

JAPAN INFORMATION ACCESS PROJECT

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“Unquestionably, the best starting point” for information about Japan

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PROSPECTUS

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Established in 1991, the Japan Information Access Project is a trusted member of the U.S. policy community interested in Japan and Asia. The Project specializes in introducing to Washington the best “outside-the-Beltway” scholarly research and analysis on critical Asia policy issues. The goal is to strengthen international understanding of Japanese and Northeast Asian science, technology, economic and security policy. Through a range of programs and publications, the Project educates its members, policymakers, and the public to use knowledge of Japan and Asia to increase national strategic competitiveness and security.

Information for Public Policy

The Project supports educational organizations, government agencies, corporations, laboratories, universities, trade associations, foundations, think tanks, and the media in gaining access to and understanding the experts, organizations, and reference materials that comprise Japan and Asia’s vast and often puzzling information networks. The Project meets the practical needs of educators, policy researchers, business executives, scientists, engineers, legislators, and journalists; all who seek to apply Japanese and Asian information strategically in their policymaking, planning, marketing, teaching, and research.

The Japan Information Access Project operates as a neutral and objective clearinghouse that complements the work of policymakers, researchers and information centers. The Project does not make policy nor lobby. The Project analyzes Asia’s information cultures and how they differ from and influence that of the West. The Project also identifies and evaluates Western resources on Japan and Northeast Asia. The Project staff works closely with Washington policymakers to design relevant public and private briefings. By helping others tap into Japan’s and Northeast Asia’s vast science, technology, and policy networks, the Japan Information Access Project promotes international partnerships and learning.

A Unique Washington Resource Expanding the Policy Mix

The Japan Information Access Project has a number of unique features for a Washington research center on Asia. The focus of our work is on Japan as a prism through which to view Asia's trade, economic, security, technology, and foreign relations. In contrast to many nonprofit organizations that study Asia, the Project neither solicits nor receives funding from Japan.

The Japan Project is not merely a clearinghouse of data and experts on Asia. Nor does the Project generate long-range policy studies chaired by policy generalists and staffed by figurehead scholars. An important goal of the Japan Project is to assist the Washington policy community to access the best scholarship and analysis on Japan and Northeast Asia. By relying solely on Washington's experts and think tanks, the intellectual infrastructure supporting senior policy officials is incomplete.

The task is to equip our public with the tools to do their own research, pursue their own ideas, and ask the hard questions. To do this, the Project identifies and brings to Washington scholarly specialists whose work is relevant to specific, current policy issues. These experts prepare substantive policy briefs that include resource materials for further research. The Japan Project arranges both public and private opportunities for these experts to speak directly to Washington's decisionmakers.

Cultivating New Audiences

Unifying the Project's work is a belief that the Japan and Asia information provider can no longer be content with satisfying the needs of those who already are knowledgeable. An interest must be cultivated in people whose work may be affected by activities in Japan and Asia or who could learn from Japan. There is a new audience for Asian and Japanese information, many of whom are unaware and unconcerned that this information is relevant. A greater understanding of Japan's industrial and foreign policies and practices, moreover, is key to expanding trade and technology relations with all of Asia. The science and policymaking communities of these countries, patterning themselves on Japan, are poised to become formidable competitors.

The Japan Information Access Project believes that the new information professional can no longer rest as a mere gatekeeper nor distant expert of exotica. The Asia expert now needs to be a guide, a trainer, and an innovator. The end goal is not to create an avalanche of information, but to create citizens who are independent problem-solvers--citizens who have available, and possess the know-how to use, Japan-related information to address contemporary technology and policy challenges.

The Japan Information Access Project carries forward its objectives by

- Organizing meetings and private briefings that bring together experts and policymakers on Japanese and Northeast Asian security, economic, science, technology, and public policy.

- Publishing directories, newsletters, translations, and regular reports specifically designed to give researchers and policymakers consistent easy access to information and experts on Japan and its neighbors
- Tracking legislation and policies in Washington and Tokyo affecting trade, information, technology, science, security, and U.S.-Japan/Asian relations
- Developing and identifying innovative electronic means to deliver information resources, research, and policy information
- Assisting members on how to structure and disseminate their policy research on Japan and Northeast Asia
- Identifying and promoting young scholars and innovative research on contemporary Japan and Northeast Asia to the policy community.

HISTORY

The Japan Information Access Project evolved from a private U.S. citizen's efforts in 1991 to organize an informal American delegation to the Third International Conference on Japanese Information in Science, Technology and Commerce held in France.

Because of budgetary constraints, the U.S. government was unable to send an official delegation to this conference, which is used by the Japanese government to gauge Western interest in Japanese science and technology information. Working closely with the U.S. Department of Commerce's Asia-Pacific Technology Program, Japan researcher Ms. Mindy L. Kotler raised \$15,000 to cover partially the costs to commission 12 U.S. academic papers and send nine representatives to the conference.

In the course of her fundraising efforts, Ms. Kotler spoke with more than 300 scholars, government officials, scientists, corporate managers, trade and professional association executives, foundation executives, librarians, and journalists. All acknowledged the need for a consistent effort to study and understand how Japan generates and holds science, technology, and policy information. All recognized the need for an unbiased clearinghouse of Japanese information sources that could evaluate the usefulness of these sources. Many saw a need for a resource that could assist the U.S. government in identifying the problems of access and communicate these problems to the Japanese. And all agreed on the need for greater access to information as a prime component of American competitiveness with Japan.

Following these discussions, Ms. Kotler founded the Japan Information Access Project. In the fall of 1991, the IEEE Computer Society, the largest nonprofit professional organization of computer scientists, offered the Project office space for one year to judge interest in such an enterprise. On July 14, 1993, the IRS approved the Project's application for 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, which is retroactive to the Project's founding on October 16, 1991.

MEMBERSHIP

The Project's membership includes nearly 400 individuals and over 20 institutions representing a wide variety of academic, governmental, research, and corporate institutions, as well as trade groups, the media, and other nonprofit organizations from around the United States and the world. Membership fees have been kept low in order to encourage the broadest possible public involvement.

As of November 1, 2002, institutional members include: PhRMA, American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCI), Center for Naval Analyses (CNA), U.S. Air Force Office of Scientific Research, Internal Revenue Service, Asia-Pacific Technology Program of the Commerce Department, National Science Foundation, U.S. Institute for Peace, Congressional Research Service, National War College, Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, The Brookings Institution, The Japan Society of New York, Kearny Foundation, Discover the Real West Virginia Foundation, Harvard University Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, Columbia University's Center on Japanese Economy & Business, University of California, Berkeley's Institute of East Asian Studies, The Oriental Economist, International Trade & Technology Associates, Samuels International, and Dynamic Strategies Asia.

Membership benefits include free publications, twice-weekly E-mail reports, research assistance, and reduced fees for all Japan Project programs and publications. Corporate and Institutional members also enjoy private briefings and special invitations. In addition, members join a network of industry leaders, policymakers, scholars, and other experts committed to maintaining international cooperation and prosperity through greater understanding of Japanese and Northeast Asian science, technology, and policy information.

FUNDING

Currently, the Japan Information Access Project is funded primarily by revenue from memberships, publications and cooperative efforts with universities and other nonprofit organizations. The Project has received small grants from the Japan-United States Friendship Commission, Kearny Foundation, Philip Morris, Council on Library Resources, Japan Documentation Center of The U.S. Library of Congress, Asia-Pacific Technology Program of the Department of Commerce, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, University of New Mexico, University City Science Center, National Center for Manufacturing Sciences, University of Michigan, and the Asian Law Program of the University of Washington, Seattle. The Project neither receives nor solicits funding directly from Japanese sources.

In late 1997, the Japan Information Access Project began a collaborative effort with the **Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission** to disseminate to the policy community the research results of their funded scholars. The Commission is a federal government

agency that funds the study of contemporary Japan. Topics presented by Commission-funded scholars in both public and private briefing include, Japan and Korea's banking crisis, security policy in Asia, international competition policy, Japan's steel cartels, Japanese healthcare reform, and the antitrust implications of Japan's patent system.

In 1999, Philip Morris awarded the Japan Project seed money to establish the Asia Group, a discussion forum for select women Asia policy professionals. The objective is to encourage greater and more visible participation by women in the policy process. Currently, the Japan Project is identifying candidates and will host in the fall the first meeting of the Asia Group.

From 1996 through 1998, the Japan Information Access Project had a collaborative relationship with the **U.S.-Japan Industry and Technology Management Training Program (JIMT)**. These 12 major U.S. research universities were funded by the U.S. Air Force to create academic centers to study Japanese science, technology, management, and security. The JIMT Centers send interns to work in Japanese labs and government agencies as part of their educational program. The Project assisted these Centers to hold programs in Washington, D.C. and reported to these Centers Japan-relevant policy trends so that each Center could ensure that its research and training programs were timely and germane. The participating JIMT university centers were MIT, Vanderbilt, University of Pittsburgh/Carnegie Mellon, University of Washington, Seattle, University of Michigan, Stanford University, University of California-Berkeley, University City Science Center, Philadelphia, Utah U.S.-Japan Center, University of Texas, Austin, and the New Mexico U.S.-Japan Center. The programs the Japan Project organized in Washington for these university centers were called **JIMT Briefings**. The Air Force ended JIMT funding in 1999.

PUBLICATIONS

The publications of the Japan Information Access Project are aimed at helping researchers and policymakers find, use, and understand Japanese and Northeast Asian information efficiently and effectively. Nearly all the Project's programs are accompanied by complete briefing materials and resource guides; most of which can be found on the Project's website (<http://www.jiaponline.org>).

NEWSLETTERS

Current

Asia Policy Calendar (Formerly the Japan Washington Watch: A, June 1997-Present), a weekly Monday E-mail report of upcoming hearings, events, and conferences relevant to the Japan/Asia-interested U.S. policy community.

Asia Policy Weekly (Formerly the Japan Washington Watch: B; June 1997-Present), a weekly E-mail on the news, reports, and opinion relevant to the Japan/Asia-interested U.S. policy community; occasional special reports; occasional reports.

Past

- *Japan Access Alert Bulletin* (September 1991-June 1997, discontinued), occasional guide to information resources from and on Japanese science, technology, economics, politics, and security (originally bi-monthly)
- *Tracking Japan: A Washington Report on Trade, Technology & Security* (January 1994 to January 1997, discontinued), bimonthly review of political issues affecting the U.S.-Japan trade, technology, and security relationships, includes listings of relevant congressional hearings and reports. Annual publication of the *Morse Targets*, a review of those who influence U.S. Japan policy in Washington and Japan's U.S. policy in Tokyo.

WORKING PAPERS

- *The Future Evolution of Japanese-US Competition in Software: Policy Challenges and Strategic Prospects*, August 1995, JIAP Report Submitted to the Japan-US Friendship Commission. Project Directed by Dr. Bill Rapp, University of Victoria; and Dr. Hugh Patrick, Center on Japanese Economy and Business, Columbia University.
- *Asia's Financial Crisis and Japan*, December 1997, JIAP Working Paper by Dr. Thomas F. Cargill, Department of Economics, University of Nevada.
- *Comparisons of US and Japanese R&D Policies*, March 1998, A JIAP Special Report by Dr. Gregory Tassej, National Institute of Standards and Technology.
- *Competition Policy and International Trade: How Different is Japan from Germany and Does It Matter?* March 1998, JIAP Working Paper by Dr. Mark Tilton, Purdue University.
- *Japan's Science and Technology Policy: Retooling for the Future*, March 1998, JIAP Working Paper by Dr. William A. Blanpied, National Science Foundation.
- *Japanese Government Information: New Rules of Access; The Proposed Information Disclosure Law, Status and US FOIA Comparison*, June 1998, a JIAP Special Report by Lawrence Repeta, University of Washington Law; and Jody Chafee, Lane Powell Spears Lubersky LLP.
- *1998 Morse Target©: Movers and Shakers on Japan*, July 1998, a JIAP Special Report by Dr. Ronald A. Morse, Professor of Economics and Business Administration at Reitaku University in Tokyo.
- *Japan's Steel Cartel and the 1998 Steel Export Surge*, October 1998, JIAP Working Paper by Dr. Mark Tilton, Chair of the Asian Studies Program, Purdue University.
- *Japan's Next Big Bang: Health Care Reform Implications for U.S. Policy*, February 1999, JIAP Working Paper by Dr. Paul Talcott, Political Science Department, Harvard University.

- *Lessons From Japan for U.S. Patent Reform: Policy Implications Of A Pre-Grant Disclosure System*, April 1999, JIAP Working Paper by Dr. Keith Maskus and Ms. Christine McDaniel, Department of Economics, University of Colorado at Boulder
- *Japan's Science and Technology Policy: Retooling for the Future*, June 1999, JIAP Working Paper by William Blanpied, National Science Foundation
- *Chinese Perspectives on Theater Missile Defense*, July 1999, JIAP Working Paper by Bonnie Glaser, Consultant on Asian Affairs
- *Japan's Flawed Antitrust Regime*, October 1999, JIAP Working Paper by Michael Beeman, Ph.D., Reischauer Center, Harvard University.
- *Cyber-Attacks In Asia: A Cheap War*, March 2000, JIAP Working Paper by Mindy Kotler and Ian Hillman, Japan Information Access Project.
- *Creating Competition in Japan's Telecommunications Market*, May 2000, JIAP Working Paper by Professor Steven K. Vogel, University of California, Berkeley.
- *Japanese Nuclear Energy Policy and Public Opinion*, May 2000 by Mindy L. Kotler and Ian T. Hillman, Japan Information Access Project.
- *Morse Target 2001: Washington's Movers and Shakers on Japan*, March 2001, Ronald A. Morse, Professor of Economics and Business Administration at Reitaku University in Tokyo
- *Changing the Guard in the Provinces, A New Platform for Hard Times*, April 2001, JIAP Working Paper by Larry Repeta, Founding Director, Information Clearinghouse, Japan.
- *Civil Society and Its Regulators, Non-Profit Organizations in Japan*, April 2001, JIAP Working Paper by Robert Pekkannen, Ph.D. candidate in political science and Academy Scholar at Harvard University.
- *New Tools for Public Participation in the Japanese Regulatory System*, April 2001, JIAP Working Paper by Jean Grier (International Trade Administration, US Department of Commerce).
- *Is Japan Changing? 'Permeable Insulation' In Japan's Political Economy: How Politics Undermine Economic Reform in Japan*, July 2001, JIAP Working Paper by Dr. Ulrike Schaeede, Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, University of California at San Diego
- *Under-Regulated Japan: Telecommunications and the New Economy*, July 2001, JIAP Working Paper by Mark Tilton, Purdue University
- *Japan Digest Article*, August 2001, an opinion piece by Ms. Mindy L. Kotler, JIAP Director.
- *American and the Chinese: Contrasting Communications Styles*, October 2001, JIAP Working Paper by Drs. Yuling Pan, Georgetown University and Barbara Craig Georgetown University and Bridges Across Cultures.
- *US Domestic Debate Over the Appropriate Balance in US Policy toward Mainland China and Taiwan*, October 2001, a JIAP Working Paper by Dr. Robert Sutter, Georgetown University.
- *Generational Change And The Japan-U.S. Security Relationship: Returning To The Future*, December 2001, a JIAP Working Paper.

- *Materials for Understanding the Armitage Report*, January 2002, by Ms. Mindy Kotler, Mr. Seth D. Drewry and Mr. Daisuke Okuyama, JIAP Director and Research Assistants. A JIAP Research Report for a book edited by Dr. Ronald Morse, entitled *Unconditional Success: America and Japan's Choices*
- *Japan's Global Ambivalence*, May 2002, an article by Ms. Mindy L. Kotler and Mr. Daisuke Okuyama, JIAP Director and Research Assistant, in the May/June 2002 issue of *Foreign Policy Magazine*, p96-7.
- *Steels Divided Market's: Japan & Europe*, June 2002, JIAP Working Paper by Dr. Mark Tilton, Purdue University

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- *How to Locate and Acquire Japanese Scientific and Technical Information*, March 1992 proceedings from a conference sponsored by JICST/NTIS
- *How to Locate and Acquire Japanese Scientific and Technical Information*, March 1993 proceedings from a conference sponsored by JICST/NTIS
- *Technical Requirements for Accessing Japanese Information: Problems and Solutions*, April 1994 proceedings from a symposium sponsored by the Japan Documentation Center of the Library of Congress
- *Acquiring and Understanding Japanese Patent Information*, 1994 JICST/NTIS conference seminar proceedings (July 1994)
- *Understanding the Needs for Japanese Information with a Special Emphasis on Science and Technology*, Symposium Report (July 1994)
- *Japanese Public Policy Perspectives and Resources*, April 1995 proceedings from a symposium sponsored by the Japan Documentation Center
- *Strategies and Methods for Accessing Japanese Technical Information*, May 1995, prepared for a symposium sponsored by the National Center for Manufacturing Sciences
- *4th International Conference on Japanese Information in Science, Technology, Industry and Business*, September 4-8, 1995, held at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne; conference report and analysis sponsored by NASA Langley Research Center
- *CyberJapan: Technology, Policy and Society*, May 1996 proceedings from a symposium sponsored by the Japan Documentation Center of the Library of Congress
- *Asia's New Competitors: The Manufacturing Advantage*, December 1996 proceedings from a workshop sponsored by the U.S.-Japan Center, University City Science Center
- *Japanese Deregulation: What You Should Know*, April 1997 proceedings from a symposium sponsored by the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission
- *Intellectual Property: Japan and the New Asia*, October 1997 proceedings from two-day symposium co-sponsored with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the Japan-United States Friendship Commission, and the Asia-Technology Program, US Department of Commerce
- *Japan's June 25 Elections Understanding the Results*, June 2000, with Ray Christensen, Brigham Young University (Author: *Ending the LDP Hegemony: Party*

Cooperation in Japan, University of Hawaii Press, 2000); Mike Mochizuki, George Washington University; Mike Green, Council on Foreign Relations, Yoichi Kato, *Asahi Shimbun*

- *Fixing Japan's Economy: Conference Proceedings*, April 2002, JIAP Symposium in cooperation with the Japan-US Friendship Commission, The East-West Center, the European Institute of Japanese Studies, and the University of Hawaii.

RESOURCE GUIDES

- *Japanese Information: Where Can You Find It and What Does It Mean? Trade and Technology* (February 1992)
- *Japanese Financial Information* (February 1992)
- *Japanese Patent Information* (February 1992, updated December 1994)
- *Japanese Information in Computers, Electronics & Semiconductors* (September 1992)
- *Japanese Information in Computers, Electronics & Semiconductors* (February 1993)
- *Japanese Intellectual Property: The Japanese Patent System and Strategies for Competitiveness* (July 1993)
- *The View from Japan: Selected Articles from the Japanese Press on the "Patent War" and Japanese R&D* (July 1993)
- *Patent Politics Between the U.S. and Japan* (October 1993)
- *Clinton Administration Japan Experts and Offices* (updated regularly)
- *Japan-U.S. Trade & Technology: A Primer* (October 1994)
- *Competitiveness: A Source Book*, funded by a grant from the National Center for Manufacturing Sciences; completed August 1994
- *Resource Guide on International Competition and Trade Policy*, March 1995, prepared for the University of Washington, Seattle Asian Law Program symposium on *Antitrust: A New International Trade Remedy?*
- *A Guide to Japan's Patent System*, completed June 1995, funded by a grant from the Asia-Pacific Technology Program of the U.S. Department of Commerce
- *Accessing Japanese S&T Information Without Leaving Home* (August 1995)
- *Directory: Japanese Information Sources in Business, Science, & Technology*, August 1996, prepared for the East Asia Business Program, Michigan Business School at the University of Michigan
- *Resources on Japan and the 1998 East Asia Strategic Report* (December 1998)
- *Japanese Health Care Reform* (February 1999)
- *Resources on U.S. and Japanese Steel Industry* (October 1998, updated February 1999)
- *Information Resources on Japan's Patent System* (April 1999, Revised June 1999)
- *Information Resources on Japanese Healthcare Reform* (February 1999, Revised June 1999)
- *Critical Websites for the Asia Policy Watcher* (May 1999)
- *Resources on CyberBusiness in Japan* (June 1999)
- *Tracking Japan: Business and Policy Resources* (July 1999)
- *Resources on Japanese Law* (June 1999)
- *Resources on Japanese Science & Technology* (April 1999, updated February 2000)

- *Resources on Chinese Regional Security Issues* (July 1999)
- *Information Resource Guide to Japanese Antitrust Legal Issues* (October 1999)
- *Information Resource Guide: North Korean Security Interests* (October 1999)

PROGRAMS

The Japan Information Access Project sponsors a variety of public programs aimed at examining overarching policy as well as technical issues. The Project's programs, often feature young scholars, government officials, and corporate experts that offer fresh perspectives on Japan. A variety of program formats are used to appeal to a range of audiences.

There are full conference proceedings containing the papers, related documents, and a detailed information resource guide to all the Japan Information Access Project organized conferences and workshops. Most luncheon programs and briefings are accompanied by 4 to 10 page information resource guides of relevant articles, books, organizations, and websites as well as summaries of the scholar's policy research. Selected contents of these proceedings and briefing materials can be found on our website.

Conferences and Workshops

1992

- *Japanese Information: Where Do You Find It and What Does It Mean?*
- *The Needs and Use of Japanese Science and Technology Information in the U.S.*
- *Japanese Information in Computers, Electronics, and Semiconductors*

1993

- *Japanese Information in Computers, Electronics, and Semiconductors*
- *Japanese Intellectual Property: The New Politics of U.S.-Japan Trade*
- *Patent Politics Between the U.S. and Japan*

1994

- *Technical Requirements for Accessing Japanese Information: Problems and Solutions*, organized for the Japan Documentation Center of the Library of Congress
- *U.S.-Japan Trade & Technology: A Maturing Relationship?* organized for the University of New Mexico, U.S.-Japan Center

1995

- *Antitrust: An International Trade Remedy?* organized for the University of Washington, Seattle, Asian Law Program
- *Japanese Public Policy Perspectives and Resources*, organized for the Japan Documentation Center of the Library of Congress

- *Accessing Japanese S&T Information Without Leaving Home*, organized for the Society for Competitive Intelligence Professionals
- *The Policy Context of Japanese Science & Technology*, organized for the University of New Mexico, U.S.-Japan Center

1996

- *CyberJapan: Technology, Policy and Society*, organized for the Japan Documentation Center of the Library of Congress
- *Asia's New Competitors: The Manufacturing Advantage*, organized for the U.S.-Japan Center, University City Science Center

1997

- *Japanese Deregulation: What You Should Know*, organized for the Japan-United States Friendship Commission
- *Intellectual Property: Japan and the New Asia*, two-day symposium organized in cooperation with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission

2002

- *Fixing Japan's Economy*⁶. *Fixing Japan's Economy*, with Dr. R. Glenn Hubbard, Chairman of the Council on Economic Advisers the keynote luncheon speaker. Sumner LaCroix (East-West Center, University of Hawaii), Magnus Blomström (European Institute of Japanese Studies, Stockholm School of Economics), Anil K. Kashyap (University of Chicago), Hiroshi Ono (European Institute of Japanese Studies, Stockholm School of Economics), and Jay Tate (University of California, Berkeley). The moderator/commentator was Gillian Tett (*Financial Times*).

Policy Discussions

A series of **public policy lunch programs and policy briefings**, initiated in June 1992, provide Washington's policy community with an opportunity to learn from experts on a wide range of issues affecting Japan and Asia's trade, technology, and security relationships. The lunches have varied from being informal, free, public brown bag talks, to on-the-record discussions at the National Press Club and the Pentagon. The Project has also arranged private briefings with scholars and experts for senior policy officials. Programs have included:

1992

- *U.S.-Japan Strategy for a Technology Infrastructure* with Dr. Gregory Tassej, senior economist, NIST
- *Japanese Research Consortia* with Dr. James E. Gover, Sandia Labs; and Dr. Gerald Hane, staff member, U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Science, Space and Technology
- *The Candidates and Asia* with Dr. Derek Shearer, Occidental College; and Ambassador Michael Moskow, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative in the Bush Administration

- *Computer Science in Japan* with Dr. David Kahaner, Office of Naval Research, Tokyo

1993

- *Japanese Women in the 90s: An Equal Opportunity?* with Professor Linda Edwards, Queens College and the Graduate Center, CUNY
- *Reflections on Security in Asia* with Commander Torkel Patterson, Former Director of Asian Affairs of the National Security Council
- *Clinton's Technology Agenda and Japan* with Mr. Thomas Kalil of the National Economic Council, Ms. Linda Staheli of the Department of State, U.S.-Japan S&T Agreement, and Dr. Henry Kelly of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy
- *Perspectives on Japanese Corporate Governance: The Annual Shareholder's June Meetings* with Mr. John Taylor of the Investor Responsibility Research Center and Tadashi Saito of the Japan Economic Institute
- *Industrial Organization in Japan, the United States, and Germany* with Ms. Barbara Keller, General Accounting Office and Dr. Edward Lincoln, The Brookings Institution
- *Japan's New Global Role* with Dr. Edward Lincoln, The Brookings Institution
- *The Status of the U.S.-Japan Framework Talks* with Ambassador Charlene Barshefsky, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative

1994

- *Foreign Technology: Collection and Dissemination of Japanese Information Can Be Improved* with Ms. Erin Noel and Ms. Rosa Johnson, General Accounting Office and Mr. Edward McGaffigan, Office of Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM)
- *Where Are We Now? U.S.-Japan Framework* with Mr. W. Bowman Cutter, Deputy Director, National Economic Council
- *The New Role of Foreign Economic Policy* with Ambassador Joan Spero, Under Secretary for Economic and Agricultural Affairs, State Department
- *Techno-nationalism and the U.S.-Japan Security Relationship* with Dr. Michael Green, Assistant Professor of Asian Studies, The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, The Johns Hopkins University
- Private lunch discussion with Dr. Ezra Vogel, National Intelligence Officer on Japan, National Intelligence Council, CIA
- *Understanding Japan's University-Industry Link: Regulation & Reality* with Dr. Diana Hicks, Science Policy Research Unit, University of Sussex and Visiting Professor, Haas Business School, University of California at Berkeley
- *A New Legislative Strategy for Expanding U.S. Trade with Japan* with Congressman Jim Kolbe (R-AZ), Chairman, House Wednesday Group
- *Re-engineering U.S.-Japan Economic Relations* with Mr. Bob Kyle, Senior Director of Asia-Pacific Economic Affairs, National Security Council
- *Japan's International Trade Policy* with Mrs. Midori Tani, Director of MITI's International Communications Office, International Trade Bureau

1995

- Private lunch discussion with *Ambassador James R. Lilley*, Director of the Asian Studies Program at the American Enterprise Institute and former U.S. Ambassador to China and South Korea
- *Opening Japan's Financial Markets* with Mr. Timothy Geithner, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Treasury, International Monetary and Financial Policy
- *Reaffirming the U.S.-Japan Security Alliance* with Dr. Kurt Campbell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, East Asia, Dr. Patrick Cronin, National Defense University, and Ted G. Carpenter, Cato Institute

1996

- *Japan's Cartel Economy*, a brown bag lunch discussion and private briefings with Prof. Mark Tilton of Purdue University, author of *Restrained Trade: Cartels in Japan's Basic Materials Industries*
- *Is MITI Trying to Kill Section 301?*, a brown bag lunch discussion with Charles D. Lake, II Esq., of Dewey Ballantine and former Special Counsel to Deputy U.S. Trade Representative and former Director of Japanese Affairs at the USTR
- *New Priorities in America's East Asian Strategy*, a luncheon discussion with Ms. Sandy Kristoff, Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Asian Affairs, National Security Council
- *The Funding of Japanese Lobbying in Washington*, private luncheon discussion with Mr. Yoichiro Sato, Ph.D. candidate in Political Science, University of Hawaii
- *Mismanaged Trade?: Strategic Policy and the Semiconductor Industry*, a brown bag lunch discussion and book signing with Dr. Kenneth Flamm, Senior Fellow of the Brookings Institution
- *Can the Winner be Tougher?: U.S.-Japan Relations Post-Elections*, a luncheon panel discussion with speakers Dr. Ed Lincoln, Senior Fellow Brookings Institution, former Special Economic Advisor, U.S. Embassy, Tokyo; Mr. Jerry Johnson, Vice President and Director, International Trade & Policy Group, Powell Tate, and moderator Mr. David Sanger, *New York Times*
- *Japanese Intelligence: The Competitive Edge*, a brown bag lunch discussion and book signing with Mr. James H. Hansen, a senior official at the Defense Intelligence Agency
- *Japan's Fair Trade Commission and the Politics of Antimonopoly Policy*, a brown bag lunch discussion and private briefings with Michael Beeman, Ph.D. candidate, St. Anthony's College, Oxford University

1997

- *Deregulating Japan's Telecommunications and Financial Markets*, a brown bag discussion and book signing with Dr. Steven Vogel, Government Department, Harvard University. Additional private briefings for policymakers

- *How Should Japan Change? A Discussion with "Mr. Reform,"* a brown bag lunch discussion with Mr. Katsuhiko Eguchi, Acting President of PHP Institute, Kyoto, Japan
- *The U.S. and Japanese Response to a North Korean Collapse,* JIMT Briefing with speakers Lt. Col. Lonnie Henley, US Army; Dr. Michael Green, Institute of Defense Analyses; Mr. Robert Manning, Progressive Policy Institute, and moderator Dr. Davis Bobrow, University of Pittsburgh
- *Japan's New Defense Guidelines & East Asian Regional Security,* JIMT Briefing with speakers Lt. Col. James F. Armington, Department of Defense; Dr. Patrick Cronin, National Defense University; Dr. Katy Oh, Institute for Defense Analyses, and moderator Commander Paul Giarra, National Defense University
- *True Allies? Is There a Future in the U.S.-Japan Security Alliance,* JIMT Briefing and book signing with Dr. Michael Mochizuki, Brookings Institution; Dr. Michael O'Hanlon, Brookings Institution; and Mr. Takuma Takahashi, Nomura Research Institute
- *Japanese Aerospace: Defense Takes The Lead,* JIMT Briefing with Mr. Matthew Dixon, University of Pittsburgh (Ph.D. candidate), Mr. Tom Nugent (MIT, Ph.D. candidate), and Mr. Joel Johnson, Aerospace Industries Association of America
- *Chinese and Japanese Export Controls: A Backdoor Industrial Policy,* JIMT Briefing with Dr. Richard Cupitt, Center for International Trade and Security at the University of Georgia and Dr. Martha Caldwell Harris, Senior Vice President, Asia Foundation
- *Japan's Banking Crisis: Domestic Politics, Global Repercussions, and the Potential for Meaningful Reforms,* JIMT Briefing with Professor Thomas Cargill, University of Nevada, Reno, Commentator, Dr. Edward Lincoln, The Brookings Institution
- *Asia's Financial Crisis and Japan* with Professor Thomas Cargill, University of Nevada, Reno and co-author of *The Political Economy of Japanese Monetary Policy,* private briefings for members of congress, congressional staff, and the press. Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission Public Policy Series Event.

1998

- *Japan's Science & Technology Policy: Retooling for the Future,* with Dr. William Blanpied, National Science Foundation and Dr. Gregory Tasse, National Institute of Standards and Technology, brown bag lunch discussion
- *Competition Policy and International Trade: How Different is Japan from Germany and Does It Matter?* With Mark Tilton, Purdue University. Private briefing at USTR for senior international competition policy officials. Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission Public Policy Series Event
- *Can Japan Be Asia's Locomotive?* JIMT briefing with Deputy United States Trade Representative Richard W. Fisher
- *Asia's Energy Security and the Potential of Central Asia,* with Ms. Amy Myers Jaffe, Baker Institute for Public Policy at Rice University.
- *Japan's Steel Cartel and the 1998 Steel Export Surge.* With Mark Tilton, Purdue University. Public brown bag lunch and private briefings for congressional and

administration officials. Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission Public Policy Series Event

- *Japan and Asia's Financial Crisis*. With Caroline Atkinson, Deputy Assistant Treasury Secretary for International Monetary and Financial Policy. Public lunch discussion
- *Security in Asia: Japan and The 1998 East Asia Security Strategy Report*. With Kurt Campbell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Affairs and commentating, Dr. Charles Morrison, president of the East-West Center. Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission Public Policy Series Event

1999

- *Japan's Next "Big Bang": Healthcare Reform, Implications for U.S. Policy*. With Paul Talcott, Ph.D. candidate, Department of Political Science, Harvard University, Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission Public Policy Series Event
- *How Japan's Patent System Encourages Incremental Innovation, Lessons from Japan for U.S. Patent Reform: Policy Implications of a Pre-Grant Disclosure System*. With Christine McDaniel, Ph.D. candidate, Department of Economics, University of Colorado, Boulder, Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission Public Policy Series Event
- *Don't Count Japan Out: Japanese Science & Technology Policy* with Professor Alain-Marc Rieu (Faculty of Philosophy, University of Lyon) And Dr. William Blanpied (National Science Foundation), AFRL Pentagon Study Group
- *China's Regional Security Interests* with Amy Jaffe, Baker Institute for Public Policy and Bonnie Glaser, Consultant on Asian Affairs, AFRL Pentagon Study Group
- *CyberBusiness In Japan: Critical Policy Issues and the Online Marketplace* with Rachel Howe (*DSA Analytics*) and Russell Hayward (*Dynamic Strategies Asia*)
- *Northeast Asia's Long-Range Energy Security* with Amy Jaffe, Baker Institute for Public Policy
- *Science, Technology and Security in North Korea* with Peter Hayes and Jim Williams (Nautilus Institute), AFRL Pentagon Study Group
- *Japan's Flawed Antitrust Regime* with Michael Beeman, D.Phil. Oxford, Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission Public Policy Series Event

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- *Cracks in Japan's Science & Technology Regime* with Dr. Jon Sigurdson, Director, East Asia Science & Technology Programme, The European Institute of Japanese Studies, Stockholm School of Economics, AFRL Pentagon Study Group
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- *CyberWar In Asia: The Technology and Politics of Information Warfare* with Dr. Daniel T. Kuehl, National Defense University and Michael Pillsbury, INSS, National Defense University, AFRL Pentagon Study Group

- *Japan's View of CyberWar* with Mr. Akihiko Nakajima, Director of Command and Communications Defense Operations Bureau, Japan Defense Agency; and Daniel Kuehl, National Defense University.
- *Creating Competition in Japan's Telecommunications Market* with Professor Steven K. Vogel, University of California, Berkeley and Jonathan McHale (USTR), Paul Kenefick (Cable & Wireless), and Robert Triendl (ATIP), Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission Public Policy Series Event
- *Perspectives on Northeast Asian Science & Technology: Japan, Taiwan & South Korea* with Phyllis Genter Yoshida, Department of Commerce; Robert Chang, Northwestern University; Edward Murday, Naval Research Laboratory; and Cathleen Smith, US Chamber of Commerce, AFRL Pentagon Study Group
- *Japan's June 25 Election: Understanding the Results* with Ray Christensen, Brigham Young University; Michael Green, Council on Foreign Relations; Yoichi Kato, Asahi Shimbun; Mike Mochizuki, George Washington University, Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission Public Policy Series Event
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- *Washington's Movers & Shakers on Japan: The Morse Target 2001 March 15, 2001* with Ronald A. Morse, Professor of International Economics and Business, Reitaku University in Tokyo, Commentator, Chris Nelson, *The Nelson Report*. Distributed *The Morse Target*.
- *Energizing Japanese Politics: New Tools For Citizen Participation*. A discussion of the Post-LDP presidential election (4/23/01), selection of the new prime minister (4/24/01), and how new actors, laws, and factors are affecting Japanese politics with Larry Repeta, Information Clearinghouse Japan, on Freedom of Information; Jean Grier, Commerce Department, on regulatory reform; and Robert Pekkanen, Harvard, on nonprofit law and organization moderated by Edward Lincoln, Brookings Institution with commentator from John Wecker, State Department.
- *How Politics Undermine Economic Reform In Japan*. Issues discussed were antitrust laws, trade associations, the distribution system, and domestic politics and the

specific case of telecommunications reform with Ulrike Schaede, University of California at San Diego and Mark Tilton, Purdue University.

- ***Arthritic Japan: The Slow Pace Of Economic Reform***, Book Discussion with the author Edward Lincoln, Brookings, and Commentary by Lael Brainard, Brookings.
- ***The Cultural and Political Dimensions of Getting to Yes with China*** with Ambassador Richard H. Solomon, USIP; Dr. Robert Sutter, Georgetown University; Dr. Yuling Pan and Dr. Barbara Craig, Georgetown University. Amb. Solomon's book *Chinese Negotiating Behavior* distributed. AST Forum.

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- ***Widening The Dialogue with India: Politics, Security, and Science*** with Ambassador Teresita C. Schaffer (CSIS), Dr. Stephen Cohen (Brookings Institution), and Dr. Mita Desai (National Science Foundation). Amb. Schaffer's report, *Rising India and U.S. Policy Options in Asia* distributed, February 7, 2002, AST Forum.
- ***The First Year of Japan's FOIA: Is It A Real Tool for Political Accountability?*** with Mr. Larry Repeta, Information Clearinghouse Japan & Director, Law Program in Japan, Associate Dean, Temple University Japan.
- ***Exploring Science & Technology on Taiwan*** with Ambassador Harvey Feldman (Heritage Foundation), Dr. James Mulvenon (RAND), Dr. Steven Phillips (Towson University), Dr. Phyllis Genther Yoshida (Energy Dept), MAJ Wesmond Andrews (USAF), Dr. Marshall Lih (NSF), Dr. Robert Lai, Dr. Shouhua Qi (Western Connecticut State U), Dr Joseph Liu (USAF), Mr. W. Johann Schmonsees (State Dept), Ms. Bonnie Coe (Atlantic Council). *Taiwan's Foreign and Defense Policies: Features and Determinants* by Michael Swaine and James C. Mulvenon distributed, April 24, 2002.
- ***Japan-US Relations: The Next Ten Years*** with Professors Steven Vogel (University of California, Berkeley) & Leonard Schoppa (University of Virginia). *U.S.-Japan Relations In A Changing World*, A new book edited by Steven Vogel was for sale.
- ***Steel's Divided Markets: Japan & Europe*** with Professor Mark Tilton (Purdue U).
- ***Understanding the Science & Technology, Politics & Culture of South Korea*** with Mr. Paul Chamberlin (Independent Consultant), Dr. Katy Oh (IDA), Dr. Junku Yuh (NSF), Dr. Sang-Seon Kim (Counselor, Embassy of the Republic of South Korea). *Korea 2010: The Challenges of the New Millenium* by Paul Chamberlin distributed, September 4, 2002.
- ***Japan's Intelligence Operatives In War And Peace: The Nakano School From 1938-2001***, with Stephen Mercado, (Author, *The Shadow Warriors of Nakano: A History of the Imperial Japanese Army's Elite Intelligence School*, Brassey's, 2002).

PUBLIC POLICY

In addition to holding public programs on emerging policy issues between the United States and Japan, the Project arranges private briefings for the Washington policy community with scholars and experts working on cutting-edge issues. The Project is viewed as a trusted resource and we work closely with our contacts in Congress, USTR,

State, Commerce, Treasury, Justice, Defense, FTC, ITC, OMB, FCC, NEC, NSC, Federal Reserve, IMF and other government agencies to arrange appropriate meetings with visiting scholars and experts. Topics for these private discussions have included Japanese antitrust, regulatory reform, bureaucratic change, telecommunications, banking, and security. The Project also maintains and updates regularly an extensive database of Washington governmental, think tank, and media professionals whose work concerns contemporary Japan and Northeast Asia.

The proceedings from a number of our conferences have become popular reference books throughout the U.S. government. Our work on Japanese intellectual property has led to requests from the Department of Commerce to write a *Guide to the Japanese Patent System* (1995) and the U.S. Patent Office to hold a conference on Asian intellectual property (1997). Our newsletters have also been distributed, by request, throughout the policy community. The *Japan Access Alert Bulletin on Asian Values* is regularly distributed to students at the State Department's Foreign Service Institute.

The *Asia Policy Calendar (APC)* & the *Asia Policy Weekly (APW)* (formerly the *Japan Washington Watch (JWW) A & B*), twice weekly e-mail reports, were designed in 1997 to provide the Japan/Northeast Asia policy-interested community, especially outside Washington, with a snapshot of the news events, hearings, meetings, reports, and editorials that might concern a Washington policymaker. The *APC & APW* are provided only to members and selected policymakers and has quickly become our most popular product.

ASIAN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FORUM (AST Forum, formerly the Pentagon Study Group On Japan)

The Asian Science & Technology Forum (AST Forum, formerly the Pentagon Study Group on Japan) is a discussion group designed for Pentagon officials and selected members of the U.S. policymaking community on U.S.-Japan technology, security, and trade issues and trends. Study Group participation is limited to American citizens and by invitation only.

The AST Forum is funded by the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) Office of International Programs. The new series was initiated in April 1999 and now includes discussion of regional technology and security issues. The meetings are distributed to all Air Force laboratories in a CD-ROM format.

The AST Forum was first formed in cooperation with the U.S.-Japan Center, University City Science Center (UCSC), Philadelphia. The U.S. Japan Center was one of the 12 U.S. Air Force-funded research centers to study Japanese science and technology management. The AST Forum was formerly produced in cooperation with the Japan-US Friendship Commission.

- *Defensible Positions: Negotiation & Communicating With Your Japanese Counterparts* with Dr. John Means, Professor and Director, Center for Critical Languages, Temple University, October 24, 1996
- *Japanese Intelligence: The Competitive Edge* with Mr. James Hansen, Defense Intelligence Agency, December 3, 1996
- *Making Sense of the Peculiar U.S.-Japan Security Relationship* with Dr. Steven Vogel, Assistant Professor of Government, Government Department, Harvard University, January 28, 1997
- *Asian Electronic Manufacturing: A Competitive Analysis* with Dr. William Boulton, Olan Mills Professor of Strategic Management, College of Business, Auburn University, February 13, 1997
- *Negotiating High-Technology Agreements with Japan: A Discussion with America's Top Industry Negotiators* with Dr. Robert M. Orr, Jr., Director, Government Relations Office, Nippon Motorola, Ltd., Mr. Glen S. Fukushima, Vice President, International Affairs, AT&T Japan, Ltd., and Mr. Ira Wolf, Director, Japan Relations & Vice President, Eastman Kodak Company, March 5, 1997
- *What You Should Know About Japanese Bureaucrats* with Dr. Ulrike Schaede, Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, University of California, San Diego, April 7, 1997
- *China and the U.S.-Japan Security Alliance* with Ms. Bonnie Glaser, consultant to the U.S. government on Asian affairs and Dr. Ronald Montaperto, Senior Fellow, Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University, September 4, 1997
- *Don't Count Japan Out: Japanese Science & Technology Policy* with Professor Alain-Marc Rieu, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Lyon And Dr. William Blanpied, National Science Foundation, June 10, 1999
- *China's Regional Security Interests* with Amy Jaffe, Baker Institute for Public Policy and Bonnie Glaser, Consultant on Asian Affairs, July 28, 1999
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- *Perspectives on Australia's Revolution in Military Affairs (RMA): Technology and Regional Security* with Thomas-Durell Young, Naval Postgraduate School, Michael Evans, Australian Army's Land Warfare Studies Centre; Andrew Dowse, Australian Royal Air Force, July 24, 2000
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RESEARCH GUIDANCE

The Project's staff answers 20 to 40 research inquiries per week from around the world. The number of calls, letters, and e-mail requests has increased steadily as the Project has come to be recognized as an accessible source of reliable information.

It is not always information about Japan that is needed, but information that happens to originate in Japan. Those interested solely in American domestic matters often learn from Japanese policies toward science, technology environmental management, foreign aid, waste disposal, health care, tax policy, education, and urban planning. In addition, researchers are shown how to use a knowledge of public policy developments to make their research relevant and current.

Questions range from where to study Japanese, to how to locate technical articles in Japan, to specific policy research questions from congressional staffers. Examples include

I've heard the Japanese government funds research and development of electric cars; where can I learn more? U.S. corporate engineer

How can I find all the papers that a Japanese scientist has written who our engineers will soon visit? U.S. corporate librarian

Where would we go for financial information on Japanese corporations?
Lawyer, U.S. Department of Justice

I need more information on the lithium batteries being developed by the Japanese. Researcher, U.S. auto manufacturer

Where do I look for footage on disabled Japanese? Video producer

Where do I find information on Japanese copyright law? Graduate Student

What is the history of Japan's Database Promotion Center and how does it promote MITI policies? Government analyst

The primary commitment of the Japan Information Access Project--to help Americans understand and use information about Japanese science and technology--manifests itself when staff members direct inquirers to a wide range of international sources and experts who can provide specific data and materials. Project staff members explain

What information sources are available

- How sources should be approached and used most effectively
- How information flows in various segments of Japanese government and industry
- What research methodology is most effective
- The institutional biases of each information source
- What is the policy context of the information

In addition, the Project has its own library of reference materials available to researchers for the cost of duplication and postage.

COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIPS

To expand its effectiveness, the Japan Information Access Project has undertaken a number of collaborative projects, primarily with universities.

Assist the **Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL)** Office of International Programs through the *Asian Science & Technology Forum* to widen the understanding of its officials and scientists to the depth and diversity of scientific and technical research in Japan and Asia. This program series is also in cooperation with the Japan-United States Friendship Commission.

Assisted the **Japan-United States Friendship Commission**, an agency of the U.S. government for the study of contemporary Japan, to better disseminate to the policy community the research results of their funded projects. Arrange public and private presentations of scholarly research to the Washington policy and media communities. The briefings are called the *Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission Public Policy Series*.

Assisted the **Japan Documentation Center, U.S. Library of Congress** and the Asia-Pacific Technology Program, **U.S. Department of Commerce** in planning the *Fifth International Conference on Japanese Information in Science, Technology, Industry and Business* held in Washington, D.C. in July 30 - August 1, 1997.

Assisted the **James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy** with their major research project *East Asian Energy Markets and Energy Cooperation in Northeast Asia*. Submitted and presented a paper, *Japanese Nuclear Energy Policy and Public Opinion*, for the project's book. Presented the paper to the **Council on Foreign Relations**.

Assisted with the coordination and planning of *Making Global Partnerships Work*, the Tenth Anniversary Meeting of the **Association of Japanese Business Studies (AJBS)**, held in Washington, D.C. June 13-15, 1997.

The Project assisted the **United States-Japan Industry and Technology Management Training Program (JIMT)** to raise the Program's profile within the Washington policy community through weekly reporting on Washington trends and opportunities and co-sponsoring a series of public programs (JIMT Briefings) on U.S.-Japan trade, technology and security issues.

The *Pentagon Study Group on Japan*, initiated in October 1996 to encourage policy discussion on Japanese technology and security issues is co-sponsored by the U.S.-Japan Center, **University City Science Center**, Philadelphia.

Co-authored the chapter "**Japanese Technological Innovation – Implications for Large Commercial Aircraft and Knowledge Diffusion**" in NASA-initiated book, *Knowledge Diffusion in the U.S. Aerospace Industry*.

From October 1993 to October 1996, the Japan Project co-sponsored a series of public policy programs, research on Japanese patents, a newsletter on Washington, and research on Japanese S&T sources with the **University of New Mexico**.

The Project has conceived, organized and coordinated the annual conferences of the **U.S. Library of Congress Japan Documentation Center**. These programs have been, *The Technical Requirements of Accessing Japanese Information: Problems and Solutions* (March 18, 1994), *Japanese Public Policy Perspectives and Resources* (April 24, 1995), and *CyberJapan: Technology, Policy and Society* (May 31, 1996). The proceedings from these conferences have all become seminal reference works.

Competitiveness: A Source Book issued in the Summer of 1994 is a collaborative effort with the **National Center for Manufacturing Sciences**.

Guide to the Japanese Patent System issued in the Summer of 1995 is a collaborative effort with the **U.S. Department of Commerce, Asia-Pacific Technology Program**.

The Project prepared the proceedings for the 1992 and 1993 annual conferences on Japanese S&T cosponsored by the **U.S. National Technical Information Service** and Japan's **Information Center of Science and Technology**.

The Project assists the Japan Technology Program of the **University of Michigan** in preparing its Japanese business information briefing books.

The Project's July 1993 conference on *Japanese Intellectual Property* was co-sponsored by the **University of Texas** and the **Intellectual Property Owners Association**.

The Project's October 1993 conference on *Japanese Patent Politics* was cosponsored by the **Intellectual Property Owners Association** and the **National Association of Manufacturers**.

The Project's November 1993 lunch program with Dr. Edward Lincoln, Special Assistant to Ambassador Walter Mondale, was cosponsored by *The Daily Japan Digest*.

Antitrust: A New International Trade Remedy? conference held on March 24, 1995 was organized for the **University of Washington, Seattle, Asian Law Program**.

In May 1995, the Project completed the production of a program brochure for the **U.S.-Japan Industry and Technology Management Training Program** funded by the U.S. Air Force Office of Scientific Research.

In May 1995, Project staff gave a half day seminar and prepared a 150-page briefing book for the **Society for Competitive Intelligence Professionals** on *Accessing Japanese Information Without Leaving Home*.

In May 1995, Project staff gave a lecture and prepared a 150-page briefing book for the annual conference of the **National Center for Manufacturing Sciences** on *Strategies and Methods for Accessing Japanese Technical Information*.

In September 1995, the Project organized for the **University of New Mexico** a day-long training workshop in Washington, D.C. on *The Policy Context of Japanese Science & Technology*.

In July 1994, October 1995, October 1997, and October 1999 the Project helped the **Japan Intellectual Property Association** host a Washington reception during their biennial trip to the United States.

FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

ON JAPANESE INFORMATION

In 1995, as part of its mission to study Japanese information policy and access to Japanese information, the Japan Information Access Project volunteered to be the North American liaison for the *Fourth International Conference on Japanese Information in Science, Technology, Industry and Business* that was held in Newcastle, England, September 4-8, 1995. The Project identified participants in the United States and Canada, edited papers, and coordinated logistics with the Newcastle organizers. The Project also organized a Trans-Atlantic Working Group on Access to Japanese Information that held its first meeting at the conference. The Project received no compensation for its efforts nor reimbursement for its expenses.

INTERNET

In 1994, the Japan Information Access Project acquired full access to the Internet. The Project staff has worked closely with the University of New Mexico Center for the Study of Japanese Industry and Management of Technology (as of January 1998, the New Mexico Japan Center) to maintain a creative and interactive website on Japan and Northeast Asia. Information about the Project and its activities can also be found on a number of university and industry web servers.

In 1995, the Project developed its own World Wide Web Home Page. Our Home Page includes details about the Project's programs, publications, membership, as well as an abridged version of our resource guide, *Japan-U.S. Trade & Technology: A Primer*. Our Home Page also contains significant papers from the symposia held by the Japan Documentation Center of The Library of Congress, important papers and commentary by emerging Japan scholars, and links to other Japan and Asia-related Internet sites.

In December 2001, the Project acquired its own domain name (JIAPONLINE.ORG) and ended its ties with the New Mexico Japan Center.

The Project uses its homepage to distribute a number of *Special Reports* on timely Japan-related policy issues. By posting their papers on the Internet, scholars find that their research stimulates discussion and reaches beyond their immediate academic community. Examples of these reports include:

- Comparative review of *Japan's Information Disclosure Law* by Lawrence Repeta, University of Washington, Seattle
- *Asia's Financial Crisis and Japan* by Thomas Cargill, University of Nevada, Reno
- *A Discussion on Competition Policy and International Trade: How Different Is Japan from Germany and Does It Matter?* by Mark Tilton, Purdue University
- *Comparisons of U.S. and Japanese R&D Policies* by Gregory Tassej, National Institute of Standards and Technology (has also been posted on the NIST website)
- *Japan's Science and Technology Policy: Retooling for the Future* by William Blanpied, the National Science Foundation

- *The Future Evolution of Japanese-U.S. Competition in Software: Policy Challenges and Strategic Prospects* by William Rapp, University of Victoria, Canada

The Economist (September 6, 1997, page 15) noted that our homepage was “unquestionably, the best starting point” for information about Japan. Our web address was mentioned in conjunction with our server site, the University of New Mexico. The Fall 1998 issue of the Association for Asian Studies’ magazine, *Education About Asia* was devoted to teaching about Japan and prominently mentioned our website as an excellent resource for students.

The Internet has greatly expanded our worldwide information dissemination and collection capabilities. It has successfully generated international interest in our work and activities. In 1998, the Japan Project became an independent content provider for Policy.com, an Internet consortium of think tanks.

You can find our Web Page at: <http://www.jiaponline.org>
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PROMOTION

Throughout the past seven years, the Japan Information Access Project has been recognized as a respected provider of accurate and timely information on Japanese science, technology, and public policy. The Project has had significant exposure in both the print and broadcast media. Journalists from the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *USA Today*, *San Jose Mercury News*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Journal of Commerce*, *Financial Times*, *Business Week*, *Far Eastern Economic Review*, *National Journal*, *Sankei Shimbun*, *Kyodo News*, ABC News, and CNBC are among those who call upon the Project for information, and expertise.

The Project has also been cited in a number of professional trade association journals such as *IRI News*, *The Industrial Physicist*, and *Computer* as a valuable information source. A Letter-to-the-Editor by the Project’s director on the *Dangers of Slashing Away at Government Science* published by *The Washington Post* on September 1, 1995 was used by policymakers to show how deep cuts in the U.S. science and technology budget compared with proposed dramatic increases in Japan’s government R&D budgets.

Programs sponsored by the Project have been covered by the broadcast media. In addition to wide coverage by all the Japanese television bureaus in Washington, our programs have been taped by Reuters, NBC, ABC, CNBC, CNN, NHK, TBS and C-Span. C-Net (Japan’s equivalent of C-Span) tapes all our public programs. On June 27, 1996, Project Director Mindy Kotler appeared on CNBC’s *Capitol Gains* with Peter Barnes to comment on the Clinton-Hashimoto summit.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

To continue our work disseminating scholarly and public policy information on Japan and Northeast Asia, the Japan Information Access Project plans to pursue the following in upcoming months:

- Public fora to address the U.S.-Japan security, finance, trade, and technology relationship with the world
- Bibliographic essay on *North Korea and Regional Security*
- Bibliographic essay on *Japanese Strategic Culture*
- Research on the security aspects of *Japanese Energy Policy*

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