



# The Australian Network for Japanese Law

## ANJeL/ Blake Dawson Waldron Essay Prize

The deadline for the Japanese law essay prize has been extended to 30 November. For more information and to download your cover sheet, please visit the ANJeL website.

ANJEL is offering **FREE return flights and two nights' accommodation** in Kyoto for **three Australian researchers** to participate in the 6<sup>th</sup> international conference in Kyoto. This will be awarded on the basis of the most promising paper proposal.

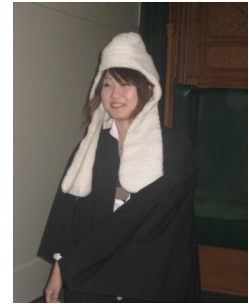
## ANJeL Newsletter – November 2007

### **ANJeL Teaching in '08**

ANJeL will co-host two off-shore intensive courses in Japanese law during February 2008: the “**Kyoto Seminar**” on Japanese Law in the Global Era (12-15 February in Kyoto); and the “**Tokyo Seminar**” on Japanese Law and the Economy (18 – 22 February in Tokyo). These courses are offered in collaboration with Ritsumeikan University. For more information, please visit [www.kyoto-seminar.jp](http://www.kyoto-seminar.jp).

Australian LLB and LLM students interested in these courses should contact co-director Leon Wolff ([leon.wolff@unsw.edu.au](mailto:leon.wolff@unsw.edu.au)) for enrolment advice.

ANJeL will also host the second **Canberra Seminar** on Australian Law from 11 – 22 February for Japanese undergraduate law students.



*Students from last year's Canberra seminar.*

### **Conference Announcement: ANJeL 6<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference**

The Australian Network for Japanese Law (ANJeL), in collaboration with Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto, is hosting its sixth international conference (but first overseas) in Kyoto, Japan on 16 February 2008. The theme of the conference is: “Beyond 'Country and Western' Law: Towards New Global Partnerships in Legal Research”. For more, see the conference announcement on the ANJeL website. Paper proposals are due on 20 December 2007.

### **Intercollegiate Negotiation & Arbitration Competition, Tokyo**

Students from ANU, UNSW and the University of Sydney will travel to Tokyo next month for the 6<sup>th</sup> Intercollegiate Negotiation and Arbitration Competition. They will be defending the title won by last year's team, competing against some 16 universities from around Japan, including the University of Tokyo, Kyoto University and Waseda University. ANJeL is seeking any financial sponsorship or in-kind support, such as practice moots in Sydney, Canberra or Tokyo.

## Report: ANJeL 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference

ANJeL held its fifth international conference in July on Japan's impending re-introduction of a quasi-jury system.

This was preceded by ANJeL-sponsored panel on corporate governance and refugee law at the biennial Japanese Studies Association of Australia (JSAA) conference. As a side note, ANJeL Co-Director Kent Anderson was elected president of the JSAA for 2007-2008. One immediate outcome is that ANJeL Co-directors will edit a book on "Corporate Governance in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Japan's Gradual Transformation" to be published by Edward Elgar (UK) in mid-2008.



*Judge Takahashi quickly learning the Aussie way from Luke Nottage...*



*Baby Claire Nasu...*

### ANJeL Visitorships

ANJeL would like to welcome Judge Shimpei Takahashi from the Yokohama District Court, who will be spending twelve months in Sydney, and Judge Takamoto Hagiwara from Tokyo District Court, who will be based in Melbourne as part of ANJeL Visiting Professional program. Professor Makoto Ibusuki has also recently arrived in Sydney and is spending his sabbatical until March to study criminal procedure reforms. Other current ANJeL visiting professionals include Mr Masanori Hiramatsu of the National Police Agency, Ms Aya Kitaoka of Tokyo Family Court and Ms Masako Yabu, a Ministry of Justice Prosecutor.

ANJeL welcomes applications for Research Visitorships for 2008.

*Some ANJeL Gossip...*

- Congratulations to **Professor Kent Anderson** who has been appointed Director of Faculty of Asian Studies at ANU, while **Luke Nottage** (University of Sydney) and **Leon Wolff** (UNSW) have been promoted to Associate Professor.

- **Stacey Steele** (ANJeL Judges Program Director) has moved from BDW to Standard & Poors.

- Dr **Hitoshi Nasu** (Associate Director, ANU), Dr **Harald Baum** (Advisor and JIL general editor, MPI Hamburg), and Professor **Colin Jones** (former ANJeL Research Visitor, from Doshisha) have all had baby girls! **Luke Nottage** has had a baby boy (after 3 girls).

**Best wishes from ANJeL Co-Directors;  
Kent Anderson, Luke Nottage & Leon Wolff**

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