

# FISTS EAST ASIA

- East Asia Chapter of FISTS CW Club -



NEWS LETTER

## morsEAsia

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Greetings!

After this long newspaper holidays, preparation was made to publish our news letter with a new name "morsEAsia" and we sincerely thank you for your waiting. The administration members solicited new names for this paper from the members of FISTS East Asia and some ideas were exchanged and we eventually chose this name "morsEAsia" which got 6 votes. We would like to express our appreciation to John 9V1VV for this new name. The other ideas and number of vote were shown below.

Total vote was 14. (Results are shown below)

- 1) FAR EAST 5
- 2) FEAST 2
- 3) FEATHER 1
- 4) morsEAsia 6

### Apology From The Editor:

Some of the messages and letters here are old because they are not published for about a year due to the discontinuance of this news letter.

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### Message from FISTS DOWN UNDER

Congratulations to FISTS Asia on their anniversary. We hope that your members have enjoyed their new association and that it will continue to grow. We started in FISTS Down Under with very few members but have now 140 on the books including four clubs. We look forward to the time when FEA will become much bigger than we are! We hope that your members will make many contacts with our members so that they can qualify for the FISTS Down Under Award. The rules are on our web site [www.fistsdownunder.morsekeys.com](http://www.fistsdownunder.morsekeys.com)

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## The Latest News of Ourselves

### **K6KF / JM1JOT also JL8MIL/ Jun Matsuya # 9117**

< Return to Japan >

It's only been a year since I moved to Southern California, but I will change my QTH once again for a new job. This time my relocation is going to be a big one - I am leaving the U.S. permanently. My U.S. life started in 2000 by joining a company in Silicon Valley. I was pretty busy catching up at work and also establishing my new life in another country for a couple of years, but after that, I felt like something and decided to get back to the world of Ham Radio. In 2002, I passed the exams and purchased a radio and a paddle. It was just after an interval of ten years to get on the air. Since then, I really enjoyed working FISTS members, even though I was not that active operator, and that led to obtaining some awards such as FISTS CC, WAS and DXCC. After moving in this small apartment in Southern California, my CW activities have almost ended due to some restrictions in the apartment community. So what's next? I will try to setup a small station at my next QTH - Hokkaido, Japan. I hope I can find a good apartment for setting up a stealth antenna. Hopefully, I will be able to find a house with a fair space for beam antennas.

### **JO3HPM (previously JJ1XET) / Naoyasu Hosoda #15008**

Some members have had a FISTS EA slow English Net since last December. It is interesting for me to join the Net now. Because I know I need more practice of English to enjoy CW chat with many hams all over the world. I hope my English becomes well by the Net and it continues forever.

I changed my call last August. I no longer need to add "/3" at the end of my call. At the same time, I increased the power from 50W to 100W. If you hear my CQ call which is a little stronger than before, please call me.

### **JR0QWW / Taro Iguchi # 5578**

Recently, I am so busy that I can not have so much time to QRV.  
However, I like CW very much and I would like to QRV on radio, any time, anywhere.  
I really expect to contact all of you.

### **JG0MWU/ Kenichi Kamata # 15015**

Hello FISTS EA members; this is JG0MWU "Ken"

I joined FISTS last February. I will renew my amateur radio system after an interval of ten years. When the snow on the roof is gone, I will set up the DP antenna with the bamboo stick. Then I should train my CW skill more and more from beginner's level. My hobbies, other than amateur radio, are snowboarding and watching professional wrestling. I like to snowboard on deep powder snow and to watch Japanese woman's professional wrestling especially. I hope to communicate with you some time. Thank you. 73. de KEN JG0MWU

[jg0mwu@jarl.com](mailto:jg0mwu@jarl.com)

\* Apology from the editor

This message was forwarded early spring and now he has already installed his improved antenna system CHA250B on his roof. And he's very active on most of the bands.

### **JJ1BDX also JO3FUO / Kenji Rikitake # 8962**

While IARU and the amateurs in general are more and more in favor of removing the Code requirement, the actual use of Morse Code on the air still prevails, especially when the HF CONDX is getting worse every day (until the next sun-spot cycle begins). Most of the JA and Asian amateurs, however, do not fully explore the potential performance of Morse Code; they only send 5NN BK and can only recognize their callsigns. FISTS-EA will still be in the vanguard of defending the usage of Morse Code not only for DX hunting, but for emotional and meaningful communication to enhance fraternity among amateurs in East Asian regions and the rest of the world. If you meet a FISTS-EA member, please send something other than 5NN BK - they will happily respond in cordial greetings.

Happy birthday FISTS-EA!

### **JJ8KGZ / Leo H. Tsukada # 4843**

Away from amateur radio, I have spent my hectic days with my wife establishing my private firm and raising my two boys and especially Noa, my first daughter, who was born 4 years ago. These 6 years had passed like an arrow and I asked myself if I was happy when my son was about to graduate from an elementary school. "Yes, yes!" I was happy but something was missing. The radio that was shoved back into the closet was FT817; one of my friends gave me 4 years ago. I was not very interested in radio anymore at that time. But one night, I sneaked out of the bedroom and hooked up the coax cable from my old wire antenna that was neglected on the roof for a long time, to my FT 817. It felt just like the good old days to hear the noise of HF bands and was listening to the sounds of CW with a sweet sense of déjà vu.

This February, I bought a brand-new rig IC756 pro3 and resumed my CW operation.

My FISTS number 4843 was suspended and I thought that had been already expired because I was not active member anymore 6 years ago. I did not think that I would join FISTS again and felt sorry because of my long neglect with my old FISTS friends such as JM6FMW/Naka, JR0QWW/Taro and so on. Making CQ on 17m one evening, I was called from JG0MWU / Ken and he explained about his antenna CHA250B which was produced by COMET, in his own inimitable phrase like 'A STRANGE ANT', and I thought 'oh boy he's funny!'. As you know, most of the Japanese CW operators do not explain their antenna that way. An idea popped up into my mind. "He must be a member of FISTS", because the way they operate CW is not the same as other JA's. They are enthusiasts of chatting with CW, right? I asked him if he was a member of FISTS and he replied 'yes' and gave me his FISTS number 15015. Then asked, 'U ? Are U a FISTS member?' I answered 'I used to be a member of FISTS 6 years ago but I am not now'.

After the enjoyable QSO, a week later, I received e-mail from Naka / JM6FMW and Jun / K6KF and they advised me to rejoin FISTS. It seemed that Ken JG0MWU posted a message about me on the FISTS EA message board after the QSO we had in that evening. Having my old FISTS number 4843, I enjoy chatting with fellow FISTS members almost every night. I really would like to say "thank you" to the members who managed to contact me and let me enroll again.



# Other Topics

## FISTS EA Web site renewal

FISTS EA web site was renewed on the URL shown below and it includes new functions.

<http://www.feacw.net/>

Sh, Actually, this domain has been determined because of its easy usage with CW code on the air

\* **Search engines:** You can search for not only FISTS EA members but worldwide members with using both of their FISTS numbers or their call signs. The reference retrieval is made from "allfists txt" at [www.fists.org](http://www.fists.org).

\* **QRVinfo :** A PacketCluster like BBS, QRVinfo on the site is now available and used a lot by FISTS EA members. If you would like to know which members are currently on the air or you want to chat with some members on certain frequency, you can go QRVinfo and spot yourself. Sometimes, it is used like a chat room by some members but it is really fun! Any members can use this QRV info for your QSOs.

### Information

1. Mail address: [callsign]@feacw.net is available.
2. URL forwarding service is also available with the domain [www.feacw.net/callsign/](http://www.feacw.net/callsign/)

Further questions or requests are welcome at  
[webadmin@feacw.net](mailto:webadmin@feacw.net)



## FISTS EA New Members

- # 15012 JS6OFT/Shige
- # 15013 BU2AC/Hsu
- # 15014 JR3TVH(also AH2E)/Taka
- # 15015 JG0MWU/Ken
- # 15016 BX2AH/Chen
- # 15017 JJ0KUS/Mura
- # 15018 VR2AJ/Mak
- # 4843 JJ8KGZ/Leo (Reentrant)

*Eyes Down!*

**JL3YMV** FISTS JA National Club Station's call has been issued!!

The international club station of FISTS JA about to start its operation with its call JL3YMV this fall. The station obtains its FISTS # 15000 and is equipped with a rig TS-2000SX (50W) and Yagi antenna for 40 to 10m. We are now proceeding with the preparations on a quest to get on the air when C2C contest starts. See you on the air soon. We really thank Jean / JL3SIK for his taking much trouble on our behalf to get the call issued.

# FEA Club Stations

FISTS No.	Callsign	Club Name	Managed by	Pts	Rig, Ant, etc
15000	JL3YMV	FISTS JA National Club Station	Jean, JL3SIK	5	TS-2000SX (50W) Yagi (40-10m)
15100	JE7YTQ	FISTS JA7	Sugi, JK7UST	3	DX-70G (50W), FT-817 (5W) Zepp (80m), Dipole (40/30/17/12m), Yagi (20/15m),
15200	JO1ZZZ	JARL A1 Club	Atsu, JE1TRV	3	various (50W)

**CW lover's car in Japan**  
 by Nao JO3HPM



Can you see the license plate of my car? Yes, it's 599!

In Japan, license plate numbers are mainly defined by city name and four digit number. If a car owner pays extra fee, he or she can select desired four digit number. Some lucky numbers such as 1, 777 and 8888 are popular and many people desire those numbers. The owners of its license plate numbers are decided by lot. But, because 599 is a meaningless number for ordinary people so we can get it soon. Following WWW page shows many CW lover's car in Japan.  
<http://www.a1club.net/599/599.htm>

Scenery of Japan  
 Do you know where these places are?

The answers are shown on page 9.



### The amateur radio experiences of a “gaijin” in Japan

By Ralph Sutton ZL2AOH / 7J5AAN (FISTS #1073)

\* ‘Gaijin’ means foreigners in Japanese.



In early 1995 my wife Gwenda received an invitation to go to Japan to teach Esperanto to someone in the small town of Shirotori in Kagawa prefecture, Shikoku Island. The arrangement was that she would teach for one year and that I would be able to accompany her.

Before leaving New Zealand I researched the amateur radio scene in Japan, corresponding with some hams whom I had worked and also visited a New Zealand ham who had travelled to Japan several times. I had not been to Japan myself since 1945!

I obtained the necessary forms and made an application for a Japanese licence through JARL. I hoped to be able to operate on a visitor's permit. Although I did not take my HF equipment, I packed my ICOM W2E dual-band handheld. I planned to purchase a suitable HF rig if and when I got my Japanese licence.

The gentleman, to whom Gwenda was contracted to teach Esperanto, had at one time held a licence but he is no longer active. However, he kindly introduced me to the local ham scene. I visited JA5PUL, Sing Sano, who lived in an historic house in the nearby town of Hiketa. Sing is a DXCC honours member. I was also introduced to JR5KQP Toshio Tanaka, who was the chairman of the local club, East Sanuki Family Radio Club.

I received a reply in May 1995 that my application for a Japanese licence had been rejected, as there was no reciprocal agreement between Japan and New Zealand. I studied the documents and noted that there was a reciprocal agreement between Japan and Australia. I had earlier held an Australian licence when I attended Scout Jamborees in Australia. I decided to try to have that licence re-issued and sent off an application to the Radio Frequency Service in Melbourne.

After a long time I had not received a reply, so I sent a hurry-up letter. I received a prompt reply accompanied by my licence for VK3FDW. A short time later I received the original copy of the licence that had been sent by sea mail.

I sent my new application to JARL HQ in August with a photocopy of the Australian licence.

The local club made me very welcome and I was invited to take part in several activities such as an open day on the Shirotori anniversary day, an emergency communications exercise and a junk sale. We had no language in common but managed to get on very well together. They are a very friendly and generous group of people.

I travelled to Tokyo several times, of course visiting the electronics Mecca of Akihabara.

On the second visit I called at the JARL HQ and received a great welcome. There I met the President of JARL Shozo Hara JA1AN. Fred Johnson ZL2AMJ was there in his capacity of Chairman of the IARU Region 3 Administrative Committee, so it was nice to catch up with another New Zealand ham. I also met with other members of the Region 3 committees.

At the same time, the annual JARL Ham Fair was taking place at a large convention centre close to the downtown area. I arranged to meet at the fair Haruto Murofushi JA1BMA whom I had worked on the air. The fair was an enormous event with thousands of visitors. Visiting the manufacturers' stands and the numerous club stands with a big range of new and second hand equipment, occupied a whole day.

I also visited Osaka and of course went to the electronics area in Nippombashi. It is not as extensive as Akihabara of course, but interesting nevertheless. I also visited ICOM HQ where I arranged to get a replacement leather case for my W2E handheld.

Another trip was made to Seoul, Korea where I met a couple of hams and was taken to their electronics market. There was equipment on display from Korean manufacturers that we do not normally see in New Zealand.

In November I eventually received my Japanese licence with the call 7J5AAN. My first QSOs with this call were made from the QTH of JR5KQP. I studied the available HF equipment. I decided that it had to be self-contained with an integral power supply and tuner, so that it would be easy to set up a station. The rig that met the specification and that was within my budget was the ICOM-736 that had recently appeared on the market. I negotiated with Denka Centre in Takamatsu the prefecture capital some 40 km from Shirotori. They had to make a special order as the normal versions on sale in Japan were hard wired for the Japanese band plan that is considerably more restrictive than the New Zealand plan. I also purchased a Diamond multi band dipole antenna and a Himound HK-902 key. Denka Centre added an ICOM SM-20 desk microphone and headphones at no extra cost.. So I was fully equipped to get on the air. I was able to suspend the antenna at about 3.5 metres above ground. A friendly neighbouring builder gave me a copper earth rod that was easily inserted into the sandy soil. I dug in about 500 grams of salt to help make a better ground. Fortunately, immediately above the rod was an air conditioning unit that leaked condensed water on to the ground, so a good earth was maintained at all times. It was early December 1995 that I eventually was up and running. Between then and March 1996 when we returned home, I made over 500 contacts in 35 countries, principally using CW. For a while I had a daily sked with Bill Hamer ZL2CD (FISTS #9004.) I only managed one New Zealand SSB contact from Shirotori, with Barry Stewart ZL2RR, the NZ QSL manager.

I attended the annual meeting of JARL Kagawa and received a great welcome. I had worked from New Zealand two of those present - Masayo Matsumoto JA1AYC, a JARL councillor and Mitsui Kunikata JH5PLN.

Late on the night of 17 January 1996 when working 80 metres I was called by Makoto Kamada JE1CLH (FISTS #9012). We had a very long chat and arranged to meet on air again a week later. Since then Mack and I have maintained almost weekly skeds. Just before leaving Japan I accepted Mack's invitation to visit his home and there I had the pleasure of meeting his family. At the same time, at Mack's place I met Jonathon Hanes 7J1AWL/KC7FYS whom I had earlier worked on the air. From Mack's shack I had an enjoyable SSB round with several members of my home club. A few years later we had the pleasure of a visit from Mack here in New Zealand.

I remember my Japanese amateur radio experiences with pleasure. I only wish that I had received my licence much earlier in my stay.

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## Suggested Calling Frequencies

You can find FISTS members on/near following recommended calling frequencies.  
QSO's should be QSY'd another frequency.

FISTS	160m	80m	40m	30m	20m	17m	15m	12m	10m	6m	2m
<b><u>East Asia</u></b>	-	-	-	10.118 10.138 (*1)	14.058	18.085	21.058	24.918	28.058 28.158 (*2)	-	-
<b>HQ/Europe</b>	-	3.558	7.028	-	14.058	-	21.058	-	28.058	-	-
<b>North America</b>	1.808	3.558 3.708	7.028 7.058 7.118	10.118	14.058	18.085	21.058 21.158	24.918	28.058 28.158	50.058	144.058
<b>Down Under</b>	1.808	3.528	7.028	10.118	14.058	18.085	21.058 21.158	24.918	28.058 28.158	-	-
QRP calling freqs (*3)	-	-	-	10.106 10.116	14.060	18.086 18.096	21.060 21.110	24.906 24.910	28.060 28.110	-	-

(\*1) BV [Taiwan] stations are allowed to use 10.130 to 10.150.

(\*2) BV [Taiwan] stations are allowed to use above 28.100.

(\*3) International QRP calling frequencies are neighborhood.

## FISTS East Asia CW Net

We have informal CW sessions for ANYONE who wants to practice English QSO.

When	on Sundays @ East Asia
Part I	between 7.025MHz and 7.030MHz, sometimes between 18.080MHz and 18.085MHz
	starting 2300UTC on Saturdays (0700 Taiwan/Singapore Time, 0800 JST on Sundays)
Part II	between 14.050MHz and 14.055MHz
	starting 0800UTC on Sundays (1600 Taiwan/Singapore Time, 1700 JST on Sundays)
Speed	12WPM to 15WPM
Controlled by	Nao, JO3HPM, Sugi, JK7UST/JE7YTQ, and Chen, BX2AH
Managed by	Nao, JO3HPM
Any other announcements	Might be posted to the <a href="#">English BBS</a> .

## FISTS EA NET Results from May to September 2005

No.	Date (Y/M/D)	Time (UTC)	Freq. (MHz)	Controller	Participant
40-2	2005/9/25	0800-0910	14.055	JO3HPM(Nao)	JL8MIL(Jun), VR2AJ(Mak), JR0QWW/0(Taro)
40-1	2005/9/24	2300-2400	7.0255	JE7YTQ(sugi)	JL8MIL(Jun), JO3HPM(Nao), JJ8KGZ(Leo)
39-2	2005/9/18	none	none	none	None
39-1	2005/9/17	2300-2345	7.026	JO3HPM(Nao)	JJ8KGZ(Leo), JE1TRV(Atsu), JR0QWW(Taro), JE3ECD(Hide), JL8MIL(Jun)
38-2	2005/9/11	0800-0915	14.055	JO3HPM(Nao)	JK7UST(Sugi),VR2AJ(Mak), JL8MIL(Jun),BX2AH(Chen), JL3SIK(Jean)
38-1	2005/9/10	2310-2500	18.086	JL8MIL(Jun)	JJ8KGZ(Leo),JG0SXC(Man), JK7UST(Sugi), JE1TRV(Atsu)
37-2	2005/9/4	0800-0900	14.0545	JO3HPM(Nao)	BX2AH(Chen), JL8MIL(Jun)
37-1	2005/9/3	2300-2400	7.0265	JO3HPM(Nao)	JJ8KGZ(Leo),JF3KNW(Nobu), JL8MIL(Jun)
36-2	2005/8/28	0800-0845	14.0545	JJ1XET/3(nao)	JL8MIL(Jun)
36-1	2005/8/27	2300-2400	7.0255	JE7YTQ(sugi)	JL8MIL(Jun),JJ8KGZ(leo), JG0SXC(Man),JO3HPM(Nao), JE1TRV(Atsu)
35-2	2005/8/21	0800-0830	14.0505	JJ1XET/3(nao)	none
35-1	2005/8/20	2300-2400	7.0275	JJ1XET/3(nao)	JJ8KGZ(Leo),JG0SXC(Man), JL8MIL(Jun), JA1NUT(Shin)
34-2	2005/8/14	0800-0830	14.054	JJ1XET/3(nao)	none
34-1	2005/8/13	2300-2400	7.0295	JE7YTQ(sugi)	JM1JOT(jun),JJ1XET/3(nao), JG0SXC(man), JJ8KGZ(leo)
33-2	2005/8/7	0800-0850	14.055	JJ1XET/3(nao)	BX2AH(chen)
33-1	2005/8/6	2300-2350	7.008	JE7YTQ(sugi)	JJ1XET/3(nao), JR0QWW/0(taro)
32-2	2005/7/31	0800-0850	14.055	JJ1XET/3(nao)	JA1NUT(shin), BX2AH(chen)
32-1	2005/7/30	2300-2350	7.0245	JE7YTQ(sugi)	JJ8KGZ(leo),JJ1XET/3(nao), JG0SXC(man)
31-2	2005/7/24	0800-	14.050	JE1CLH(mack)	ZL1KCA(Ken), ZL2AOH(Ralph)
31-1	2005/7/23	none	none	none	none
30-2	2005/7/17	0800-0845	14.0545	JJ1XET/3(nao)	none
30-1	2005/7/16	2300-2400	7.0245	JE7YTQ(sugi)	JJ1XET/3(nao),JR0QWW/0(taro), JJ8KGZ(leo)
29-2	2005/7/10	0800-0900	14.050	JJ1XET/3(nao)	JE1CLH(mack), JA1NUT(shin)
29-1	2005/7/9	2300-2350	7.0245	JE7YTQ(sugi)	JJ1XET/3(nao), JE1TRV(atsu)

28-2	2005/7/3	0800-0910	14.055	JJ1XET/3(nao)	JO3FUO(kenji),JG0SXC(man), JE1TRV(atsu)
28-1	2005/7/2	2300-0000	7.0245	JE7YTQ(sugi)	JJ8KGZ(leo),JJ1XET/3(nao), JA1NUT(shin), JG0SXC(man)
27-2	2005/6/26	0015-0100	14.054	BX2AH(chen)	JA1NUT(shin), BX2AF(liou)
27-1	2005/6/25	2305-2315	7.024	JJ1XET/3(nao)	JG0SXC(man)
26-2	2005/6/19	0025-0150	14.055	JJ1XET/3(nao)	JE1CLH(mack),BX2AH(chen), BX2AF(liou)
26-1	2005/6/18	2300-2345	7.024	JK7UST(sugi)	JJ1XET/3(nao), JG0SXC(man)
25-2	2005/6/12	0018-0115	14.0525	JJ1XET/3(nao)	JE1TRV(atsu),JF3KNW(nobu), BX2AH(chen)
25-1	2005/6/11	2300-2330	7.024	JK7UST(sugi)	JJ1XET/3(nao)
24-2	2005/6/5	0030-0145	14.0505	JJ1XET/3(nao)	JK7UST(sugi),JF3KNW(nobu), BX2AH(chen)
24-1	2005/6/4	2230-2300	7.024	JK7UST(sugi)	none
23-2	2005/5/29	0015-0115	14.053	BX2AH(chen)	JJ1XET/4(nao),BX2AF(liou), BX2AN(Lee)
23-1	2005/5/28	2330-2400	7.026	JG0SXC(man)	JA1NUT(shin), JJ1XET/4(nao)
22-2	2005/5/22	0015-0045	14.053	BX2AH(chen)	BX2AF(liou)
22-1	2005/5/21	2300-2400	7.026	JK7UST(sugi)	JG0SXC(man)
21-2	2005/5/15	0015-0115	14.054	BX2AH(chen)	JA1NUT(shin), BV2WS(chung)
21-1	2005/5/14	2300-2400	7.025	JK7UST(sugi)	JJ1XET/3(nao), JG0SXC(man)
20-2	2005/5/8	0015-0125	14.052	BX2AH(chen)	BX2AC(tony),JJ1XET/3(nao), BW2/JA7FYF(aki)

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**The answers of Japanese sceneries are  
Hokkaido (Left) and Kyoto (Right)**