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Dear Members of the IRAA,

The JAPAN INTELSAT CLUB is honored to be invited to write an article about our club for the IRAA newsletter.

THE JAPAN INTELSAT CLUB

The JAPAN INTELSAT CLUB was organized 10 years ago, with 45 members who had working contact and close associations with INTELSAT in their working careers. Some were on the staff of COMSAT, COMSAT LABS, or INTELSAT. Other members are contractors who often visited these organizations. All have joined our club to renew friendships from that period, and to continue the exchange of current information about COMSAT AND INTELSAT. Members think of their experiences of that time, and want to share the good memories, as among the best of their lives.

Our members originally belonged Japanese companies such as KDD, NEC, MELCO and FUJITSU. KDD was one of the signatories of the INTELSAT agreement. Our members who worked at INTELSAT were assigned for 2 or 3 years by their companies. They participated in the development of satellite communications techniques and technologies for improving international communications. We believe the JIC members made important contributions to INTELAT's success.

On May 25 this year, JIC held its annual party in downtown Tokyo, attended by 28 people who had a wonderful time with old acquaintances, and listening to three presentations by fellow members.

These were:

- 1) Dr. Nobuhiko Shimasaki introduced us to CAMARA, of which he is a member, reported news about his old co-workers at COMSAT LABS, and the reestablishment of communications among them. Dr. Shimasaki was with COMSAT LABS from 1968 TO 1971.
- 2) Mr. Tadayoshi Katoh provided an introduction of IRAA to the group and a Video Blog. The information for this was arranged under an agreement between Mr. Simon Bennett of IRAA and Dr. Takuro Muratani of JIC, with the help of Mr. Ildemaro Rueda and Mr. Alan Olson.
- 3) Mr. Rikuo Koike reported on his experience of working in Vietnam as a representative of the Japanese company. He told us of the life, people, food and history as he had learned of them during his tour.

The JAPAN INTELSAT CLUB thanks the members of IRAA, and hope to continue the communications between our two organizations.

With our best wishes for health, happiness and prosperity to all the IRAA members,

Dr. Takuro Muratani, Chairman of the JAPAN INTELSAT CLUB.