

May 23, 1987

Dear Mr. Clancy,

Thanks so much for your letter of April 1 and sorry for the delay in responding. Thanks so much for the interesting information and addresses of people here in Asia. I'll try to contact them before I leave. As you may have heard I hope to take a breather from teaching English here and hope to do something more directly meaningful to me--raising funds and developing (economic) educational programs in conjunction with BEE and others. I hope maintain a connection with Asia, but perhaps I'll use San Diego for a base until I can get something more solid established.

Unfortunately I don't remember Michael Paik, but I'll try to contact him if I can arrange an extended stop-over in Seoul on the way to the conference. I definately plan to attend. My summer school program involving the case study method received a record number of applicants and I was not among those chosen. It just as well. I'm glad I can come to see everyone in San Diego.

I am really grateful for your enormous contribution on a voluntary basis. May I recommend you offer membership at the same rate, but ask for and allow dues, contributions, etc. at higher levels as well. I think there are a lot of (wealthy) people who would be more than happy to contribute if they only knew of your existence! The idea is not to become greedy, but to allow you to expand and continue at an even higher level your worthy endeavors. Perhaps we can talk about this a little at the conference. I have had and still have in the back of my mind, an idea to coordinate support and encourage fund-raising efforts in a mutually supportive, but still decentralized way for CGO and related organizations.

For CGO and Mark Sullivan, Thanks so much for your letter. Okay please accept me as a member of the Union, but send the journal to Isobe-san. Tetsu (Suzuki-san) has expressed disinterest in maintaining a formal title in our group if I leave, but he still seems interested and is always extremely helpful. Anyway as a professional accountant, Mr. Isobe has professional as well as perhaps personal interest in the issues we address.

Recently I contacted Prof. Hiroya Ono of Tokyo Institute of Technology, the heir to a lot of the marvelous work of Prof. Yuzuru Hanayama, whose book on land policy in Tokyo I gave you. However, he said he has still not received any invitation to the conference. Could you please send him an invitation? He probably cannot come, but I think it would be a good and positive gesture. His address is: Hiroya Ono

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Also could you send me a copy of an invitation to the San Diego conference? May I invite several other interested or potentially interested individuals? I am only an observer of the situation in Japan. I think it is much much more valid and useful to have actual Japanese people explain and describe the situation in Japan from the perspective of being Japanese. I hope several such people can and will come to the conference, but I seriously doubt any of them will come. In which case you will have only one speaker on the situation in Japan, which is a less desirable situation.

In any case thanks so much for all your hard work and continual support and encouragement. I look forward with enthusiasm to the coming conference and the opportunity to see everyone and exchange views and information at that time. In the meantime, God bless and take care!

Sincerely,

  
Alan Ridley

*Enclosure: ballot*