THE JAPAN ASSOCIATION OF ECONOMICS AND ECONOMETRICS

The Japan Association of Economics and Econometrics was founded in 1947 with the aim of studying and promoting academic research in economic theory and econometrics. Since then, however, the Association's activities have expanded significantly. Currently its activities cover all the areas of economics; such as economic theory and mathematical economics, game theory, economic policy in general, public finance and taxation, monetary policy, corporate finance, international trade and international finance, industrial organization, urban and regional economics, economic development, agricultural economics, econometrics and economic statistics. The membership of the Association consists of academic economists/econometricians as well as researchers affiliated to government/private institutions. The Association has currently 1,951 individual as well as 16 institutional memberships.

The main activities of the Association consist of publishing The Economic Studies Quarterly (Kikan Riron Keizaigaku), holding annual general meetings, and co-sponsoring the Far Eastern Meeting of the Econometric Society when it is held in Japan.

The Economic Studies Quarterly, an internationally established academic journal, written mainly in English is now publishing volume 41. It is open to all researchers in the field of economics and econometrics around the world. Non-members as well as members of the Association are welcome to submit unpublished research articles for editorial consideration. The Journal will be published four times a year in March, June, September and December. Prospective contributors may find the submission procedure in the penultimate page of the first (March) issue in each volume.

This year's annual general meeting was held at University of Tsukuba on October 14 and 15, with approximately 600 members participating. There were 28 sessions, in addition to three panel discussions and the presidential address.

In the regular sessions, 85 papers were presented altogether, abstracts of which were printed in the Riron-Keiryō Keizai Gakkai 1989 Nendo Taikai Hokoku Yōshi (Abstracts of Papers Presented at the 1989 Annual Meeting of the Association of Economics and Econometrics). List of title and chairperson of each session, title of each paper presented, and names of authors and discussant was also published in the Economic Studies Quarterly, Vol. 40, No. 4, 1989.

The Titles of two panel discussions were; (i) Internationalization of Japanese Economy and Its Implication on the Labor Market and (ii) Corporate Organization and Management in Japan. In addition, a special panel discussion on education was held under the title of Economic Educations and Economist Training in Japanese Graduate Schools.

Hirofumi UZAWA (Niigata University), current president of the Association delivered the presidential address under the title of “Thorstein Veblen and
Contemporary Economics”, which will be published in a future issue of the Economic Studies Quarterly.

This year's annual general meeting was organized by the program committee which consists of: Noboru SAKASHITA (Chairman, University of Tsukuba), Hirofumi UZAWA (ex officio, Niigata University), Hiroyuki YAMADA (ex officio, Kyoto University), Kazuhiro IKAWA (Kobe University), Makoto OHTA (University of Tsukuba), Nobuhiro OKUNO (Nagoya University), Hiroaki OSANA (Keio University), Yasuhiro SAKAI (University of Tsukuba), Yoshihiko TSUKUDA (Tohoku University), Yukio NOGUCHI (Hitotsubashi University) and Akiyoshi HORIUCHI (The University of Tokyo).

1989 Far Eastern Meeting of the Econometric Society was held at the Doshisha University on June 10 and 11, simultaneously with the Association's annual western regional meeting. Altogether 336 papers were submitted, of which 291 were from abroad (mainly from USA and China). At the meeting, 116 papers were presented in 33 sessions, of which 75 by foreigners. Abstracts of these papers were printed in Abstracts of 1989 Far Eastern Meeting of the Econometric Society. List of title and chairperson of each session, and title and name of author(s) of each paper presented will be published in a future issue of the Econometrica, the journal of the Econometric Society.

In addition, 1989 Presidential Address of the Society was delivered by the current president of the Society, H. SONNENSCHEIN (University of Pennsylvania), under the title of “Methods of Economic Theory”. As the Invited Lecture, C. SIMS (University of Minnesota) gave an address, “Models and Their Uses.”

This year's Far Eastern Meeting was organized by the program committee, which consists of Kazuo NISHIMURA (Chairman, Kyoto University), Toshihiro IHORI (Osaka University), Tsuneo ISHIKAWA (The University of Tokyo), Kimio MORIMUNE (Kyoto University), Soichi KINOSHITA (Nagoya University), Toshiaki TACHIBANAKI (Kyoto University) and Akira YAMAZAKI (Hitotsubashi University). The meeting was supported by the Far Eastern Standing Committee of the Econometric Society, which consists of Masahiko AOKI (Chairman, Kyoto University and Stanford University), Michio HATANAKA (Osaka University), Kazuo MORI (Doshisha University), Chikashi MORIGUCHI (Osaka University), Takashi NEGISHI (The University of Tokyo), Kazuo NISHIMURA (Kyoto University) and Kotaro SUZUMURA (Hitotsubashi University).

The next Far Eastern Meeting is scheduled to take place in 1991 at Seoul, Korea.

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