

KEROPPI

The official newsletter!

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Special points of interest:

- Hajimari Party Friday 21st March 2003 BPB 4F Common Room 8pm. Cost: \$3 members, \$7 non-members (Includes membership). Take \$1 off the cost if you bring a plate of food.
- Beer, cheap spirits & free use of the pool tables at South Pac on Monday nights for Japan Club members!

Hello everybody and welcome to the new academic year! Thank you all very much for joining the Japan Club in 2003.

This year, we have some exciting upcoming events, such as ANU Kabuki in early September, and the possibility of a trip to Kobe & Nara toward the end of the year!

Suggestions for more events are outlined on page 6 of this newsletter. If you have any additional suggestions, they

The first ANU Japan Club meeting for 2003 was held on Thursday 6 March in the Japan Centre ゆかりの間.

Thank you to those of you who attended for your keen interest.

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新年へようこそ!

would be greatly appreciated.

Please ensure that Friday the 21st is free in the evening for our Hajimari Party!!

As regular feature articles, we hope to include Japanese recipes, competitions and interesting articles from Japanese newspapers.

Also, as a special treat for Japan Club Members, our Vice-President Bill Bannear has arranged **beer, cheap spirits**



たればんだ at South Pacific Rugby Club

& free use of pool tables at South Pac Monday nights!!

See you on Mondays!!

Lyndal Dunsmore

-Keroppi Editor

ANU Japan Club AGM

A basic outline of the AGM is as follows:

1. Introduction and welcome to the ANU Japan Club AGM.
2. Hajimari party planning.
3. Positioning of Appoint-

ments

4. Discussion & suggestions of future events.

Positions are still available for those of you who are interested, and suggestions are always welcome!

タマちゃんThe Seal

In early February, the municipal government of Nishi-ku, Yokohama, granted a residency certificate (jyuuminhyou) to Tama-chan, an arctic seal. Intended as a light-hearted publicity stunt, the move has sparked controversy in Japan. People of Chinese or Korean descent, even those who have never set foot outside Japan in their lives, are not legally considered Japanese citizens and are denied jyuuminhyou of their own. Expatriate residents also are denied the certificate despite paying residency tax. The major effect of this is that foreign citizens (including zainichi



Tama-chan's Gaijin Card (image by Colin Restall)

Chinese and Koreans) are invisible on their family registries. The document shows the name of the household head

and the names of each of the other family members living in that household, but excludes any non-Japanese residents. International marriages, despite being legal, are not noted on the residency certificate where it is noted for

Japanese citizens, and children are legally considered to have only one parent.

On the 22nd of February, a peaceful demonstration was held along the banks of the river where Tama-chan lives. A large crowd of people without jyuuminhyou gathered, dressed up as seals, arguably to celebrate Tama-chan's new status, though in reality to bring this issue to wider public knowledge through the media. The day went very well with the police keeping an eye out, but deciding early on that no threat to the peace was present. Photos from the event are available at <http://www.gutteridge.info/tamachan/index.html>

Class Invasion

Hey guys, have you noticed certain students in your Japanese classes that shouldn't really be there?

Have you ever wondered why they choose to sit at the back of the classroom and not contribute to the class? Why do they scribble on paper while the rest of you listen to the lecturer speak?

All will be revealed...

Actually, these guys are your せんぱい いけませんせい. They are members of 池田先生's

Teaching Japanese: Content class (JPNS3012). Students from this class are required to attend at least one (preferably two) extra Japanese classes per week and write Class Observation Reports with reference to such details as student's understanding of vocabulary and grammar, phonetical differences in pronunciation, lecturer's teaching methods,

resources used in class, etc.

Don't be afraid and please approach us! (We won't bite) [Hard]

"That girl from the Japan Club...She's taking Spoken 3, but I don't know why..."

-Anonymous 1st year student with

reference to *Keroppi* Editor Lyndal Dunsmore.

はじまりパーティ

The ANU Japan Club holds an eight year tradition of hosting a 'Hajimari Party' for it's members at the beginning of the academic year. This gives members an opportunity to practice their Japanese speaking ability with native Japanese speakers, make friends, and experience some (なつかしい) Japanese food and

culture.

Cost of the Hajimari Party Is \$3 for members, and \$7 for non-members (which includes membership). Take a dollar off the price if you bring a plate of food.

Events Coordinator Jamal Ha-



Join us for a great night of fun!

kim has organised food and beverages for the night, and some light entertainment.

Venue: The 4th floor common room of the BPB Building (Asian Studies Faculty).

Time: 8pm

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Meet the President

Hello everyone and welcome to 2003! For those who haven't met me yet, I'm Stephen Harrington, Club President for this coming year. A little about myself: I'm a second year Asian Studies student studying Japanese (funnily enough), as well as Linguistics and Korean. I'm always keen to chat so if you do run into me across the campus stop and say Hi.

Kabuki rehearsals will be starting soon so if you are at all interested in taking part please keep September 5th and 6th free in your diaries (it's already in the free SA diaries you may have picked up during O-Week) and keep your eyes peeled for the meetings coming up. This year we will be

performing a section from the well-known play *Chuushingura/ 忠臣蔵* (The Legend of the 47 Ronin), a kabuki as familiar to the Japanese speaking world as Macbeth is to the English speaking world. Kabuki is an excellent opportunity to meet new friends and practise your Japanese. And if the idea of dressing up and performing on stage is a little scary for you- we still need plenty of people to help out with all the backstage work!



Stephen Harrington, your new President

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