

## JAPAN

The Affiliate was delighted to welcome Alan MacNeice to Japan, and to the Affiliate Office in Yushima, Tokyo, from September 9 to September 11.

A former Chairperson of the Ireland Affiliate, Alan is expected to succeed current Chair Chuck Hoiberg as Chair of the ISPE International Board of Directors for 2009-2010. In connection with his role on the International Board of Directors in a challenging and complex period for the global economy, Alan made a multi country trip which included visits to China, Japan, Australia and India in order to better familiarize himself with the Affiliates of those countries.

After being met from arrival at Narita by Affiliate Office Manager Natsumi Sahara, Alan was provided with an overview of the Affiliate over dinner by Chairman Tatsuro Miyagawa and Officers.

On September 10, Alan received from Head of Secretariat Shigeru Nakamura a more detailed summary of all aspects of the Affiliate's activities, with the rest of the morning and the entire afternoon dedicated to meeting the majority of the COP leaders and receiving respective updates. This session was mutually very fruitful and beneficial for all. The evening of the same day featured a networking party for Alan in a Japanese-style restaurant with Affiliate Officers, Directors, and COP leaders.

September 11, again at the Affiliate office, Alan was occupied by wide-ranging discussions with the Officers, a working lunch, and then observed a telephone conference call for the Asia Pacific area organized by the ISPE Office in Singapore. In the evening, and to round off Alan's Japan experience with the Affiliate, Chairman Miyagawa hosted an evening at the historical Meiji Kinenkan in Tokyo.

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