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As time passes since March 11 and conditions improve, a fuller schedule has become possible in Japan, even if numbers of registrants for individual events have decreased in comparison with previous years during the recovery and rebuild.

An OSD Seminar was held on August 30 and 31, led by Jack Chu and Norman Schmidt who braved the troubled skies of the US brought on by Hurricane Irene to fly to Tokyo, only to find a powerful typhoon here in Far East striking the Japanese coastline. With their considerable efforts made, the Seminar was proclaimed a success. On September 12, the PQLI API/SPP Workshops, organized by their respective COPs, were held in Ohtemachi, in central Tokyo, as a single event. Then, in collaboration with ISPE Headquarters, a GMP Documentation Seminar was organized for September 29-30 at Tower Hall Funabori, Metropolitan Tokyo, by Dr. Andrzej Wozniak.

An important ongoing initiative of the Affiliate is to bring Japanese university students into contact with ISPE activities. Under the guidance and leadership of Professor Kawakami of Kyoto University, Norikazu Eiki, Chairman of Bayer Yakuhin, Ltd., and Tatsuro Miyagawa, Chairman of the Japan Affiliate, students of Kyoto University have undertaken to translate into the Japanese language a published article from Pharmaceutical Engineering. This has the twin merits of involving students with the prestigious PE publication, and allowing the Japanese membership access to the article.

On October 26-27 the Kanto & Chubu Regional Networking Meeting was held in Toyama City, Toyama Prefecture. Meanwhile, the long lead-time preparation for the international Winter Meeting, this year in Kyoto, is well under way. Participants from overseas are most welcome in this very special location.

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