



Australia Japan Society of NSW Incorporated

Tomodachi Newsletter

September 2010

President's message

Welcome to the latest Tomodachi newsletter. The recent Wagyu event was a big success with the event selling out quickly. Look out for our new program of events for 2010 and 2011, which includes the viewing of the next Sumo grand tournament later this year.

AJS NSW is here for its members, providing a great avenue to strengthen the links between Australia and Japan and expose our members, their families and friends to a wide range of Japanese social, business and cultural aspects.

I look forward to providing you with regular news and events from AJS NSW.

Best wishes

Philip Mitchell

Wagyu event a big success

More than 50 members ventured into the Megalong Valley in the Blue Mountains on Sunday 12 September for our annual Wagyu event.

Our hosts, the Suzuki family - Takao, Yuko and their children - provided a very warm welcome and opened their home to our group. Consul General Masahiro Kohara and his family also joined us on the day.

Members spent the day in beautiful sunshine and many new friends were made. Wine from the nearby Dryridge winery also added to the enjoyment for some. And the food was delicious!

The group posed for a photo on the day. Can you spot the 3 dogs among the group?



**** Our next event ****

Investing in Australia-Managing Political Risk

「豪州ビジネスに内含する政治的・規制リスク！～リスクへの対処方法を解説～」

Featuring our speaker

■ Michael Priebe, Founding Partner of Statecraft

Held in conjunction with the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Sydney (JCCI), this event will focus on the political and regulatory risks of investing in Australia.

The previous Federal Government's intention to tax mining industry "super profits", a hung parliament and the growing strength of the Australian Greens party all seem to point to a change in the investment environment. Australia has always rated highly as a safe and stable destination for foreign investment, but there are increasing political and regulatory risks emerging across a range of sectors.

Success or failure of an investment may boil down to how well these risks are identified and managed *before* funds are committed. Michael Priebe, Managing Director of Statecraft (an AJS corporate member), is a professional in the field. He will provide an overview on where such risks are likely to emerge and will give us practical examples of what can be done to manage such risks. Don't miss out on Michael's special insights into a very topical subject.

The discussion will include time for Q&A, followed by networking over drinks.

Mr. Michael Priebe is an economist by training, with a broad background in corporate planning and government relations. Before establishing Statecraft, for several years he worked on the staff of the Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister for Trade, the Hon Mark Vaile. In his younger days Michael spent six months in Osaka, as an exchange student.

Date & Time **Wednesday 27 October, 6-8pm (venue opens 5:30pm)**

Networking drinks and snacks to follow presentation.

Venue **TressCox Lawyers
Level 20, 135 King St, Sydney**

Price **AJS and JCCI Member price \$30.00, Non-member price \$35.00**

Registration Through the EVENTS tab at
<http://www.austjapanfed.org.au/index.php?MMID=389&SMID=400>

On a lighter note

Ishiguro's 2005 novel *Never Let me Go*, has been made into a critically-acclaimed feature film.

Japanese writer Kazuo Ishiguro was born in Nagasaki, Japan, on 8 November 1954 and started to receive acclaim as a writer from 1981. *Never Let Me Go* is a story focused on 3 students - Kathy, Tommy and Ruth - from Hailsham, a school where gifted students receive special training. Early on, the students are afraid to venture beyond the school walls. There is an amazing twist to the story. The children find out they are clones who have been scientifically engineered to be healthy donors for the human population. Look out for it in cinemas in the coming months or grab a copy of the book to read.



2010 Japanese Film festival – coming soon



In November (in Sydney) and December (in Melbourne) the 14th Japanese Film Festival will feature the latest films straight from Japan.

Look out for an impressive selection of award-winning poignant dramas, outrageous comedies, heroic action and more.

So put these dates in your diary and look out in upcoming newsletters for more information.

SYDNEY

22 – 28 November
Event Cinemas, George Street

MELBOURNE

2 – 7 December
ACMI Cinemas, Australian Centre for the Moving Image,
Federation Square

