

## ClassNotes

**1985** Takeshi Kato is the Senior Manager for Mizuho Financial Group in their Group Strategic Planning division. Ichiro "Max" Matsumura is back in Japan after 5 years in Illinois, USA where he was President and COO of an Itochu subsidiary. He is now Deputy General Manager for Itochu in Kyushu. Toshihiro Uchiyama is in Ann Harbor Michigan, USA with NSK Corporation, USA.

**1986** Takashi Oka has been General Manager of the Gunma Bank in New York City since April 2001. Like his IUJ and Company sempai Uchiyama (1985), Yasuhiro Kamio is also dispatched to the USA for NSK, but in Vermont with NSK Steering Systems America, Inc. Masahiro Inoue is in the My Net Division of The Master Trust Bank of Japan, Ltd. Shingo Harada, was the Manager of The National Organizing Committee of the 22nd World Gas Conference Tokyo 2003. The conference, held in June looked into vital energy issues Asia wide. Shingo-san invited IUJ students at discounted prices.

**1987** Minoru Ohsawa is now the Executive Director of ORIX Australia Corporation, taking up the post in February 2003. "Liz" Mijares (De Leon) is now the Senior Manager at Pure and Rich Food International in the Philippines. Watch for information from Liz and campus on getting things going for Alumni Activities in the Philippines. Sorrien Scott is in Albania as the Regional Field Security Coordination Officer for the UNDP.

**1988** Yoshihiro Kobayashi continues as Manager of the Credit Review Office at Risona Bank.

**1989** Narunobu Ota is now in Tokyo as Manager of Corporate Communications for Resona Holding, Inc. Ahmad Rashid Malik is the Secretary of Economic Affairs for the Korean Embassy in Pakistan. Ken Ando is now assigned to the Foreign News Department of Asahi Shinbun – join him for Sushi in Tsukiji your next Tokyo visit!

**IR90** Jega Muniandy and wife Kyoko had a baby boy in January: Swamiji named him Bhuvanesh, meaning God of the Universe. Big sister Tara is 3.

**IM90** Yuichiro Hamasaki continues on in NYC, now as Chief Financial Officer for Shinko Securities Co., LTD. He is planning to welcome IM Class of 2003 Shinobu Sonoda to his offices, and is ready to hear an update on what is happening at IUJ and in little Urasa. Hideyuki Kawashima is back in Japan after several years in London with Mizuho International. He rejoins Mizuho Securities as Deputy General Manager for the Capital Markets section. Jim Biolas' recent Harvard Management Update article on applying Six Sigma to service processes has been translated into Japanese and published in *President Magazine*. The article is currently available on-line at: <http://www.president.co.jp/pre/20021230/002.html>

**IR91** Mickey Beppu resurfaced in Shanghai with Fuji Xerox' Asia Pacific operations there. Kenjiro Yuge is in a new role with GE Plastics: he is Manager of Japanese Accounts in Hong Kong. He and his wife experienced Chinese New Year's Hong Kong style, and enjoyed comparing it to how Singapore celebrates.

**IM91** We would love to hear from the following alumni. Please check your online profile (<http://www.iuj.ac.jp/alumni/directory/>): David Keay, Bing Shui, Mike Ando, Zheng Ming Zhang. Thanks.

**IR92** Hin Wong is a senior executive at Kovax (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. Hiromi Suzuki is with the United Nations University. Her husband since 1995, Masato Nakamura (IM92), is with Matsushita Electric in Tokyo. He had been in London for 3 years as "Tanshin-Funin," and returned at the end of 2001. During the 3 years, Hiromi often visited and stayed for long periods of time and enjoyed UK life too!

**IM92** Robert Jones was back on campus to talk to students about his career, job hunting strategies, and advice in this tough economy. Robert runs his own financial consulting firm in Hong Kong, Financial Control Ltd. .

**IR93** Has anyone heard from the following alumni recently?

Please ask them to check their online profile at <http://www.iuj.ac.jp/alumni/directory> San Lee Chung, Onesphor Melchior Msah, Nobuko Hatakeyama, Parichart Jongsakul, Marlene Tablante, Shu Cai, Phanindra Subba, Atsuko Yashiro.

**IM93** Atul Ahuja was promoted to Director at ANZ Investment Bank in the Structured Finance division in Australia. His Spouse, Priya (Vijayan) Ahuja (IR92) is enjoying a challenging career as a Consultant with McKinsey & Co. there in Australia. Jon Winslow is now in New York City (having moved from Hong Kong in January).

**IR94** Vassil Krastev is back in Bulgaria with Caminus Corporation as a Senior Consultant. Yoichi Takahashi is now the senior staff assistant at the Niigata Industrial Creation Organization, in the Niigata Industry & Trade Promotion Association. Susumu Koyama is back in Japan after working in Los Angeles for Mizuho Bank. He takes up the Sr. VP role for the International Division.

**IM94** Athikom Phupathanaphong is now the Marketing Department Manager, Business Development & Project Coordinating for Mitsubishi Elevator Asia Co., Ltd. And he is married! Shinichi Onishi is in Russia at the Komatsu Moscow Office. Takayuki Miyauchi joins 3 other IUJers at Thomson Corporation K.K. where he is now Manager of Thomson Derwent, Finance. Angel Salita is now a Partner in the Special Projects / Banking / Finance & Securities at SyCip Salazar Hernandez & Gatmaitan in the Philippines.

**IR95** Bishwa Subedi is working in Foreign Aid Coordination for Nepal. Masaki Shimazaki became the Vice Group Leader at HEPCO's Financial Management Group, Corporate Planning Department. HEPCO is Hokkaido's electric and power company. Naved Chowdhury (pictured) appeared on campus in June. He was back in the area to negotiate with a volunteer group in Muikamachi who is supporting a school in Naved's village in Bangladesh. The Muikamachi group provides Foster Parent support for 50 children in the village, besides the school for 450 students. Naved is with *Concern*, and in Japan for a month fellowship with the UNU. David Kornhauser received his first Foreign Services appointment for the US government, and was to be stationed in Guangzhou, China in early June. Christopher Domitter (pictured) was on campus in June to take photos, using IUJ student models, for upcoming IUJ posters and brochures. "I found several nice changes on campus, but the IUJ student spirit remains the same."



**Thank you Christopher!**

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### CHRISTOPHER DOMITTER'S ON-LINE PHOTO SAMPLES

<http://www.iuj.ac.jp/slides/domitter/>  
<http://www.outdoorjapan.com/galleries/gallery-domitter.html>  
<http://www.snowjapan.com/e/gallery/index-domitter.html>  
<http://www.iris.dti.ne.jp/~domitter/index.htm>

**IM95 Shoichi Fukushima** is now the General Manager of Corporate Purchasing Department for Bosch Automotive Systems Corp. **Masaki Shimazaki** is now in the Financial Management Group, Corporate Planning Department for Hokkaido Electric Power Co. **Aki Taniguchi** invites everyone to Nagoya in 2005 with the World Expo. A new airport will await... he reports.



Jason Miles (IM95) - right- and other alumni in DC. Jason is project Manager at Capital One Financial.

**IR96 Adil Mohamed** is in Saudi Arabia with his wife Amani. Adil is Procurement Supervisor for Alissa Auto Co., while Amani works at the SAMA Women's Center. **Sanjeev Kumar** will teach 2 courses at IUJ in Fall Term 2003. He had been working as a civil affairs officer for the United Nations Mission in Kosovo, and most recently serving as the Director, Ministry of Disinvestment for the Government of India. Naoki Wakai is now Senior Manager of International Business for NTT Com Asia

Campus was saddened by the news of the passing of **Masaaki Akasaka** (IM96) on April 29. He was working for Hiroshima Bank in Hiroshima.

**IM96 Cenk Gurol** (in photo), Planning Group Manager on the B2B Team for Aeon, came to campus as a recruiter for his department. His photo with Class of 2003 **Jami Wu** will be used for promotional purposes for the MBA program in a September-released ad. **Yasuaki Watanabe** is now at Aichi Shukutoku University in the Business Communications Department.



**IR97 Yasuyuki Kawai** is Manager of the Corporate Research Dept. at Toho Gas Corporation, based in Nagoya.

**Ehsan Latif** has had a big year. He obtained his PhD in Economics, his first child, Inan, was born in September, AND he took a new lecturer position at University College of the Cariboo. **Takuya Okawa** is Director of Meisun K.K. in Tokyo. **Prasanna Ganesh**

resurfaced in the Global Human Resources Division of Toyota Motors in Tokyo! **Qais Saleh** is now in United Arab Emirates with Cedar Consulting Services Ltd. which does management consulting, especially for the financial Sector. He dines with **Chris and Kim** (IR98) **Buck** now and again! **Chris** is there with the Foreign Services for his country.



Febe Pamonag visited campus for some PhD research and talked with potential PhD candidates. Febe pursues her PhD in Canada

**Arbind Jha** remains with Goldman Sachs as their VP for firmwide risk, but now from New York City (he was in Tokyo). **IM97 Christian Wahlstrom** remains with Mizuho Securities. We learned he has a 1.5 year old daughter named Minori Heather Wahlstrom! **Yoshiteru Kondo** is now the Sr. Manager for NS Solutions, a part of the Nippon Steel Group, which was formed in April 2001 and provides IT solutions to many industries, including financial markets and the Japanese government.

**IR-IM98** We missed hearing news from the Class of 1998. Please send in a note, or check your profile (<http://www.iuj.ac.jp/alumni/directory/>). We hope specifically to hear from the following alumni and get some work information updates. **Kam Wah Wan, Chunliu Liu, Elsididd Mohammed, Naheed Siddiqui, You Tek Tan, Ami Thuwarungrueng, Yan Zhang.** THANKS

**IR99 Motohiro Kurokawa** returned to Japan from Bangkok where he was a research fellow at Thammasat University (after completing his PhD in Niigata University). He is now Lecturer on the Faculty of Regional Policy at Takasaki City University of Economics. **Mitsunari Ogawa** was promoted to Manager of the Corporate Research Department at Toho Gas in Nagoya. **Hongxin Yang** is now a producer at Tokyo Broadcast Systems in Washington, DC. **Gregory Kulikov** published a book "Japanese Management and International Competitiveness Theory" which is recommended study material for students of Moscow State University and Russian Graduate School of Economics and was bought by the main university libraries of Russia. He is the President Advisor of TransTeleCom, the telecommunication company, #2 in Russia, that works on 45,000 km optic cable network. **Faith Kazembe** was on special assignment for her country's government to the SADC Secretariat in Botswana (a regional organization like ASEAN for Southern African States). She returned to Malawi in April. **Shannon-Marie Soni** is currently an Economic Relations Officer, working on issues with developing economies, for the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade for Canada. She will be part of the Delegation to the UN General Assembly on the Canadian Mission to the United Nations effective September 2003 for 4 months. **Tarek Chehidi** received his PhD, worked in Japan for several years and is now an Advisor to the Minister in the Ministry of Education and Training in his country Tunisia.



Hongo-san is VP of Stern Stewart! and authored a book on EVA.

**IM99 Akashi Hongo** is now Vice President and Japan Representative of Stern Stewart, heading the efforts in Japan where he has worked extensively implementing EVA for several highly diversified Japanese conglomerates (from the company website). In his spare time, he is a visiting professor at IUJ in our E-business and finance courses. In April he gave a special lecture on Stern Stewart and EVA. **Monica Hjelles** is the Financial Manager for Athena Seafoods in Norway. We hope for exciting news in January! **Cheema Sajjad** moved to London to take up his role in Deutsche Bank in the Exposure Management Group. **Sunee Rujirawan** is a brand manager at Berli Jucker Co, Ltd in Bangkok. **Sang-young Jeon** is in the Georgetown Law School JD program for three years. **Shigeo Morishima** took up responsibilities in Bangkok for Komatsu since April 1. **Ned Akov** was quoted in the NY Times: "These banks' balance sheets are a reflection of the local economy where they operate," said Ned Akov, a banking analyst at ING Securities Asia. See: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/05/24/business/worldbusiness/24YEN.html>

**IR00 Amy Perry** welcomed her twin boys, Matthew and Benjamin, in December. Amy is teaching in North Carolina. **Yohei Mori** published a book that hit the shelves in late June entitled "Tennouke no Saifu," "The Purse of the Imperial Family" and offers an analysis of the balance sheet of the Japanese Emperor's family. Check it out! **Abinav Walia** is a PhD Candidate in International Studies at Nottingham Trent University, in England.



**IM00 Feng Ju** got married to Jessica Min Wang, a B2B e-commerce expert for Alibaba.com. Feng continues his PhD studies at the Katz Graduate School of Business, University of Pennsylvania. **Guido Nabh** is married! **Weihong Ding**, at Bloomberg, helped out fellow alum **Ian Storey** (IR95) with

video Conferencing between Australia and Japan this past May. Thanks Ding-san! *The IUJ Alumni Network at its best!*



**IR01 Jeffrey Choi and Kohei Kawabata** are both in PhD programs at the Australia National University. Jeffrey is in the Australia-Japan Research Centre, Kohei is at the Faculty of Asian Studies. Another IUJ alum **Ligang Song** (85) is a research fellow and **Hanafi Guciano** (89) just finished his studies there.

**Vici Henry Lihardo** finds himself in Paris with the Indonesian Embassy there. He is 2<sup>nd</sup> secretary. **David LaPorta** passed through campus on his way OUT of Beijing (with the SARS scares) where he had been studying Chinese on his way TO Hawaii for an MA/PhD in Anthropology starting in the Fall. **Arif Al-Mahmood** is a PhD candidate in Economics at Royal Holloway, University of London. **Zulqarnain Anjum** is now with the UNHCR (High Commissioner for Refugees) on regular basis after passing UN Competitive Finance Exam. His assignment is now in Sudan for another 1.5 years, then he will be re-assigned to some other country. **Nugraha Purniawan** works with the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesian in Karachi, Pakistan as the Vice Consul. He reported in January: "The situation in Karachi? Hmm, let me say that the situation is getting better under the military regime, particularly the stability and security. Even though civilians already took over power, there are still too many rangers and police on the streets." **Kaoru Hisaeda** and **Lan Tran** (IR2002) got married in December in a ceremony in Vietnam. They now live in Tokyo where Kaoru is in Equity Capital Markets for Lehman Brothers, and Lan is a Researcher and Assistant to VP at Euro Group, Japan.



**IM01 Wenhui Chen** is now a Senior Analyst for New Century Fund Management in Shanghai. **Thu-Trang Nguyen** is a busy MOM in Osaka. While working as a Business Analyst with Abbot, Japan, she and husband Gero welcomed Darius Nguyen Herrmann into their lives last November. **Bjorn Boulding** is now in Singapore with Barclays Capital doing MIS reporting for Asia Pacific. **Arjun Bardwajan** is in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year as a PhD candidate at Ivey Business School, University of Western Ontario. He recently made a generous contribution to the Alumni Association Fund Raising Campaign. Thanks!

**IR02 Tungalagis Ulambayar** landed a great position as National Project Manager for the UNDP-Mongolia Poverty Research & Employment Facilitation Project. **Nhan Thu Nguyen** is in another great position as a project assistant for a JICA led project with Vietnam-Japan Cooperation Centre in Hanoi. See the Alumni Spotlight story. **Ismar Lima** has begun his PhD studies at Nagoya University's Graduate School of International Development. GOOD LUCK! **Aliya Sartbayeva** took a much needed break from her teaching duties at the Kazakhstan Institute of Management where she teaches 4 courses a day, to come back to IUJ for a relaxing month! **Belachew Tafesse** is the senior expert at the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (situated in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia). He is responsible for more than 10 projects at the national level negotiating with donor agencies and supervising implementation of projects under his responsibility. **Niraji Dawadi** now works with the National Human Rights Commission of Nepal. He is currently a Consultant with the UNDP in a project on capacity development of the Commission. **Ana-Maria Piciorea** will begin a PhD in Economics at the University of Utah and work as a teacher assistant coming this August. Good luck!

**IM02 Moon Sik Jung** came back to campus during IUJ Career Week, this year sitting in the interviewers seat for Capital Servicing. Wearing the other hat was a tough day, but campus is very appreciative of his efforts and support of IUJ! Thanks Moon-san. **Alex Kofinas** is in a PhD program in Manchester Metropolitan University, in London. His program is a "hybrid PhD in-between research and work (with AstraZeneca)." **Tze Khin Chung** is back in Tokyo as the Center Director of International

Enterprise Singapore, and enjoyed IUJ ASEAN night on campus in May. We are pleased to report, that along with the memorial photos at IUJ to help us all remember **Pastina Cheong**, Vanderbilt University is displaying a commemorative stone in her name. Pastina passed away in Oct. 2001 while on exchange at Vanderbilt.

**E-Bus02 Yasushi Hirakawa** (pictured) keeps appearing on campus for various events - we keep forgetting he has graduated and is working in Okinawa for Ryukyu Broadcasting Corp. **Kyoko Asada** returned to celebrate the Class of 2003's graduation with them. She is in the Beat Business Unit for Fuji Xerox, Tokyo. **Raymond Ly** just started working for Air France Tokyo!



**Class of 2003** Congratulations to the MA and MBA Class of 2003. With 64 MA graduates from 27 countries, and 64 MBA graduates from 22 countries, you bring our Alumni Association membership up to 1,897. IR Class Representatives are: **Kohei Nomura** and **Weerada Poupee Sucharitku**. IM Class Representatives are **Sunao Okamoto**, **Shinobu Sonoda**, and **Osman Cakiroglu**.

## SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to those that assisted campus this past academic year. There are so many to thank, including those that answered one or more surveys for MBA rankings: **Cip Marin**, **Datar Satish**, **Bjorn Boulding**, **Greg Meline**, **Koichi Owada**, **Federico Silfa**, **Seiichiro Sonoda**, **Akshay Syal**, **Tun Tun Win**, **Yusuf Yasin**, **Masahiro Asaoka**, **Ramadhan Harisman**, **Jiye Li**, **Tadashi Yamaguchi**, **Billy Anugerah**, **Fuminori Sako**, **Toshiya Watanabe** (Classes of 2000-2001).

Many helped with questions from incoming and prospective students as **IUJ Ambassadors**, and as **A-CAN volunteers** to help current students with questions in their job hunting. THANK YOU!



IN MEMORY ....

## PROF. MATSUYAMA



The late Prof. Matsuyama (center), Hideki Sato (right) at Matsuyama-sensei's Photo Exhibition on campus

It is with great sorrow that we received the sad news of the sudden and untimely passing of Prof. Matsuyama last year.

Prof. Matsuyama was one of greatest linguistic scholar to edit the Thai language dictionary. Luckily enough, I had the chance to study, chat and a drink with him while I was a student of IUJ in 1985-87. He preferred to have a Sake with students at Tamon-so.

In 1985 his linguistics class was performed in only Japanese and many Japanese students enjoyed participating in class with his insightful talk. He was also a freak for the camera and kindly gave prints of the photos he took to almost everyone at IUJ. He was the closest Sensei to us. Personally I asked him to check my son, Daisuke's, naming and therefore he was a sort of Godfather to him. Even to this day, I mentioned Prof. Matsuyama at Daisuke's birthday every year.

Representing IUJ people, I would like to extend our profoundest sympathy to his family.

by **Hideki Sato** (Class of 1987)

Member, IUJ Alumni Association Executive Committee  
Director, Global Business Division, NTT Communications  
Pictured with Sato-san: Left- **Hiroshi Tsushima** ('87), Senior Professor, Faculty of Humanities, Toyo Gakuen University; Second from Right- **Hiroya Sugita** ('88), Lecturer at IUJ and Kanagawa University.



GSIR Valedictorian Mr. Zubir B.T. Mohd, and excerpts from his remarks (below)

**WE CAN LIVE HARMONIOUSLY**

“When we entered the doors of IUJ almost two years ago, we had to adjust to new surroundings, new instructors, and new friends. It was quite challenging considering that we came from different backgrounds – culture, religion, region etc., with different perceptions and expectations. It seemed unbelievable just how quickly relationships developed. Each of us has been supportive of another, academically and socially. It proves that given the right environment and correct attitude, people can live together harmoniously.

“We learned that diversity is our strength. The wealth of experience contributed during discussions made us appreciate the assignments better. Meeting the standards of IUJ and being in this hall today is a triumph by itself.

“However, being in IUJ is not only about attending classes, writing papers, and facing examinations. . . . If not for being in IUJ, students from tropical countries like me would not even dare to dream about skiing down the snowy slopes.

“After today, we may not see some of the faces that we have known and grown to love over the past 2 years. Therefore, it is important to always keep in touch with each other. Fortunately, in this era of advanced communications, our friends are only a click of a button away. Many of us will be busy and it will be difficult to keep in touch. That is why, I believe, it is important that the IUJ Alumni website be our important link with one another.”

**DEAN JAY QUIPPED:**

“PLEASE REMEMBER IUJ...  
“I” AND “U” AND ...  
“JAY”!

**GRADUATION 2003  
FOR MA AND MBA CANDIDATES**

**CONGRATULATORY ADDRESS:  
AMB. KUNIIHIKO SAITO**

*President, International Friendship Exchange Council, Former Amb. to the USA, and Former Pres. JICA*

“Are we making progress in achieving a free and affluent society throughout the globe? I don’t think so.

“We are now faced with new and serious problems threatening the future of mankind. Environmental conditions are deteriorating, new types of diseases are raging, severe poverty persists in certain areas, the gap between developed and developing worlds are widening, regional conflicts are intensifying, international terrorism is threatening the lives of innocent people. Efforts are being made worldwide to resolve these issues, often referred to as “global issues,” but so far it has been a losing battle.



“All these global problems cannot be dealt with by a single country. They must be tackled by all responsible members of the world community through intensive international cooperation.

Under these circumstances, the world needs more than ever people like you who are equipped with a sense of international understanding and an experience of meeting with different cultures at an early stage of life. You are expected to play very important roles in shaping a better world in this new century.”

**PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:  
PRES. Y. SUGIHARA: “BE COURAGEOUS”**

“The real world that you are rejoining is in a state of flux, to say the least. The 9-11 incident has changed the socio-economic environment of the world over-night. No new orders and framework to deal effectively with the new challenges have emerged to this date. There is an acute need for young and talented leaders in every part of the global community. With your background and training, you will be placed in the leadership positions at various levels in your future career.

“Let me give you, as future leaders in the global community my advise: **BE COURAGEOUS**, *Be courageous in making difficult decisions if you believe it is the right course of action*

“Many leaders shy away from making right but difficult decisions simply because they don’t want to rock the boat. Whenever you are faced with making an important decision, I urge you to ask yourself: “Am I addressing the fundamental issue?” “Am I not avoiding the right decision simply because it is too difficult or unconventional?” Please keep in mind that the right decisions are likely to be the most controversial and difficult decision among various options. When we have more courageous leaders to face the real issues and to make difficult decisions, we will start seeing the solutions to many of the problems we now face. I know I can count on each of you to be a leader with foresight and courage to change and steer the world toward a new era of prosperity and co-existence.”



GSIM/MBA Valedictorian Mr. Mun C. “Munsh” Lam poses with his diploma the day after graduation. Extending Congratulations were Pres. Sugihara, Dean Jay, Prof. Ito and applause from the OSS and OGS staff. Munsh fell ill the morning of graduation, and Valedictorian co-runner up Ms. Eniko Biro presented his remarks and offered a few of her own.

**IUJ MEN LOOK GOOD IN DRESSES**

Excerpts from Lam’s speech, presented by Eniko Biro:

“I will always remember IUJ the Class of 2003 as a very special bunch of people. Every exchange students who spent a brief semester here can attest to how warm, friendly, talented, crazy, and funny IUJ people are.

“IUJ students work hard, and play very hard. The IUJ Class of 2003 is never afraid to break new ground; you just have to look at the “Austin Power Nandedarou” performance during Japanese Night this year and you will know what I mean. Did you know how talented Dean Jay is?

“For another thing, I didn’t know IUJ guys could look so good in a dress! For me, Sonopy-sensei\*\* embodies the spirit of IUJ (Sonopy-sensei, I bow to you! You will continue to be my inspiration in the future). And, with an open-mind to work with people from many different cultures and back-



Eniko receives her diploma

grounds, armed with an “always can do” spirit, creativity, teamwork and a lot of hard work, together we have accomplished something as impossible as the LBCIP project. Now, don’t you think we are a great team?

“Please let me offer my most sincere congratulations to all of you! Please stay in touch and always try to make IUJ proud.”

\*\*Sonopy is Shinobu Sonoda IM03 of Shinko Securities Co, and will soon be in NYC to work with Hamasaki-san IM90.