

# School of Asian Languages and Studies

## Retirement and ARC success for Professor Barbara Hatley

Professor Barbara Hatley is retiring at the end of 2008 after a remarkable career in Indonesian studies. Barbara has been with UTAS since 2000 and was an energetic head of school at SALS from 2000-2006. Barbara is a scholar of international repute and without doubt the best known scholar writing in English on Indonesian theatre. She will continue to contribute to the University through her research activities, in particular as a member of a successful ARC discovery grant team and through postgraduate supervision in the School.



## Dancing happiness

Taka Ueki-Sabine led a SALS group of students, lecturers and Japanese assistant teachers in a flamboyant dance to the Taiko drums through Hobart CBD at the Myer Hobart Christmas Pageant. The dancers danced non-stop for nearly a whole hour and won awards for the best dance group and the best school.



## Understanding Asia Through Food

In November the new spring unit tempted a hearty enrolment for two weeks of intensive study of Asia. Using ten staple foods as starting points, the unit examined social and political development across Asia. Students shared a feast of their favourite dishes and made a cookbook of best recipes.



Tea, one of the staples, is explored through Japanese tea ceremony

### From the class cookbook: **Ikan Dalam Daun Pisang** (Fish in Banana Leaves)

1 kg fish fillet  
50g Chinese mushrooms, soaked and sliced  
1 carrot shredded  
150g bamboo shoots shredded

Seasoning:  
3 tbsp ginger juice  
1 tbsp sesame oil  
1 tbsp coarsely ground black pepper  
½ tsp salt  
1 tbsp cornstarch

Marinate fish with seasoning for half an hour. Be sure to rub it in well. Scald banana leaves in hot water. Remove and soak in cold water. Arrange fish, mushrooms, carrot and bamboo shoots onto the banana leaf. Spoon on the marinade. Wrap into neat parcels. Place in a prepared steamer and cook for 15 mins. Garnish with Chinese celery and sliced chillies.



## 2008 School Honours Success

In 2008, five students undertook full-time, one year Honours Programs in the School. The Honours year, which follows completion of a three year undergraduate degree, is designed to provide students with the opportunity to conduct research into a designated topic. The focus of the program is the completion of a 12,500 word thesis. The School congratulates Jo Ingram, Peter Doelle, Melanie Horder, Seth van Heyster and Nicholas Brown, all of whom completed their programs successfully.

Jo Ingram's thesis looked at the issue of development tourism, Peter Doelle investigated Maphilindo plans towards a united Malay nation, Melanie Horder discussed photographic images of Chinese people in late nineteenth century and early twentieth century Tasmania, Seth van Heyster examined the reinvention of Legalism during the Mao era and Nick Brown discussed the legal implications of social movements in rural China. A copy of each thesis is held by the School for any interested readers.

The success of the students is a reflection also of the hard work, support and guidance of their supervisors. Thank you Kaz Ross (Jo Ingram and Melanie Horder), Haiqing Yu (Seth van Heyster and Nicholas Brown), and Pam Allen (Peter Doelle)

AICon 2009

TUU DigiVisPop Society presents

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What? Tasmania's only Anime, Gaming and Popular Culture Convention: AICon

When? February 7th - 8th 2009

Where? Stanley Barbury Lecture Theatre Complex University of Tasmania, Sandy Bay Campus.

Who? The Tasmania University Union Digital, Visual and Popular Culture Society (DigiVisPop for short)

How? The convention's theme for 2009 is "FEUDAL."

HOW WILL THE BATTLE END?

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### Women in Asia Conference

At the Women in Asia conference in October Wulan Dirgantoro gave a very successful paper on the representation of Islam in the works of Indonesian women artists, addressing works by well-known artists such as Arahmaiani, Mella Jaarsma and Titarubi Islam.

Barbara Hartley was an early researcher keynote speaker and discussed war crime and women in Japanese post-war narrative.

### PhD update

#### Scholarships

In the 2008 round of Tasmanian scholarships SALS had outstanding success with three offers of these awards being made to existing and intending post-graduates: Emerald King, currently enrolled in a PhD program; and Jo Ingram and Peter Doelle who are to begin at the start of 2009. The Scholarship provides a living allowance that leaves post-grads free to devote themselves to research.

#### Prize for Emerald King

The Asian Studies Association of Australia has awarded a prize to Emerald King for her abstract 'Hot young things: rewriting young Japanese women for the new century', which Emerald submitted for the 2008 conference.

#### Current PhD news

A Christmas message of support and encouragement to two of our post-graduate students, Bill Lakos and Victoria Eaves, who will begin the sprint to the finish line in the early months of 2009. Emily Rowe is also close to the finish of her project and we wish her well. Welcome to Launceston staff member, Wulan Dirgantoro, who has presented her doctoral proposal and is now a bona fide post-grad.

### 2009 Research Grant Success

Congratulations to Barbara Hatley whose research team has won an ARC discovery grant to investigate 'Theatre in the Asia Pacific: Regional Culture in a Modern Global Context'.

Pam Allen has been awarded an IRGS grant for 2009 to investigate "Cultural links between Indonesia and Javanese overseas – in Suriname and in New Caledonia".

Isabel Wang has won a Teaching Development Grant for her project "Elementary Chinese Writing Skills Resources: A Flexible Approach to Developing Student Skills".

Haiqing Yu is making headway on "Chinese media spectacles: from the new millennium celebrations to the Beijing Olympics" funded by a NARGS grant.



**2008** What a wonderful year for SALS. In September two staff, Dirk Tomsa and Barbara Hatley, had book releases and Barbara Hartley conducted an externally-funded international conference. Kaz Ross received the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Contributions to Teaching and Learning. We welcomed a new Head of Chinese, Mark Harrison, and will welcome the appointment of Ayxem Eli to the Chinese Department in early 2009, while regrettably farewelling Haiqing Yu. Ayxem will join Mark in setting an exciting teaching and research direction for China Studies. Special thanks to Isabel Wang, from Launceston, who, until Mark's arrival, carried the School's Chinese language program. We really appreciate all your work, Isabel. Thanks to Wulan Dirgantoro for her work in Indonesian in Launceston. Taka Ueki-Sabine made an amazing contribution to the School's new College Language Program. Thank you to our colleagues in colleges in Tasmania for supporting this venture. Kaz Ross's expertise saw her as a criterion-based assessment UTAS champion, while Yoji Hashimoto's promotion was approved. Hurray! The school teaching program would be greatly diminished without the commitment and professionalism of sessional staff. Oh, and a million thanks to Hisako and Mandy who hold the School together. On behalf of our Head of School, Pam Allen, I wish all students and staff of the School a very restful and enjoyable summer break and look forward to working with everyone at the beginning of 2009.

Barbara Hartley

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