

* * Sino-Japanese News * *

Emergence of the Sino-Japanese Studies Committee. After much work and negotiating with various groups within the Association for Asian Studies, Douglas R. Reynolds reports that the Sino-Japanese Studies Group has been approved by the AAS as a "committee." Readers of SJS may have noticed our organization so listed in the latest issue of the Asian Studies Newsletter. This new, enhanced status enables us to use the good offices of the AAS Secretariat to solicit funds and work further to build up our fledgling field. A fund-raising drive of modest proportions is presently underway with various members of the SJSC pursuing leads in Taiwan, Japan, Hong Kong, and Japan. Anyone interesting in participating in this fund-raising work, please let me know.

Fund-Raising Drive to Enhance Sino-Japanese Studies. One of the primary objectives of our fund-raising efforts will be to improve the appearance of SJS itself. Doing so will cost a fair amount of money, and we would like to keep the cost of the journal at its present reasonable rate. We would also like to reestablish and retain control over the administration of the Sino-Japanese Relations Prize for the best books, articles, and theses in the field of Sino-Japanese studies. It was first in the hands of the national AAS and then fell to the Mid-Atlantic Regional AAS, before being abandoned altogether. If we are successful in our fund-raising drive, we would also like to be able to host conferences, offer fellowships, scholarships, and research-travel money, and finance larger multi-lateral projects.

Sino-Japanese Workshop in Ōsaka. With a grant from the Matsushita Foundation, a workshop entitled "A New Paradigm on the Relationship between China and Japan in the 20th Century" was held on September 4, 1993 in Ōsaka. Professor Nishimura Shigeo 西村成雄 of Ōsaka University of Foreign Studies organized the meeting to which seventeen or eighteen scholars came. There were four papers, one each by the four co-principal investigators of the Matsushita grant, the ultimate aim of which is to prepare a trilingual (Chinese, Japanese, English) bibliography of works, published between 1980 and the present, on modern Sino-Japanese relations.

Professor Soejima Shōichi 副島昭一 of Wakayama University spoke first on the present state of research in Japan on Sino-Japanese relations. He is responsible for compiling the Japanese

bibliography. Professor Lang Weicheng 郎維成 of Northeast Normal University in Changchun spoke next on new directions in the study of Sino-Japanese relations in China. I spoke third on the characteristics of Sino-Japanese studies in the United States, and Professor Nishimura spoke last, offering an innovative "reconstruction" of the image of Sino-Japanese historical relations in contemporary Japan. Each panelist's presentation was followed was a discussant who was allotted fifteen minutes. Often these commentaries were at least, in one case strikingly more, interesting than the papers themselves. When the bibliography is published, we shall announce it in these pages. Anyone with knowledge of little-known bibliographical information of Sino-Japanese interest (English-language material), please let me know as soon as possible.

New Series. Westview Press is starting to put out a series, entitled Transitions: Asia and the Pacific, of works of potential Sino-Japanese interest. Under the editorship of Professor Mark Selden, the aim is to explore a wide range of historical and contemporary, socio-economic, and cultural issues pertaining to Asia and its place in the world. This involves both scholarship and fiction in translation. Selden is also interested in publishing important scholarly works in translation from Chinese and Japanese, and he welcomes suggestions or proposals of such works. He can be contacted at: Sociology Department, Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY 13902.

Meeting of Sino-Japanese Studies Group at AAS in Boston. As is our practice, the Sino-Japanese Studies Group will convene at the AAS meetings this coming March in Boston. Look for the time and place in the program schedule. We will begin by dealing briefly with business and offer reports on our fund-raising efforts. Last year we ran a mini-panel on the first Sino-Japanese War, and we were all so pleased by the results that we have decided to do something similar this year. This plan for March is to have a mini-roundtable discussion of Douglas Reynolds's new book, China, 1898-1912: The Xinzheng Revolution and Japan. Several people will offer commentaries, Reynolds will respond, and then anyone present will be welcome to join in. Please read the book and come armed with questions and comments.