Introduction to
TEX Conference Japan 2009–2011

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Overview

Local TEX Communities in Japan

TEX User Group (in Japan, TEX)

- 1986–1994
- In Japan Society for Software Science and Technology
- 685 members at the last
- 15 regular meetings & 2 seminars

Local Conference on Omega Pj. Members' Visiting

- 6 Oct 2000　　　　　　　　TEX
  Featuring John Plaise & Yannis Haralambous
- 22 Mar 2001　Yannis　　　　Feat. Y. Haralambous

TEX Conference Japan (TEX)

- 2009, 2010, 2011 Today's main topic

Wide View of Main Hall

Main Hall of TeX Conference Japan 2011, MURAKAMI Shinyu's invited speech

Memorial Photo of texconf09

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Memorial Photo of texconf10

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Memorial Photo of texconf11

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Facts and Figures of texconf09–11

	2009	2010	2011
Date	29 Aug (Sat)	23 Oct (Sat)	22 Oct (Sat)
Place	IIS, the University of Tokyo		
# Attendees	113	137	140
(Banquet)	60+	60+	60
Presentations	Normal (15)	Normal (4) Poster (9)	Normal (5) Poster (5) LT (5)
Events	Invited (2)	Invited (2) Panel Discuss. Q & A Booth	Invited (2) Distribution↙ Round Table
Website	oku.edu.mie-u.ac.jp/texconf??/		

Invited Speeches

09 NAKANO Ken (Nextsolution Co.,Ltd.): "T_EX and DITA"

09 CHO Jin-Hwan (Dept. Math, Suwon Univ.): "ko.T_EX and Korean T_EX Society: Past, Present, and Future"[1]

10 YATO Takayuki: "T_EX which Japanese Don't Know"

10 TSUCHIMURA Nobuyuki (Kwansei Gakuin Univ.): "How Should We Use or Develop T_EX Related Software With Avoiding Troubles In Advance"

11 MURAKAMI Shinyu (Antenna House, Inc.): "Typesetting Technologies for E-Publishing, Web, and XML"

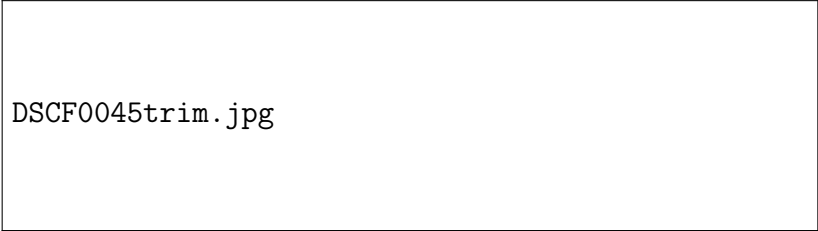11 OKUMURA Haruhiko (Dept. Edu., Mie Univ.): "pT_EX Up-to-now and Future"[2]

Translated into English by K.

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[1]Special Guest
[2]Special Speech

Panel Discussion in texconf10

Theme: "TeX in Publishing/Printing Business"

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OKUMURA Haruhiko Prof. of Mie Univ.

YOSHIDA Uichi Editor-in-Chief of *Kagaku*, Iwanami Shoten

MUTO Kenshi Editor & DTP operator in Top Studio Co., Ltd.,
Debian Project Official Developer

HONDA Tomoaki SANBI Printing Co., Ltd.

Distribution Round Table in texconf11

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Board Members:
MUTO Kenshi, KOBAYASHI Jun,
SHIBATA Mitsuya, Norbert PREINING,
KUROKI Yusuke, KOBAYASHI Taizo,
KITAGAWA Hironori, MATSUU Takuto,
AOTA Naohiro, HAMADA Tatsuyoshi,
OKAYAMA Tomoaki, YAMAMOTO Takanori,
TSUCHIMURA Nobuyuki, FUJIWARA Makoto,
YAMAMOTO Munehiro, SASAKI Yohei

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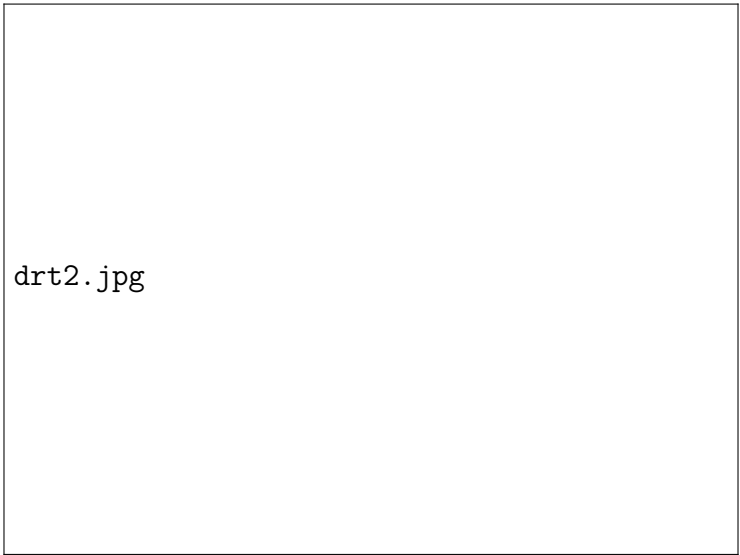
Captured from YAMAMOTO Munehiro's slide

Distribution Round Table in texconf11

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Questionnaire Results ("Audience Analysis")

- How many people answered the questionnaire

	09	10	11
# answers	79	86[3]	68
# answers / # attendees	70%	63%	49%

- How old are you? (single answer)

	09	10		11
–25	6	7	–24 (incl.)	9
–35	31	31	25–34	15
–45	26	27	35–44	23
–55	8	14	45–54	15
55–	8	6	55 (incl.)–	6
NA	0	1	NA	0
total	79	86	total	68

[3]Excluding one totally white answer sheet. We could not distinguish accident and NA.

Questionnaire Results ("Audience Analysis")

- What do you do (for living)? (single answer)

	09	10	11
Student	7	10	11
Academic researcher/teacher	27	27	19
Commercial researcher	4	5	2
Employed (publ./print.)[4]	30	23	22
Employed (others)	6	12	7
Self-Employed (publ./print.)	1	2	2
Self-Employed (others)	1	3	3
Others	3	4	2
NA	0	0	0
total	79	86	68

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[4]During translation, I have realized that we should distinguish manager/exective and employed. In this table, "employed" may include managers/exectives of (some-scaled) companies.

Questionnaire Results ("Audience Analysis") Contd.

- How long do you use TₑX?[5] (single answer)

	09	10		11
–1 year	0	5	less than 1 year	2
–3 years	3	8	1–3 years	7
–5 years	12	6	3–5 years	9
–10 years	20	22	5–10 years	11
–15 years	15	13	10–15 years	13
15 years–	28	32	15 years–	26
NA	1	0	NA	0
total	79	86	total	68

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[5]In Japanase senses, the term "TₑX" includes some extensions (e.g. pTₑX, (p)LATₑX).

- What will you expect? (multiple answers)

	09	10	11
Updated info. of development	45	59	43
Exchanges with developers/users	35	33	28
Updated info. users env.	35	43	42
Introductory info.	7	13	9
Trend abroad	16	19	20
Discuss. popularization	19	23	16
Usage in commercial publ./print.	25	27	—
Debate event (e.g., panel discuss.)	12	23	—
Introductory event (e.g., workshop)	13	14	4
Online video distro. (e.g., ustream)	11	6	10
Publishing official proceedings	16	20	11
Area diversity	4	4	1
Others	3	2	1

Acknowledgments

> TeX Conference Japan owes its trigger to
> *the Asian TeX Conference 2008*

- Conference itself was very attractable
- Discussion during excursion brought me an idea for development
- I could meet ChoF-san and Prof. Okumura from Japan

Concluding Remarks

In my opinion, ...

What have changed?

- Lots of developments are speeding up
- At least attendees've realized *development is handiwork*

Repeatability & Necessity of Offline Communication

- No repeatability. Under every-year decisions
- Devel. team/-ers gain advantages of periodic gathering, but users require annual gatherings?
- Offline commumication is still in its beginning stages