THE UNION OF NATIONAL ECONOMIC ASSOCIATIONS IN JAPAN

日本経済学会連合

The Union of National Economic Associations in Japan was established in 1950, as a sole nationwide federation of associations of scholars and experts on economics, commerce, and business administration. So it celebrated the 40th anniversary this year. In order to obtain membership to the Union, an association is subject to a strict examination of its academic activities. As of 1989, the Union had a membership of 35 associations as in the table of contents. Inclusion of recent two entrants to the Union, JAPAN ACADEMY FOR CONSUMPTION ECONOMY and JAPANESE ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTING STUDIES, brings the total membership for 1990 to 37 associations.

The aims and objectives of the Union are to support scholarly activities of its member associations and to promote academic exchanges both among members themselves, and between Japanese and overseas academic societies. The main activities of the Union are: (1) the publication and distribution of academic materials concerning Japanese economics and papers presented by member scholars, (2) the sending of member scholars to overseas conferences, (3) holding and supporting of international conferences in Japan, (4) providing financial assistance to member associations inviting foreign scholars to Japan, and (5) collecting information on activities of member associations and the issuing of a news bulletin.


The Union and the International Economic Association (IEA) jointly held the Fifth World Congress of the IEA in Tokyo from August 29 to September 3, 1978. The Union joined the International Institute of Public Finance in holding the Institute’s 37th Congress at Tokyo in September 1981. The Union dispatched 20 member scholars to the Eighth World Congress of IEA held in India in 1986. Most recently the Union successfully sponsored the IEA Tokyo Round Table Conference on ‘Institutions in a New Dynamic Society’ held between 15 and 17 September 1987.

The Union celebrated in 1980 the 30th anniversary of its founding by launching a variety of activities, including the publication of The Information Bulletin. In editing The Bulletin Mrs. E.O.A. Checkland at Cambridge, England, has been assisting us by giving suggestions and correcting English, and we are most grateful to her for her kind cooperation.

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