ASEM in Its Tenth Year: Looking Back, Looking Forward
JCIE and the University of Helsinki Network for European Studies, editors
This report is the result of a research survey examining the past decade of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) process and outlining its future prospects. The survey was commissioned by the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Japan and Finland. The report is a joint effort based on a European research component, coordinated by the University of Helsinki Network for European Studies, and an Asian research component, coordinated by JCIE. This report was presented to, and used as background material at, the ASEM Senior Officials’ Meeting in March 2006. This report and the results of the regional research are available for download online.
(English: JCIE, 2006)

Civil Society Monitor
The Civil Society Monitor newsletter, published by JCIE, is one of the only sources of information on the current state of the Japanese nonprofit sector in English. It seeks to link Japan’s nonprofit sector with the international community by reporting on current events and noteworthy activities and organizations in Japan’s emerging civil society. In 2007, the newsletter examined NGO advocacy in Japan, trends in corporate philanthropy, and shifts in Japan’s legal system concerning nonprofit organizations.

Dialogue and Research Monitor: Toward Community Building in East Asia
JCIE publishes the Dialogue and Research Monitor biannually, covering Track 1 and Track 2 dialogues, research projects, and publications related to East Asian security and community building. Issues covering January through June 2005 and July through December 2005 were published during FY2006. Current and past issues are available on JCIE’s website.
**East Asia at a Crossroads**

**JUSUF WANANDI and TADASHI YAMAMOTO**, editors

Efforts to build an East Asia community have gained momentum over the past decade as East Asian leaders seek to strengthen regional cooperation and stabilize regional relations in a period of dynamic change and shifting balances of power. While community building is still at an early stage, there is a growing sense it has reached a historic crossroads where it can be further advanced or alternatively succumb to East Asia’s many disparities and emerging rivalries. In *East Asia at a Crossroads*, leading policy experts from inside and outside the region analyze the dynamics of regional community building and propose ways of moving forward to enhance regional peace and prosperity while strengthening East Asia’s capacity to meet its growing global responsibilities.

*(English: JCIE, 2008)*

**East Asia Insights: Toward Community Building in East Asia**

JCIE publishes policy briefs reporting on and analyzing the long-term community-building process in East Asia. Seven issues were published in FY2006 and FY2007, examining a wide range of issues from Japanese perspectives on US policy in East Asia to the foreign policy implications of nationalistic sentiments in Japan. Current and past issues are available on JCIE’s website.

**East Asian Regional Cooperation in the Fight Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria**

This report summarizes the discussions at a July 10–11, 2006, conference in Beijing, China, on regional responses to three of the world’s most deadly diseases. In addition to analyses of the spread of communicable diseases in China and worldwide, the report examines how East Asian nations are working together in border areas and on the regional level to stem the spread of AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis. It focuses on exemplary cases of regional and cross-border cooperation that can serve as models for deeper and more meaningful regional cooperation, and it recommends ways of increasing regional and cross-border cooperation and of making it more effective.

*(English: JCIE, 2007)*
Fighting a Rising Tide: The Response to AIDS in East Asia
TADASHI YAMAMOTO and SATOKO ITOH, editors
Twelve chapters were commissioned to experts around the Asia Pacific to examine how government, civil society, corporations, and the media are responding to the rising tide of HIV/AIDS infection that is afflicting the region. These chapters portray a surprising diversity of experiences. Countries such as Australia had early, concentrated epidemics. Others, like China, are experiencing rapidly growing epidemics. Thailand has seen high but declining prevalence rates, while Vietnam is seeing exponential growth in rates among specific populations, particularly intravenous drug users. Meanwhile, Japan and others still have low prevalence rates but need to remain vigilant and active if they are to avoid an epidemic. The varied responses by each society to the rising threat offer critical and practical lessons. Equally important is the increasing recognition that many problems contributing to the spread of HIV/AIDS are cross-border issues that must be addressed collaboratively. This volume provides detailed analyses by experts in the field who offer insight into the efforts occurring in their own societies to fight the spread of HIV/AIDS. A Chinese edition of this volume was published in FY2006, and a Japanese version was published in FY2007.
(English, Chinese: JCIE/FGFJ, 2006; Japanese: JCIE/FGFJ, 2007)

A Gender Agenda: Asia-Europe Dialogue 3—Economic Empowerment for Gender Equality
CHIA SIOW YUE, editor
This is the third and final volume produced through a project entitled “A Gender Agenda: Asia-Europe Dialogue,” which was co-organized by the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) and JCIE beginning in 2001. This volume examines the economic empowerment of women through entrepreneurship development at the grassroots level. Six case studies are presented on initiatives in France, Indonesia, Japan, the Netherlands, the Philippines, and Greece and Turkey. This unique analysis sheds light on the key factors that can hinder or enable economic empowerment and considers how to link economic empowerment of women to social change and gender equality. This volume also includes keynote speeches that were delivered by Magdalena Sroda, Polish plenipotentiary for equal status of women and men, and Senator Loren Legarda of the Philippines, at the final conference of the project held in October 2005 in the Philippines.
(English: JCIE and ASEF, 2007)
Japan and Asia in Transition: East Asia Insights 2006–2007
Hitoshi Tanaka
The first two years of the East Asia Insights policy brief series, authored by JCIE Senior Fellow Hitoshi Tanaka, were edited and compiled as a single volume in December 2007. These nine essays analyze the course of East Asia regional integration and propose an active Japanese role in strengthening regional community building and establishing an East Asia security forum. Taken together, they map out a vision for East Asia’s future, based on the conviction that, in a rapidly evolving region, there is a need to build habits of cooperation among East Asia’s major powers.
(English: JCIE, 2007)

Philanthropy and Reconciliation: Rebuilding Postwar US-Japan Relations
Tadashi Yamamoto, Akira Iriye, and Makoto Iokibe, editors
The US-Japan relationship has undergone many changes since the end of World War II, but perhaps the most dramatic and least understood transition was the change in perceptions and values that allowed these two former enemies—countries which shared substantially fewer ties of kinship and culture than did the United States and Europe—to become the closest of allies in a remarkably short period of time. This study examines the critical role of civil society, and particularly of American and Japanese philanthropy, in rebuilding the US-Japan relationship in the postwar period.

Foundations and individual philanthropists set out to promote democracy in Japan, reconstruct the foundations of mutual understanding between Japan and the United States, and encourage a continuing dialogue on the future of the relationship. To do this, they provided generous support for strategic institution building, the development of human resources through support for individual study and training, the promotion of American studies in Japan and Japanese studies in the United States, and a broad range of international exchanges and dialogues. This ground-breaking study analyzes the context and implications of this support, both for understanding the past and for improving the way in which we address post-conflict reconstruction and reconciliation in the future.
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