



Minutes of the General Assembly

Date: 30th November 2006

Place: Résidence du Consul Général du Japon, Geneva

The meeting started at 19:30 with a welcome word of the General Consul, H.E. Shigeru Endo. 25 members and invited persons participated to the General Assembly, and 12 members were excused.

1. Welcome words

Mr. Sanne Stijve (SS), the SJA President, welcomed the members, thanked the General Consul for receiving us in his Residence and presented the current committee. The general assembly programme was accepted by the members. The minutes of the last General Assembly were approved.

2. 2006's Activity report

1. SJA database & Members' Directory

With the profiles of the members entered in the SJA database we can produce our Members' Directory. 47 members already built their online CV. This SJA Members' Directory is used for sponsoring purposes and is available to the members in paper form on request.

2. Sponsoring

In 2006, 1 new sponsor has been acquired: the company ANA offered a free ticket as a contribution to the grants. Our other sponsors, Nosaki and Roche, renewed their sponsorship for 2006.

3. Scholarship 2006

One scholarship of an amount of CHF 1000 and one plane ticket were attributed to 1 EPFL student, Mr. Manfred Quack. Mr. Marc-Etienne Jan, recipient of the 2005 scholarship, presented briefly his experience in Japan, where he worked at Nippon Steel in Futtsu-shi. He thanked the SJA association for his grant.

For the year 2007, we will offer a scholarship to 3 EPFL students.

4. Course on Japanese Technology Policy

This year the course on Japanese Technology Policy ("STS course") did not take place. Ms. Roya Bafandi tried to find with the help of Pr. Bleuler an opportunity either at EPFL or at university of Lausanne but without success. She will continue her search and will also contact the HES schools.

5. SJA website

Mr. Sanne Stijve (SS) is in charge of the SJA Website (www.swiss-japan.org). A bibliography section was created by Mr. Stephan Gächter and Mr. Robert Fuchs. We got positive comments about this section. Members are invited to give their comments on books or to give some new references.

6. Picture Competition Party

This year SJA organised a "Picture Competition Party". There were 2 categories: Mr. Stephan Stücklin won the first price in the "anecdote" category and Mr. Gérald Egger won the first price in the "artistic" category. Congratulations to the winners!

7. New members

1 new active member was present. During the year 2006, 1 new active member and 2 passive members joined the association.

8. External relationship

We had during the last year contacts with:

- Consulate of Japan in Geneva
- JETRO



- Association Suisse-Japon
- Cercle Suisse-Japon in Lausanne

3. Accounts

Nathalie Piguet (NP) presented the accounts which were approved by the auditors and accepted by the entire assembly. Some members have not paid their membership contribution since more than two years.

Dépenses		Recettes	
Impôts anticipés	2.50	Etat compte postal exercice précédent	5490.65
Frais gestion compte postal	42.60	Etat caisse exercice précédent	196.20
Frais assemblée générale 2005	85.50	Intérêt compte postal	7.15
Envois postaux	218.00		
Soirée photos	0.00	Cotisations 2004 (1)	30.00
Internet: domaine+hébergement	0.00	Cotisations 2005 (3)	90.00
Bourses	1000.00	Cotisations 2006 (28)	840.00
Sous-total dépenses	1348.60	Contributions volontaires pour les bourses	350
		Sponsoring	1000
Reste sur compte postal	6565.50		
Reste en caisse	89.90		
Total	8004.00	Total	8004.00

The account auditors for 2007 are Mr. Daniel Zahnd and Mr. Gérard Egger. Mr. Olivier Rumley will act as suppliant account auditor.

4. Presentation of the 2007 budget

Cédric Morel presented the budget for 2007. The budget was accepted by the assembly.

Active		Passive	
Fortune (November 2006)	6655.40	General expenses	1000
Membership fees (40 members)	1200	Events	250
Voluntary contributions to the grants	500	Grants	2500
Sponsor	1500	Web site (2006-2007)	520
		Fortune (November 2007)	5585.40
Total	9855.40	Total	9855.40

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5. Activities 2007

The activities foreseen for 2007 are the following:

1. Continue finding sponsors
2. Continue distributing grants
3. Place our course on Japanese Technology Policy
4. Information via mailing list
5. Come together activities:
 - Evening in a bar
 - Anecdotes evening
6. Contacts with other associations
7. Renew active members and committee

6. Miscellaneous

The Assembly wishes to have an overview of the evolution of the memberships and the distribution of the members per country. It is to be noted that we keep a record of all the applications in our archive. We also keep a record of the members who resigned and of those whose address isn't valid anymore.

The General Consul closed the assembly with some words.

The Assembly ended up at 20.30.