



30 September, 2010

The Secretary  
JSIS – JAPAN SOCIETY FOR ISLAND STUDIES

Dear Sir/Madam

*Letter of Greeting to JSIS – Japan Society for Island Studies*

I write to greet JSIS, the Japan Society for Island Studies, at its next organisational meeting.

It was my great honour to attend the inaugural meeting of JSIS at Wesleyan College, Nagasaki, from 19 to 20 July 1998 that coincided with “Ocean Day (20 July)” in Japan. I was fortunate to enjoy the warm JSIS hospitality and experience JSIS scholarly debates and discussions. Professor Tomoya Akimichi’s speech informed me about his fieldwork in the Trobriands, FSM and Solomon Islands, whilst Professor Yoshimasa Yamashima added his wisdom to the proceedings, along with Professor Hajime Oshiro. The foundation Secretary, the well-travelled and enthusiastic Professor Shensuke Nagashima, made many valuable interventions. I am grateful to Mr Hajime Tozaki who translated my own contribution to those inspiring meetings, where I learned about the remarkable John Manjiro.

The hard work of organising and running a Society such as JSIS is done at both personal and professional cost and the sacrifices of your participating members shall be remembered for many years.

Japan, of course, is an island country and island consciousness in the form of Nissological thinking makes your group a world leader in the study of those places found world-wide in their tens of thousands.

I urge you to increase your efforts at promoting island studies in Japan and the world and thank you for your continuing intellectual endeavours and organisational diligence. I wish you well in all that you do and look forward to meeting your members where we may discuss our mutual interests.

Thanking you for your kind attention, I remain

Sincerely yours

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