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FISTS EAST ASIA
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*Accuracy Transcends Speed & Courtesy at All Times
"When You've Worked A FISTS, You've Worked A Friend."*

Our straightforward goals:

Further the use of Morse code.

Engender friendships among members.

Encourage newcomers to use Morse code.

FISTS EAST ASIA	Established on March 28, 2004	91 active members as of Jan. 1, 2009		
FEA Web Site	Primary: http://www.feacw.net/	Secondary: http://www.fists-ea.org/		
FEA Calling Frequencies (MHz)	40m: 7.026 / 7.028	30m: 10.118 / 10.138	20m: 14.058	17m: 18.085
	15m: 21.058 / 21.138	12m: 24.918	10m: 28.058 / 28.158	
FEA CW Net Schedule	40m: 2300GMT on Saturdays		20m/17m: 0800GMT on Sundays	

FEA Services	
FISTS Newsletters	FISTS members can read current and back issues of FISTS newsletters at password locked web page. This page has morsEAsia (monthly), KeyNote (quarterly), and FDU Newsletter (monthly), published after April 2004. Please ask webadmin <i>via e-mail</i> with your FISTS# if you don't know or forget the username and the password.
FEA QSL Bureau	FEA members can send/receive QSL cards to/from FISTS members. Please read 'FEA QSL Bureau' on last page.
E-Mail Distribution	FISTS members can receive the morsEAsia via e-mail. Please email webadmin with your FISTS#.

Who's Who?				
Role	Name	Callsign	FISTS#	E-Mail Address
FEA Net Manager	Nao	JO3HPM	15008	jo3hpm at fists-ea.org
Membership Secretary	Jean	JL3SIK	9836	join-fea at fists-ea.org
Webmaster QSL Manager Newsletter Editor Newsletter E-Mail Distributor	Harry	JL3AMK	15002	webadmin at fists-ea.org <i>Please pay attention that before @ is NOT webmaster but webadmin because of avoiding a lot of spam.</i>

FISTS Related Sites		
FISTS Headquarters http://www.fists.co.uk/	FISTS North America http://www.fists.org/	FISTS Down Under http://www.fistsdownunder.org/
FEA Bulletin Boards http://www.feacw.net/#bbs	FISTS Yahoo! Groups http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fistscw/	K3UK FISTS Sked Page http://www.obriensweb.com/sked/

FEA 5th Anniversary QSO Party

Harry, JL3AMK #15002

FISTS EAST ASIA was established on March 28, 2004, so it will be a fifth anniversary on March. We are planning to have a QSO party around March 28, 2009. Details will come next issue and on website.

Indexes of morsEAsia and Members List

Harry, JL3AMK #15002

This issue has an appendix. It includes the roster and the indexes of morsEAsia #1 to #29. The indexer is Nao, JO3HPM #15008. Thanks, Nao.

KP2/W3AVO

Harry, JL3AMK #15002

Masumi, JA3AVO #15029 will QRV from KP2, Virgin Islands, from January 17 to 22, as KP2/W3AVO from a Rental Shack RADIO REEF <<http://www.radioreef.com/>>. 160m to 6m, CW/SSB/Digital. Before and after that, from 8th to 14th and from 25th to 27th, he is also going to be on the air from Everett, located north of Seattle.

JA Members help your JA trip

Nao, JO3HPM #15008

One day in December, I received an email from Darrel, K1KU #5173. He wrote he and his wife are visiting his son and daughter-in-law in Date city, Hokkaido, Japan in May 2009. And he hoped he want to visit hams or ham club in Date city during his stay. I thought I can help him. But after all, I was sorry I could not send him any information. It's only good response that Leo, JH8KGZ #4843 sent Darrel an email with words of warm welcome, though he live in a town about 190 km away from Date city. I hope Darrel and Leo will get together and enjoy eye-ball QSO. If you have a plan to visit Japan, please don't hesitate to contact us.

FISTS EU Activities 2009

Informed by Robert, M0BPT #5576

G3ZQS WARC BAND CHALLENGE	0001 on 1st January to 2359 on 31st December. UTC
LADDER ACTIVITY 2009	January 2009 to December 2009. To be run on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month.
EXCHANGE YOUR AGE WEEK 2009	0001 on 1st March to 2359 on 7th March 09. UTC
EUCW QRS PARTY 2009	0001 on 27th April 2009 to 2359 on 1st May 2009. UTC
STRAIGHT KEY WEEK 2009	0001 on 6th September to 2359 on 12th September 2009. UTC

Details at http://www.m0bpt.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/activity_calendar_2009.htm

Japanese first Antarctic observation ship, Soya

Nao, JO3HPM #15008

I visited Museum of Maritime Science at Tokyo Bay in December. The building was designed to look like Queen Elizabeth II and has a 70-meter high observatory at a funnel position. You can enjoy 360-degree view of Tokyo Bay and Tokyo Waterfront Subcenter from the observatory.



There are two real ships as an annex to the museum. One is the Japanese first Antarctic observation ship, Soya that launched in 1938. Soya transported first Japanese Antarctic expedition party from Japan to Showa Base at Antarctica in 1956 and went there 6 times by 1962. She retired in 1978. Now Showa Base is known as QTH of 8J1RL.

I boarded Soya with interest to a radio room. With a callsign plate of JDOX on the wall, there are HF transceivers, SOS transceivers, a radio direction finder, straight keys, and amateur radio rigs. I couldn't check the maker of professional equipment and keys unfortunately.

First-ever QSO by Japanese from Antarctica was done by Soya radio operator Sakuma, JA1JG in 1956. He remained in Showa base as one of 11 Japanese first Antarctic wintering team members and operated a straight key over 10 hours a day to communicate with Japan. The team struggled against very cold temperature, strong wind, lack of food, a fire accident, and so on, because living at Antarctica were first experience for them. To encourage the team, hams in Japan sometimes invited families of the team members to their shack and sent voices of the families as a background noise sound. That improved the team moral very much. Once and now, it doesn't change for us to be encouraged by family's voice very much.



SKED QSO

Tiger, BH7JER #15054

We first heard of FEA is on a QSO with BD7KBH #15052, and decided to join immediately. Meanwhile we all crazy about morse code but don't have a chance play on air, because although BH7IWC #15055 and I (BH7JER) had passed the 3rd grade exam but the licenses are not ready, and BH7NIK #15053 just got his 4th grade license.

For BD7KBH, he is already a FEA member, lives close to me. How close? Mmm, i can receive his signal without a antenna and give him a 59 report.

Just days after BH7IWC and I got the 3rd license, I received a info from JO3HPM #15008 that he would like to make a SKED QSO with BY members. It's a good news, for we never try a DX cw QSO except with BD7KBH, you know, he is too close, I would give him info by shouting rather than radio.

The SKED plan was:

Date and Time	Frequency
December 13 (Saturday) 0730UTC	21.138MHz
December 14 (Sunday) 0730UTC	21.138 MHz

On the first day, BH7IWC and I went to BH7LDG's office with our equipment and excitement. Why BH7LDG's office? He got a big DP on the top of the building, we don't want to risk this chance with a homebrew fishpole antenna. At 0730UTC, the signal is coming, strong and clear, the propagation is good, the speed is good and the feeling is good. RST, name, antenna, power..... thank god, i still remember how to say 73! Finally, i finished my first DX cw QSO with shaking hand.

The next day, after using a luxury antenna of BH7LDG, we want to try something more simple. But this afternoon BH7IWC came late, he is always like that. He is famous as "the master of sleeping" in Shenzhen HAM community.

We set station outside in a open field. Just after we throw a zepp antenna in a hurry, it's minutes past over the SKED time. The antenna works fine and JO3HPM give us 559. But seems JO3HPM is little more faster this time, i can not write down his codes very clearly. When i caught a word "other" in the dits and dahs, i call BH7IWC immediately: "Hi, IWC, it's your turn!". Before I realise that I do not even give a 73 back, BH7IWC break in. Anyway, it's a succesful SKED QSO and a nice begining for us.



ZEPP antenna on trees

At the last, i would like to say something about operator class and scope in China, something is complicated and hard to explain:

1st grade	no need to say anything, they can work on almost all the	
2nd grade	amature bands with power limited difference	
3rd grade	80m/75m	3.570-3.590 / 3.700-3.750 / 3.840-3.860
	40m	7.050-7.075
	20m	14.250-14.350
	15m	21.100-21.200 / 21.300-21.450
	10m	28.100-28.500 / 29.550-29.700
4th grade	10m	29.200-29.300 / 29.550-29.700

After this standard was published, CRSA realised that they didn't save enough room for 3rd grade HAMs' cw. Because on upper band like 10m, it depends on good propagation, on lower band like 80m, it depends on big antenna. So CRSA post a notice on its official website, said that 3rd grade HAMs can use 7.015-7.025 as their cw reserve territory. That's why 7023 is overcrowded by so many chinese HAMs everyday.



BH7JER copying codes

But somewhen that notice was removed from the website without any official additional explain. Any question about this can not get a response, I tried by email once, want to know whether working on 7023 is legal, no answer, of cause. I'd saw a japanese HAM complain a 3rd grade chinese HAM who play cw on 7015 and can not give a explain with self-confident. So ridiculous, maybe it's not legal, but it's not illegal neither. Anyway, we would rather keep this situation than it be blocked and desire to play cw freely on 20m and 40m someday or somehow.



BH7LDG & BH7IWC

BR. and 73,
Tiger BH7JER

FEA CW Net

Nao, JO3HPM #15008

FEA CW Net Results: No. 207 to 210

No.	Y/M/D	GMT	MHz	Controller	Participant
210-2	2008/12/28	0800-0850	14.0525	JO3HPM(Nao)	VK4TJ(John), VR2DL(Tat), JE1RZR(Manabu), ZL2BLQ(Stan)
210-1	2008/12/28	0000-0130	7.026	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JP1BJB/M(Aki), JF3KNW(Nobu), JE1RZR(Manabu), JL1IRB(Hoz), JK7UST(Sugi), JG0SXC(Man), JO3HPM(Nao), JA4MRL(Masa)
209-2	2008/12/21	0800-0850	14.054	JE1RZR(Manabu)	VK4TJ(John), JK7UST(Sugi), JO3HPM(Nao)
209-1	2008/12/21	0000-0118	7.026	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JO3HPM(Nao), JE1RZR(Manabu)
208-2	2008/12/14	0800-0840	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	BD7KBH(Xie), BV1EK(Fred)
208-1	2008/12/14	0000-0110	7.0265	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JF3KNW(Nobu), JO3HPM(Nao), JP1BJB/M(Aki), JK7UST(Sugi), JG0SXC(Man), JE1TRV(Atsu), JQ1BWT(Jun)
207-2	2008/12/7	0800-0900	18.086	JO3HPM(Nao)	VK4TJ(John), JE1RZR(Manabu), JE1TRV(Atsu)
207-1	2008/12/7	0000-0136	7.026	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JE1RZR(Manabu), JG0SXC(Man), JO3HPM(Nao), JP1BJB(Aki), JK1TCV(Kazu), JE1TRV(Atsu), JF3KNW(Nobu), JJ1IZW(Masa)

Summary of the FISTS East Asia CW Net in 2008

Nao, JO3HPM #15008

FISTS East Asia (FEA) CW Net started on 2004 December 20 controlled by John, 9V1VV. Now we have a 7 MHz net on Saturdays 23Z (Part 1) and a 14 MHz net on Sundays 08Z (Part 2). I would like to thank all the participants in the net. I appreciate Sugi JK7UST, Leo JJ8KGZ, Manabu JE1RZR, John VK4TJ and Atsu JE1TRV who took on the role of net controller. Followings are some statistics of the net from 5 January 2008 to 28 December 2008.

	7 MHz net (Part 1)	14 MHz net (Part 2)
Total number of nets	52	52
Average participants per net (including controllers)	4.8	3.3
Number of actual participants (including controllers)	21	18
The day with most participants	Dec. 7 & Dec. 28, 9 persons	Feb. 6, 6 persons
The day with most countries	JA only	Feb. 3, (9V, JA, VK, ZL) Dec. 28, (JA, VK, VR2, ZL)
Number of nets with no participants	0	2
The persons who participated most (excluding controllers & me)	JG0SXC, 25 times	VK4TJ, 27 times

The following are the 31 participants list excluding controllers. Manabu, JE1RZR was most active. I would like to celebrate his effort.

Callsign	Name	Number of Participants		
		Part1+Part2	Part1	Part2
JE1RZR	Manabu	49	23	26
JO3HPM	Nao	45	41	4
JE1TRV	Atsu	28	16	12
JK7UST	Sugi	27	14	13
VK4TJ	John	27	0	27
JG0SXC+JR0YRC	Man	25	25	0
JQ2SFZ	Isao	17	17	0
JP1BJB	Aki	15	15	0
JF3KNW	Nobu	15	11	4
9V1VV	John	13	0	13
JL1IRB	Hoz	12	12	0
JK1TCV	Kazu	7	6	1
BD7KBH	Xie	7	0	7
JA1NUT	Shin	5	4	1
JJ8KGZ	Leo	5	3	2
JQ1BWT	Jun	4	4	0
9M2YP	Yee	3	0	3
JJ1IZW	Masa	2	2	0
7K1CPT/1	Yama	1	1	0
JA1DNA	Yoshi	1	1	0
JA1HMK	Ron	1	1	0
JA3AVO	Masumi	1	1	0
JA4MRL	Masa	1	1	0
JJ1TTG	Aki	1	1	0
JR0QWW/0	Taro	1	1	0
BV1EK	Fred	1	0	1
VK3EFO	Albert	1	0	1
VR2CD	Vin	1	0	1
VR2DL	Tat	1	0	1
ZL2AOH	Ralph	1	0	1
ZL2BLQ	Stan	1	0	1

You can see detail of each person's activity on http://www.feacw.net/qrv/FEA_Net_Result.html. The solar cycle 24 has started. I hope more participants will join the FEA net in 2009. We always welcome you, even if you are not an FEA member. See you at the FEA net!

FEA QSL Bureau

Harry, JL3AMK #15002

Following members have QSL cards but not transferred yet because I don't have stamps and envelopes for them.

FISTS#	Callsign	QSL
4843	JJ8KGZ	2
6096	JA1CPZ	22
7763	JE1TRV	1
8322	JA8AJE	1
8934	JG0SXC	1

FISTS#	Callsign	QSL
8977	BV2WS	1
8998	9V1VV	3
9012	JE1CLH	2
9117	JM1JOT	2
15016	BX2AH	1

FISTS#	Callsign	QSL
15018	VR2AJ	4
15020	JJ2MED	3
15025	JQ2SFZ	1
15026	JJ1IZW	2
15030	JL1IRB	1

You can see the latest information at <<http://feacw.net/mbr/fea-list.cgi?list,qsl,nr>>.

There are two ways that you receive QSL cards forwarded by FEA QSL Bureau.

1) PayPal (*New*)

You can send money via PayPal (if you have an account) for QSL transferring service. 150 JPY (JA) or 1.5 USD (non-JA) for once, 600 JPY or 6 USD for five times. To send money via PayPal, please access <<http://www.paypal.com/>> and click 'Send Money' tag, then fill in the blank and select the item as follows:

To (Email): [jl3amk\(a\)fists-ea.org](mailto:jl3amk(a)fists-ea.org) --- please replace (a) with @

Amount: 150 JPY or 600 JPY (JA) / 1.5 USD or 6 USD (non-JA)

Send money for: Services/Others

Email to recipient (optional):

Subject: FEA QSL BURO FEE

Message: (*Please write your fullname, mailing address, e-mail address, callsign and FISTS#*)

2) SASE

Please send your Self-Addressed Envelopes with IRC's or stamps. I need 80JPY stamp (JA) or 1 IRC (non-JA) per 1 envelop.

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See You Next Month!