



# J-Current

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## Welcome Back

At the beginning of this new school year, we welcome you back with this abbreviated version of *J-Current*. The 2000-2001 year was a happy and productive one for CJS, and we look forward to the activities and projects now ahead of us. We also welcome you to look at our website:

<[www.hawaii.edu/cjs](http://www.hawaii.edu/cjs)>, and at the inaugural issue of *EastAsia*, a bi-annual newsletter of the East Asia Council at UHM. As always, please send your announcements and updates of CJS-related news to Alison Hartle at <[cjs@hawaii.edu](mailto:cjs@hawaii.edu)>. In addition, please keep in mind important dates and deadlines for this academic year:

- Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship: orientation - August 31, 2001, 3 pm, Moore 319; deadline - November 2, 2001;
- Japan Studies Endowment competitions: November 1, 2001; and March 1, 2002;
- Japan Studies Endowment Student Travel Awards: November 1, 2001; February 1, 2002; May 1, 2002; and August 1, 2002;
- FLAS and other CJS scholarships: March 1, 2002 (applications available by December 14, 2001).

**Sharon A Minichiello**  
Director, CJS

## Announcements

### Sen Gift

At a reception on July 12, 2001, hosted by UH President Evan S Dobbelle, Dr Sen Soshitsu XV, Grand Tea Master of Urasenke, presented a \$1 million gift to the Center for Japanese Studies to endow the Directorship.

This gift will enable the establishment of the Sen Soshitsu Director of the Center for Japanese Studies Endowed Fund. The fund is being established in commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of Urasenke International and the Urasenke Hawai'i Shibu. The Sen Directorship will honor the

mutually beneficial and long-standing relationship between Urasenke, the State of Hawai'i, and the University.

Earnings from the Fund will be used to enhance the position of the Director of the Center for Japanese Studies, to fund postdoctoral fellowships in the Center for Japanese Studies, as well as to aid in education, outreach, and tea activities. The Center for Japanese Studies will also establish the Dr Sen Soshitsu International Way of Tea Center within CJS.

### Honorary Doctorate of Letters

**Edward G Seidensticker**, a non-teaching affiliate faculty of CJS, was presented with an honorary doctorate from his alma mater, the University of Colorado at Boulder. Born in Colorado, Seidensticker received this Honorary Doctorate of Letters on August 11, 2001.

## Visiting Scholars

### Burns Chair

Professor **Peter Duus**, William H Bonsall Professor of History at Stanford University, will hold The John A Burns Distinguished Visiting Professorship in History for the Fall 2001 semester. The Burns Chair is co-sponsored by the History Department and the Center for Japanese Studies. Professor Duus's specialty is Modern Japanese History, and he will be conducting a seminar "The Pacific/Great East Asia War" (HIST 665D) this fall. This course will explore the background, origins, conduct, and consequences of war between Japan and the United States between 1941-1945.

Professor Duus was the President of AAS from 2000-2001. His recent awards include the Akira Iriye International Book Award (1996), the Hiromi Arisawa Book Prize (1996), and the Berkeley Prize (1996-97). His books include *Party Rivalry and Political Change in Taisho Japan* (Harvard, 1968), *The Rise of Modern Japan* (Houghton

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Mifflin, 1976; 2nd edition, 1998), and *The Abacus and the Sword: The Japanese Penetration of Korea, 1895-1910* (University of California, 1995).

Accompanying Professor Duus is his wife, Mrs **Masayo Duus**, who is herself a prominent author. Her awards include the Kodansha Cultural Prize for non-fiction (1976), the Bungei shunjusha Reader's Prize (1983), the Oya Soichi Nonfiction Prize (1992), and the Shinchosha Arts Prize (1992). Her publications in English include *Tokyo Rose: Orphan of the Pacific* (Kodansha International, 1979), *Unlikely Liberators: the Men of the 100th and 442nd* (University of Hawai'i, 1987), and *The Japanese Conspiracy: The Oahu Sugar Strike of 1920* (University of California, 1999). Mrs Duus will be a visiting scholar at the Center for Japanese Studies.

Another visiting scholar at CJS, **Will Hansen**, doctoral candidate in the Religious Studies Department at Stanford University, will be working on his study of Hirata Atsutane.

CJS visiting scholar, **Bae Kwan Heo**, assistant professor in the Department of Japanese Language and Literature, Dong-eui University, Busan, Republic of Korea, will be doing a comparative study of the works of Japanese modern writer Kitamura Tokoku and Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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