

SIG NEWS/BUSINESS

During the JALT conference convened in Shizuoka in November, the Annual General Meeting of the Pragmatics SIG was held. SIG officers' reports were given. Other items discussed included:

- re-open the call for contributions for a new Pragmatics SIG publication
- redesign the Pragmatics SIG booth in the annual JALT Conference Educational Materials Exhibition area
- SIG monetary contribution to the Pragmatics and Language learning Conference to be held in Kobe in July 2010 (see page 5 for more information about this exciting conference).

In addition, SIG officers for 2010 were elected. For the results of the election, please see this page.

Preceding the AGM, a Forum, *Planning and teaching pragmatics to EFL students*, was held, which featured three presenters:

- Sayoko Yamashita: Japanese learners and native English speakers' perceptions of rudeness
- Nicholas Jungheim: developing video materials
- Megumi Kawate-Mierzejewska: a syllabus for teaching pragmatics in Japan.

Donna Tatsuki served as the Forum discussant.



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