held with plans to publish the proceedings. Some forty or so specially invited guests from Japan and elsewhere outside China to the international conference; altogether some 150 participants are expected.

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Contacts. One of the purposes of this Newsletter is to enable scholars and others interested in similar topics to make contact with one another. This would be the place for those interested in some aspect of Sino-Japanese studies to insert a paragraph in search of like-minded others. If you are interested in finding paper-givers for a panel at the meetings of the AAS or other conference; if you want to issue a call for papers; if you want to find someone to work jointly on a Sino-Japanese project; or, if you simply want to make contact with others working in the same area as you are: drop a line to the editor of the Newsletter, and it will appear in this section.

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Sino-Japanese Prize. The Mid-Atlantic Region of the Association for Asian Studies announced earlier this year that it would award a prize for the best published essay in the field of Sino-Japanese relations in the modern period (defined as 1800-1945). We have just learned the identity of the winning article: Douglas R. Reynolds, "A Golden Age Forgotten: Japan-China Relations, 1898-1907," which appeared in 1987 in The Transactions of the Asiatic Society of Japan. Hearty congratulations! We must note in passing that this prize was originally presented by the national AAS and that through lack of interest devolved upon the MAR. We need to encourage research and publication of work in the Sino-Japanese area to prevent its disappearing altogether.

We learned from Professor Ka-che Yip, one of the judges, that next year's competition will be in the book category. We will publish more information as it becomes available.

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Important New Series on the History of Sino-Japanese Relations. Rokkō shuppan 六興出版, a publishing house based in Tokyo, has begun to issue a 13-volume series entitled Higashi Aia no naka no Nihon rekishi 東アシアのなかの日本史 [Japanese History in East Asia]. All volumes are the work of mainland Chinese scholars writing in Japanese. The authors and translated titles of the volumes are as follows:

1. Shen Ren'an 沈仁安, The State of Wa and East Asia
2. Wang Jinlin 王金林, Nara Culture and Tang Culture
3. Zhang Yuxiang 張玉祥, The Regime of Oda Nobunaga and East Asia
4. Ren Hongzhang 任鴻章, Early-Modern Japan and Sino-Japanese Trade
5. Wang Jiahua 王家驊, A Comparison of Chinese and Japanese Confucianism
6. Lü Wanhe 呂万和, The Meiji Restoration and China
7. Zhou Qiqian 周啓乾, Meiji Economic Development and China
8. Ma Jiajun 馬家駿 and Tang Zhongnan 湯重南, A Comparison of Chinese and Japanese Modernization
9. Yu Xintun 俞辛焯, Sun Yat-sen's Revolutionary Movement and Japan
10. Wan Feng 万峰, The Rise and Fall of Japanese Fascism
11. Yi Xianshi 易顯石, Japan's Mainland Policy and China's Northeast
12. Wu Anlong 武安隆 and Xiong Dayun 熊達雲, A History of Chinese Scholarship on Japan
13. Shen Caibin 沈才彬, The Japanese Emperor and the Chinese Emperor

Thus far, volumes 2, 5, 6, and 8 have appeared. They will be examined closely in upcoming issues of this Newsletter. The publisher's address is: 2-9-2 Suidō, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 112, Japan.

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Reischauer Lectureship. Several years ago, the Fairbank Center for East Asian Research (in cooperation with the Reischauer Institute) at Harvard University launched an annual lecture series in Sino-Japanese affairs named for Professor Edwin O. Reischauer. The first in the Reischauer Lectureship series was

Wm. Theodore deBary of Columbia University, whose lectures, East Asian Civilizations: A Dialogue in Five Stages, were published by Harvard University Press in 1986. Marius Jansen of Princeton University delivered the second set of lectures on "China in Tokugawa Japan" in March of 1988; publication is expected soon. In late October 1988, Robert Scalapino of the University of California, Berkeley, gave the third series of lectures. Next October (1989), Akira Iriye of the University of Chicago is slated to deliver this series of lectures.

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AAS Panels of Sino-Japanese Interest. A preliminary listing of panels and panel organizers for the March 1989 annual conference of the Association for Asian Studies was recently published in that organization's Newsletter. Until the titles of the papers in each panel are published, it is impossible to ascertain if, in fact, all of these panels will be Sino-Japanese in nature. Nonetheless, in the interest of encouraging Sino-Japanese research, we note which panels may be of interest to readers of this Newsletter. When a fuller listing of the panels is available, we shall up-date the following information (panel number, organizer, and name).

Friday morning, March 17, 1989:

- 9. Takie Sugiyama Lebra, "Ancestors and the Self: Reconstructing the Dead in China, Japan, and Korea"
- 14. Joshua A. Fogel, "The Sorrow Spy Ring and Its Impact on the Postwar Communist Movement in Japan"

Saturday morning, March 18:

- 42. Ellen Widmer, "Medicine and Literature in Seventeenth-Century China and Japan"

Saturday afternoon, Session I, March 18:

- 49. Fu-mei C. Chen, "The Beginning of a Cultural Revolution: Taiwan under Japan Rule"
- 57. Clifton W. Pannell, "Urbanization, Industrialization, and City Development in East Asia"
- 58. Anthony Reid, "The Seventeenth General Crisis in Asia"

Saturday afternoon, Session II:

- 77. James Lee, "Familial Context of Demographic Processes in East Asia"
- 78. Wendy Larson, "Challenging the Orthodox: Literary Modernism in China and Japan"

Sunday morning, March 19:

- 91. Forrest R. Pitts, "East Asian Farm Mechanization"

Sunday afternoon:

99. Donald Crone, "Politics and Poverty in Asia"

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Chinese in 18th-Century Japan. The Southern California Japan Seminar is planning to co-sponsor a day-long symposium on "Concepts on the Chinese in 18th-Century Japan" to be held at Pomona College on Saturday, December 3, 1989. It will examine the concepts of the Chinese in the ancient learning movement as well as in literati painting and poetry. For further information, contact Samuel Yamashita, Dept. of History, Pomona College, Claremont, CA 91711; tel. (714) 621-8000, ext. 2924 or 3075.

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Sino-Japanese Studies Group to meet in conjunction with AAS. members of the Sino-Japanese Studies Group and interested colleagues and friends are urged to keep an eye out for the time and place assigned to us by the Program Committee of the AAS. I have requested Saturday evening, but we will not know for several months. I will try to run a paragraph in the AAS Newsletter when I know, and the printed program of the AAS meeting should carry the same information. We need to discuss our first year of existence, ideas and comments on the Newsletter, and any new proposals. See you there.