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**From The Editors Desk**

Happy New Year fellow FISTS!  
How were your Christmas holidays?  
In Japan, we normally have 5 to 7 holidays during the year change period and go back to home town to spend time with parents, brothers or sisters. Most of the family members get together and enjoy the holidays. These holidays are very special especially for kids, because in Japan, it's a time for children to receive monetary gifts, or *otoshidama*, from their parents and extended family. My brother and sister came to see me with their kids and I had to give those 3 nieces some sort amount of money with which I must have been afford to buy a new paddle or a good straight key. Hi. It was so nice seeing them again and to spend time together. But in the closing days of the holidays, heavy snowfall was observed in Hokkaido and wide areas along the Sea of Japan coast. The wet and heavy snow damaged my antenna, Cushcraft R-8 and it took a week to fix it.

I've got nice e-mail from AI, N1MHC #1272 and he asked me if there are any possibilities to have SKED QSOs between him and me. The band propagation doesn't seem to be improved to have constant QSOs on high bands but I am going to try to call CQ FISTS on the calling frequencies such as 18.085, 21.058, and 28.058MHz around 2330Z every weekdays. And I forwarded his message on the BBS of FISTS East Asia, so some interested members may call CQ FISTS on those frequencies to try to reach FISTS members overseas. Hopefully, the band condx will be improved and we can see on the air soon.

73 de JJ8KGZ  
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**Message from FISTS EA members.**

**A Happy New Year!**

**by Manabu, JE1RZR(ex UK/JI2MED) # 15020**

It's already more than 5 months since I've come back to Japan from Uzbekistan. I got a new callsign and work on the band with K2/100 and LW antenna on the top of the roof of dormitory. It is 4 story apartment building located in Yokohama. The antenna is quite modest than which I used in Tashkent but I must say that I'm very lucky guy because many of JAs operators live in Tokyo area are not allowed to set up even small antenna and they have to give up to work on HF bands. Hope to meet CW enthusiasts as much as I can this year. Wish you have a great year 2007.

73 de Manabu, JE1RZR ex UK/JI2MED

**Aim of this year.**

**by Taro, JR0QWW # 5578**

Happy New Year guys!  
There was one sad thing for me last week. My antenna, which was built in my hometown Tokamachi was broken and set down due to heavy snow. We have much snow in Tokamachi every winter, and the heavy snow easily break antenna like mine. I have to think about new antenna for next spring.

In last issue of this FISTS EA News Letter, I have written that I have been building a new kit, KX-1. In late December, I finally finished building my tiny KX-1. How small, but how wonderful radio! KX-1 is very tiny, but have enough ability for QRV on ham bands. I think that the sound of KX-1 is good for CW operation and this tiny rig is very appropriate for business trip. I would like to QRV on some bands with this rig during my business trips, this is one of my aims of this year. If you have some interests about KX-1, you can take a look at the Elecraft web site [www.elecraft.com](http://www.elecraft.com).

Now, I plan to trip to Hokkaido next March for my job. So I also plan to t rip to Memuro and to meet Leo, the editor of this news letter again. I wan t to QRV with KX-1 like Manabu, JE1RZR in last summer. I hope the weather will be fine during my trip.



The picture shows my QRP rigs which were all homebrewed by me. We can see K2, K1, SST, T1 a tiny auto-tuner and KX1. I have many rigs enough for QRV, but I am lack of good antenna. So I use only a dipole. The Begalli Simplex Gold is pretty well for CW operation, and I love operating with this paddle at my ham shack. To QRV with these homebrewed rigs is also one of the aims of this year.

I hope to meet you guys on the air.

See you again on the net and others!

### New Year QSO Party

by Yama, 7K1CPT #15028

Hello members! A Happy New Year.

This year, my 1st QRV was a field operation in *Hinohara-mura Nishitama-gun* TOKYO on January 2. *Hinohara-mura* village is west end of Tokyo. It is a mountain side about 1000m high from the sea level. *Okutama* excursion trails have some parking spaces. It is good for radio operation especially on V/UHF. Few years ago, I made friends with some ham radio operators and enjoyed QRV for New Year QSO party together there. But I was alone this year.

At 9AM, the gate was opened and I drove to *Sengen-ridge* parking. I built an HF Dipole, a 50MHz Hentenna and a 144MHz 5ele YAGI. First, I operated on 7MHz CW with my K2 5watts. I could have 26 QSOs including 12 QRP stations. In Japan, there are so many stations that operate only once a year for this New Year QSO party and exchange only RST and their names but I enjoyed talking with some stations with CW. They were JK1TCV/QRP, JH4QPI/QRP, JD1/JA1BVA/QRP, JE1RZR/QRP, JP6VCH/QRP and etc... I could make some ragchew QSOs with them.

In the afternoon, I changed the band to 144MHz and exchanged some "New Year Party Numbers" with CW mode. Then, I operated FM mode with my homebrew kit rig. It is 500mW output. I have never had QSOs on 2m at my home shack which was equipped with GP antenna for over 10 years because 2 meter band in Tokyo has been taken over by so many truck drivers and normal amateur radio stations were rarely heard. But on that day, I could have 19 QSOs with my tiny QRP rig. It was amazing!

At 17:30, I closed the station and left the place. I took a bath at *Kazumanoyu* hot spring. It was so refreshing and I felt just great! Hi.

I hope to enjoy CW QSOs with FISTS members this year too.

And I wish all of you will have a good year 2007. 73 and see you.



### Summary of the FISTS East Asia CW Net in 2006

by Nao, JO3HPM, #15008

I would like to thank all the participants in the FISTS East Asia CW net. I appreciate Sugi, JK7UST, Leo, JJ8KGZ, Man, JG0SXC, and Manabu, JE1RZR who took on the role of net controller, too. The net started on December 20th 2004. We could celebrate 2nd birthday.

Here are some statistics of the FEA net from December 31st 2005 to December 31st 2006. Total number of nets and participants increased in comparison with the first year.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Total number of nets                                      | 100   |
| Average participants per net                              | 3.6   |
| Number of actual participants                             | 29  |
| The day with most participants                            | Aug. 4th 2006 Part 1 and<br>Dec. 23rd 2006 Part1, 7 persons                       |
| The day with most countries                               | Feb 19th Part2 (BV, JA, VK, VR2)<br>Dec 3rd Part2 (9V, JA, VK, VR2)               |
| Number of nets with no participants.                      | 5   |
| The persons who participated most (excluding controllers) | JE1TRV, 42 times (Part1+2)<br>JO3HPM, 38 times (Part1)<br>BX2AH, 19 times (Part2) |

The following are the 29 participants list excluding controllers. I'm glad that John, VK4TJ has been active from the FDU.

| Call          | Name   | Number of Participants |       |       |
|---------------|--------|------------------------|-------|-------|
|               |        | Part1+<br>Part2        | Part1 | Part2 |
| JE1TRV+JE3UWU | Atsu   | 42                     | 33    | 9     |
| JO3HPM        | Nao    | 38                     | 38    | 0     |
| JG0SXC+JR0YRC | Man    | 26                     | 25    | 1     |
| JJ8KGZ        | Leo    | 19                     | 19    | 0     |
| JK7UST+JE7YTO | Sugi   | 19                     | 14    | 5     |
| BX2AH         | Chen   | 19                     | 0     | 19    |
| VR2DL         | Tat    | 15                     | 0     | 15    |
| VK4TJ+VK2FDU  | John   | 14                     | 0     | 14    |
| JE1RZR+JI2MED | Manabu | 11                     | 7     | 4     |
| JF3KNW        | Nobu   | 10                     | 5     | 5     |
| JQ2SFZ        | Isao   | 6                      | 4     | 2     |
| JR0QWW        | Taro   | 5                      | 4     | 1     |
| JL8MIL        | Jun    | 5                      | 1     | 4     |
| VR2AJ         | Mak    | 5                      | 1     | 4     |
| JA1NUT        | Shin   | 4                      | 4     | 0     |
| JJ1ZW         | Masa   | 4                      | 4     | 0     |
| JL3SIK+JL3YMV | Jean   | 3                      | 3     | 0     |
| 7K1CPT        | Yama   | 2                      | 2     | 0     |
| VR2GM         | Liu    | 2                      | 0     | 2     |
| ZL2ALJ        | Tony   | 2                      | 0     | 2     |
| JA1IVL        | Tom    | 1                      | 1     | 0     |
| JA8UUM        | Masa   | 1                      | 1     | 0     |
| JG0MWU        | Ken    | 1                      | 1     | 0     |
| JL3AMK        | Harry  | 1                      | 1     | 0     |
| JO3FUO        | Kenji  | 1                      | 1     | 0     |
| JR3QKH        |        | 1                      | 1     | 0     |
| JR7OEF        | Nori   | 1                      | 1     | 0     |
| 9V1VV         | John   | 1                      | 0     | 1     |
| UR7FM         | Genn   | 1                      | 0     | 1     |

For details, please see [http://www.feacw.net/qrv/FEA\\_Net\\_Result.html](http://www.feacw.net/qrv/FEA_Net_Result.html). I hope more participants will join the FEA net in 2007. We always welcome you, even if you are not an FEA member. See you at the FEA net!

## A New Member

On January 6, 2007, Hoz, JL1IRB (#15030) joined the club. He is Rie's (JN1XLV # 15024) husband.

Welcome Hoz!

### FEA Suggested Call Frequency

| FISTS                   | 160m  | 80m            | 40m                     | 30m              | 20m    | 17m    | 15m              | 12m    | 10m              |
|-------------------------|-------|----------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------|--------|------------------|--------|------------------|
| <b><u>East Asia</u></b> | -     | -              | 7.026<br>7.028          | 10.118<br>10.138 | 14.058 | 18.085 | 21.058           | 24.918 | 28.058<br>28.158 |
| <b>HQ/Europe</b>        | 1.808 | 3.558          | 7.028                   | 10.118           | 14.058 | 18.085 | 21.058           | 24.918 | 28.058           |
| <b>North America</b>    | 1.808 | 3.558<br>3.708 | 7.028<br>7.058<br>7.118 | 10.118           | 14.058 | 18.085 | 21.058<br>21.158 | 24.918 | 28.058<br>28.158 |
| <b>Down Under</b>       | 1.808 | 3.528          | 7.028                   | 10.118           | 14.058 | 18.085 | 21.058<br>21.158 | 24.918 | 28.058<br>28.158 |

### FEA CW NET results

|       | Date (Y/M/D) | Time (UTC) | Freq. (MHz) | Controller   | Participant  |
|-------|--------------|------------|-------------|--------------|--|
| 106-2 | 2006/12/31   | none       | none        | none         | none   |
| 106-1 | 2006/12/30   | 2317-2400  | 7.026       | JJ8KGZ(Leo)  | JJ1IZW(Masa), JE1RZR(Manabu), JG0SXC(Man), JE1TRV(Atsu)                            |
| 105-2 | 2006/12/24   | 0800-0900  | 14.054      | JO3HPM(Nao)  | VK4TJ(John), JK7UST(Sugi), BX2AH(Chen)   |
| 105-1 | 2006/12/23   | 2300-2400  | 7.026       | JJ8KGZ(Leo)  | JO3HPM(Nao), JQ2SFZ/2(Isao), JK7UST(Sugi), JE1TRV(Atsu), JG0SXC(Man), JL3SIK(Jean) |
| 104-2 | 2006/12/17   | 0800-0900  | 14.054      | JO3HPM(Nao)  | VK4TJ(John), JE1TRV(Atsu)  |
| 104-1 | 2006/12/16   | 2300-2420  | 7.026       | JE7YTQ(Sugi) | JJ8KGZ(Leo), JE1TRV(Atsu), JE1RZR(Manabu), JO3HPM(Nao)                             |

## QTC

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