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APEBH 2009 - Tokyo, Japan

From 18-20 February the APEBH 2009 conference was held at Gakushuin University, Tokyo. For some time the society has been looking for ways of working more closely with economic and business historians outside of Australia and New Zealand to strengthen the contribution of our discipline in the Asia-Pacific region rather than remaining primarily focused on Australasia. When Professor Yuzawa Takeshi offered to host the 2009 conference at his University of Gakushuin, the offer was enthusiastically accepted.



the Asia-Pacific region and of the 48 papers presented, 83% addressed issues from the region.

The organizers were wonderful hosts, with particular thanks to Takeshi Yuzawa and Shinobu Majima for ensuring a very smoothly run event and the extension of a warm welcome, whether it be in matters of the conference itself or the friendly and less formal cocktail function at the Hitachi Club, Conference Banquet at the Four Seasons Hotel, Chinzanso, and the organized tour and dinner on the last day.

For those of us fortunate enough to have attended this years' conference, all will retain memories of a conference that met high standards of academic excellence through the presentation of a varied, eclectic and informative set of papers. Added to the memories will be those of Tokyo, which must be, among the large cities of the world, one of the best organized and cleanest of cities. All of which was capped off by the helpful and friendly hosts and people of Tokyo.

An economic and business history conference wouldn't be quite the same without some statistical analysis and in the case of achieving our aim of being more focused on our region, the statistics speak for themselves. 48 papers were presented from 15 countries, 42 different universities and 4 research institutes. Of the 15 countries represented, 60% were from



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From the President: Simon Ville

It is exciting to see the spirit of the APEBH conference being fulfilled by the hosting of the event in Tokyo this year. I would like to add my sincere thanks to the local organisers Takeshi Yuzawa and Shinobu Majima who did an excellent job. Others who should be thanked are Jim McAloon for managing the conference programme, Pierre van der Eng for budget management, Lesley Simes for creating and maintaining the conference webpage, and Yumiko Meloche for translations into Japanese. Running a conference requires the commitment and cooperation of a range of people and we have been well served again this year.

A third national location will be fulfilled with APEBH 2010 in Wellington, and there are rumours of a subsequent APEBH further afield within the Asia Pacific region. More details soon we hope. We are glad to report that gatherings of economic and business historians continue to occur within Australia. In March the ANU hosted a symposium, Australian Economic History in the Long Run, which was dedicated to the memory of David Pope, formerly a professor of economic history there. A diverse range of papers were delivered by economic historians, economists and historians from Australia and overseas. The pro-

gramme and most papers can be found via:

<http://econrsss.anu.edu.au/econhistconf.htm>

Many thanks are due to Tim Hatton for organising this very successful event. A forthcoming event of note is an economic history symposium at the University of Melbourne under the auspices of Jeff Borland (jib@unimelb.edu.au) from whom further details can be obtained. Jeff has also been offered the Harvard Chair in Australian Studies for 2010-11 during which time he will be teaching a subject in Australian economic history. Many congratulations!

The ERA continues to evolve. The ARC has recently been seeking advice about revisions to the original listing. We hope they will respond to the observation that the two leading journals in business history (*Business History* and *Business History Review*) have been excluded and ensure they are included this time around. My own experience in this process confirms the suspicions of many of us that there is far from a consensus on the ranking of many journals. If you wish to check how your own publications stand up try using the following website for an easy access to ERA:



<http://lamp.infosys.deakin.edu.au/era/>

On the international front, the 15th World Economic History Congress in Utrecht will soon be upon us (3-7 August). Full details at:

<http://www.wehc2009.org/>

The Society was unsuccessful in its bid to host the 16th World Economic History Congress in 2012, which will be located in South Africa. Clearly, a number of strategic considerations come to the fore in such decisions and we are very grateful to Chris Lloyd for mounting a very strong case on our behalf. The Society is well situated to host such a conference and we will give thought as to whether a further bid in the near future might be appropriate.



Max was one of the characters of Economic History for many years. He was a superb teacher and mentor as well as a distinguished scholar, especially of the Industrial Revolution.

Max liked to present himself as a hard-headed economist. He claimed that self-interest and incentives were the key to behav-

our. He derived this not only from his study of history but also from experience. When he went to Britain in the 1940s, Australians were still sending food parcels to relatives and friends. Max went to the appropriate agency in Sydney and said he wanted to send large parcels of mutton for some time. "That is very generous, Mr Hartwell. To whom should it be addressed?" "R. M. Hartwell, Oxford ..."

A Life of Note - Max Hartwell

Max would like to believe that beneath the bluff exterior was a heart of steel. But it would not be true. His argument was against cant and hypocrisy, not generosity. That mutton would have been shared, just like his later knowledge and hospitality.

Professor Gary Hawke
Wellington

Introduction to the Japanese Business History Society (JBHS)

Since its establishment in 1964, JBHS has been leading Japanese scholarship in a wide array of economic, industrial, and business history. Alongside the annual conference for the registered Japanese and international members (approx. 900 in 2008), the six regional branches hold regular workshops respectively. The Fuji Conference since 1974 has been the most significant annual international convocation, and recently, JBHS has endeavoured to increase Asian-Pacific academic connexions as well; a good instance is the annual Japanese-Korean international conference on business history since 2006, initiated by the former chairman, Professor Takeshi Yuzawa. The society's

flagship publication is *Kei-Ei-Shi-Gaku* (in Japanese, published quarterly), and *Japanese Research in Business History* (formerly, *Japanese Yearbook on Business History* until 2003) provides English reading scholars with the leading-edge knowledge in research trends. Japanese academics also presented remarkable themes in the journals of Australia and New Zealand: Hashino and Saito's article in *Australian Economic History Review* (Vol.44, No.3, November 2004: 241-58) is a distinct example. The members of EHSANZ are welcome to visit JBHS' English website http://www.bhs-japan.org/bhsj-e/index_e.html for further details on the society, its activities, and the publications.



Eugene K. Choi

Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo

Economic History Society of Australia and New Zealand Prizes

Did you know that a number of prizes are awarded by the society? Currently these are:

Wiley-Blackwell Publishing Conference Paper prize.

The aim of the prize is to reward an outstanding paper presented at the annual conference. The winner for 2009 is Eugene Choi from Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo.

The prize is A\$1000.

The Butlin Prize for the best Doctoral and Masters Thesis in

Economic History.

The aim of the prize is to reward outstanding postgraduate work in economic history and is awarded triennially and consists of A\$250 and publication of a digest or a chapter of the winning thesis in the *Australian Economic History Review*.

Coghlan Prize

The Sir Timothy Coghlan Prize is awarded to the best paper appearing each year in the *Australian Economic History Review*.

McCarty Prize

The aim of the McCarty prize is to encourage undergraduate students to undertake postgraduate studies in economic history. The prize honours the contribution of the late Professor John McCarty to economic history. The prize is awarded annually to the best 4th year Honours thesis in Economic History and consists of A\$100 and publication of a digest or a chapter of the winning thesis in the *Australian Economic History Review*.



The Australian Economic History Review aims to publish the best research concerned with the historical treatment of economic, social and business issues, with a particular interest in the Asia-Pacific region, including Australia and New Zealand. Papers may examine these issues not only from the perspective of economic history but also from the related disciplines of history, economics, history of economic thought, industrial relations, demography, sociology, politics and business studies. New methodological approaches are particularly welcome, as are comparative studies. The editors also wish to promote the exchange of critical comments on important topics in these fields. Intending contributors should refer to the journal's 'author guidelines' on the Wiley-Blackwell website: <http://www.wiley.com/bw/submit.asp?ref=0004-8992&site=1%20>

Venue for APEBH Conference to be held 17–19 February, 2010 - Wellington, New Zealand



Next year's conference will be hosted by Victoria University of Wellington. Wellington is the capital of New Zealand, situated at the southwestern tip of the North Island. For more than a century Victoria University has developed a tradition of strong international links in teaching and research and

programmes of national significance and international quality. The University is sited within the urban surrounds of the city.

Known for its arts and culture, Wellington is the centre of the nations film industry. Peter Jackson famous for *Lord of the Rings* has,

with a growing team of creative professionals, turned the eastern suburb of Miramar into one of the world's most acclaimed film-making infrastructures.

For more on Wellington and what it has to offer the tourist visit www.wellingtonnz.com

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Special Issue: The Australian City—New essays in urban history

Guest editors: Lionel Frost and Seamus O'Hanlon

What is economic history?

Economic history is the study of our past development, particularly in relation to economics, labour, and business. It includes, for example, the economic development of nations, the growth of business enterprise, and the organisation of work.

While economic history draws extensively on its close relationships with the disciplines of economics and history, its ultimate strength lies in its broad inter-disciplinary connections across a wide range of social science and business subjects. It encourages diverse but rigorous approaches to understanding our economic past, which draw upon theories, concepts, and a wide range of historical information sources.



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