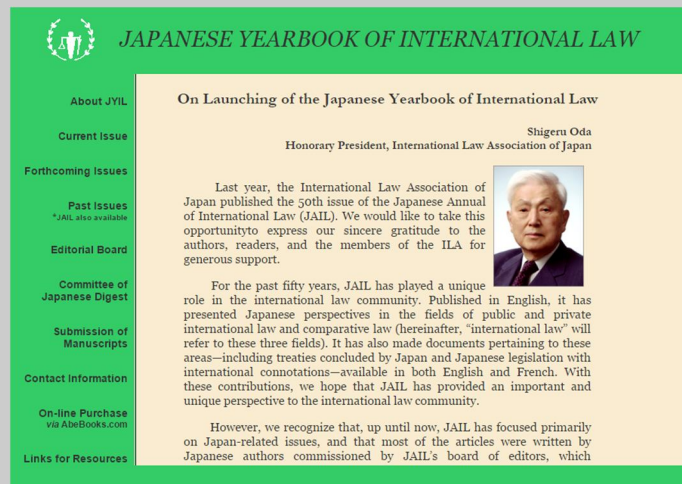


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**On Launching of the Japanese Yearbook of International Law**

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Last year, the International Law Association of Japan published the 50th issue of the Japanese Annual of International Law (JAIL). We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to the authors, readers, and the members of the ILA for generous support.

For the past fifty years, JAIL has played a unique role in the international law community. Published in English, it has presented Japanese perspectives in the fields of public and private international law and comparative law (hereinafter, "international law" will refer to these three fields). It has also made documents pertaining to these areas—including treaties concluded by Japan and Japanese legislation with international connotations—available in both English and French. With these contributions, we hope that JAIL has provided an important and unique perspective to the international law community.

However, we recognize that, up until now, JAIL has focused primarily on Japan-related issues, and that most of the articles were written by Japanese authors commissioned by JAIL's board of editors, which

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**Brief History**

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Japanese Annual of International Law (JAIL) and in view of all of the historical changes taking place in the world, the authorities have decided to renew JAIL's purpose and transform it into an important academic forum of international law studies. While maintaining its original focus, the journal will now promote the further advancement of international law studies around the world by seeking authors from other countries and publishing articles that offer a greater variety of perspectives. Thus, its aim is to develop JAIL into a

forum where people with a diverse range of backgrounds can exchange views on issues that the present international community is facing. With this renewed purpose in mind, the title of the journal JAIL got changed into the Japanese Yearbook of International Law (JYIL). The first volume of the yearbook has come into being in the year 1957 and was published in the year 1958. The copyright date is available here i.e. from 2009 to 2015.

### ***Scope and Coverage***

The yearbook JYIL consists of peer-reviewed articles and notes on both general and Japan-related issues, digests pertaining to current Japanese practices in international law, digests relating to major judicial decisions by Japanese courts in the fields of public and private international law and book reviews, as well as related documents including recent treaties and legislations.

The old version of the yearbook abbreviated as JAIL, has focused primarily on Japan-related issues and most of the articles were written by Japanese authors commissioned by JAIL's board of editors. The previous version of the yearbook i.e. Japanese Yearbook of International Law is also available. Scope for comments and suggestions, invitation of participation in any ongoing debates in the international law community through the submission of articles, notes and book reviews are present.

### ***Kind of Information***

By entering the section "Past Issues", the user will first find the titles of the special features of the issue. For example - by clicking the Past Issue link, Volume 57 (2014) will show the titles of the feature articles of the issue under the broad headings like –

The Hague Child Abduction Convention.

The Role of Prominent Jurist in Japan's Engagement with International Law, 1853-1945: Part Two.

Redefining the Theoretical Grounds for the Collaboration between Public Law and Private Law in the Era of Globalization the Clicking on the volume and the year.

The volume 57 (2014) is hyperlinked and will open up to the Content page of the said yearbook. The Content is sectioned into broad headings like, The Role of Prominent Jurist in Japan's Engagement with International Law, 1853-1945: Part Two which is sub sectioned into titles of articles with their author name and page number.

A broad section namely "Article" contains write-ups under it, on the subject "

Public International Law”.

Other sections in which articles are found are, Cases and issues in Japanese Private International Law, Japanese Digest of International Law, The Great East Japan Earthquake and International Law, Historical Perspective of Japanese Private International Law, Judicial Decisions in Japan and much more. The titles of the articles are shown with subtitles.

In the content page the “Book Reviews” section entries have both the Japanese and the English name of a book, its subtitle, name of the editor and year of publishing.

There is a section named “Documents” where full text of the few selected treaties and documents, concluded and signed by Japan is available.

The activities of the association and related academic associations are directed under its “Activities” section.

The segment “Instructions for submissions to the Japanese Yearbook of International Law” has free access to “Table of Cases” and “Table of Treaties and other Instruments”. Both the tables are available in pdf files.

The section “Links for Resources” opens up to a page that contains fully accessible pdf files of treaties and international agreements through the link - “Supplement of the Volume 56 (2013)”. In that same page, other resources like, “Japanese Legislations, Regulations and Cases” are available through links of concerned websites, <http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/treaty/index.html>.

### ***Special Features***

- ❖ Titles of forthcoming issues.
- ❖ Detailed instruction for submission of manuscripts.
- ❖ Link to online purchase.
- ❖ Link to resources relevant to the Legal affairs of the Japanese Government.

### ***Arrangement Pattern***

The yearbooks are arranged with their year and volume number under three main headings found at the left side of the home page. These main divisions

are “Current Issue”, “Past Issues \*JAIL also available” and “Forthcoming Issues”. The titles of the articles with their author name are arranged as per the editor’s discretion. In a particular yearbook there are some broad categories under which the articles are arranged like Feature Articles (with some broad headings under it and articles are arranged under each broad category), Public International Law, Note, Special Lecture, Japanese Digest of International Law, Cases and Issues in Japanese Private International Law, Book Reviews, Judicial Decisions in Japan, Activities, Instructions for Submissions to the Japanese Yearbook of International Law, Table of Cases and Table of Treaties and Other Instruments. This arrangement pattern is more or less same in all the yearbooks.

***Remarks***

With contributions from scholars around the world on issues not only on Japanese legal scenario but general issues concerning international law and others, this yearbook is a rich source of information as well as knowledge.

***Comparable Tools***

- Law Yearbook of China  
(<http://tongji.cnki.net/overseas/engnavi/HomePage.aspx?id=N2009110021&name=YZGFL&floor=1>)
- Yearbook of European Law  
(<http://yel.oxfordjournals.org/content/by/year>)
- Yearbook of the International Law Commission  
( <http://legal.un.org/ilc/publications/yearbooks/>)

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