

SYMPOSIUM / CONFERENCE

The 12th ANJeL Symposium on Japanese Law

On 16 May 2014 the Australian Network for Japanese Law (ANJeL) held its 12th annual Japanese law conference at the Hilton, Cairns, Australia. The symposium was hosted by James Cook University and supported by both ANJeL and the University of Sydney. The venue, the penthouse floor of the hotel, with views out to the Great Barrier Reef, inspired stimulating papers and a lively exchange. Cairns was selected as the venue for this year's symposium given its direct and relatively short flights to Tokyo and Osaka as well as its contemporary and historical connections with Japan. Attendees were also able to enjoy Australia's premier tropical city including an opportunity to meet some of the continent's unique wildlife at the city's roof top glass dome encased zoo and dine by Trinity Inlet.

Whilst the theme of the symposium was "Japanese Law and Business amidst Bilateral and Regional Free Trade Agreements", papers on other areas of Japanese law were also welcome. Attendees were treated to 11 papers, with speakers drawn from across Australia and Japan. Presentations included:

- A comparison of the Australian and Tokyo emission trading schemes
(Associate Professor Justin Dabner, James Cook University)
- Investor-state arbitration provisions in Australia-Japan FTAs?
(Professor Luke Nottage, University of Sydney Law School)
- Changing the deal on Japan's long-term gas contracts with Australia
(Paul Davis, Baker & McKenzie, Sydney/Tokyo)
- Corporate law reform in the era of Free Trade Agreements: Do Japan and its trade partners take the same or different paths?
(Professor Souichirou Kozuka, Gakushuin University)

Versions of the first three of these papers are presented in this Issue as indicative of the symposium proceedings. Aspects of Professor Kozuka's presentation were previously published in this journal.¹ Subsequent issues are expected to contain further papers.

Associate Professor Justin Dabner and Professor Luke Nottage
Co-convenors

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¹ See S. KOZUKA, Reform After a Decade of the Companies Act: Why, How, and to Where?, *ZJapanR/J.Japan.L.* 37 (2014) 39.

