



# NEWSLETTER

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## QRV as XU7GAX

JA7GAX

One of my old friend went to XU as a senior volunteer. I told him that I would go and meet him next autumn at his send-off party. That was the start of this story...

I left Japan on 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. I arrived at Ho Chi Minh city via Incheon (Korea) Air Port. First, I arranged a domestic tour in XV at a local travel agency. And for the first ten days, I enjoyed sightseeing with XYL (after that she went back to Japan). On 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. I visited XV2A in Ho Chi Minh and ask him about the license in XV. He helped me in 2000 when I operated 3W2GAX. He asked me to join in the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting of XV amateur radio league, so I changed my QRV plan. XU(11/25-12/7), AS-130(12/9-12/17), the meeting(12/18-12/20), AS-128(12/21-12/28).

### <QRV in XU>

After arranging the ticket and hotel reservation for AS-130, I went to XU. I was able to meet a friend in Phnom-Penh, but a bad news was waiting for me, too. The day when I arrived there was the very starting of the biggest Cambodian festival, so most of the offices were on five days holiday (from Thursday to Monday). So I gave up my operation from IOTA AS-133... On Tuesday I applied for a license and XU7GAX was assigned. The officer told me that the license would be probably given the next day.

I started to set up a LW using a 10m-long fishing-rod and 1.2mm copper wire. Next, RIG(TS-690S) and TUNER(AT-300) were set up. Although some problems happened, the preparation of QRV was completed. I waited for the call from the officer for three days... I visited the officer and asked. He said that the minister had been out so his signature was not given yet and that the minister would come back three days later...! The day I would get the license was when I would leave there... I was so disappointed to hear that. But the officer told me that my callsign had been already decided so I could operate the station !

I went back to the hotel and started QRV. CONDX between XU-JA was generally good. But XU-USA was no good on high-bands. So I tried to operate on 40m for USA but the signals were weaker than those heard in JA, and it was rather difficult to copy them. There was a tall building in the direction of EU, so I could hardly copy EU stations...

The XU license is available for one year and the fee is \$45. You can get a license if you send \$50 and an application form before going there.



(from The KEY 331)

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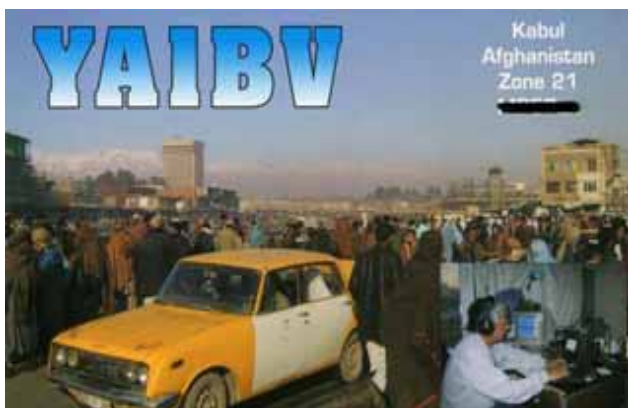
## My CW Award (ADXA)

**JG6CDH**

ADXA is one of JARL awards which requires 30 Asian entities confirmed.

I completed this in 1998. I had thought it rather hard to work 30, but I fortunately got such rare entities as XU, XZ and completed the award earlier than I had expected.

Though ADXA seems easy to complete in JA, I found it difficult to work Western Asian stations because of hundreds of strong EU stations. The attached cards were confirmed after the award. I worked them in contests such as CW-WPX, WW-CW. Needless to say, there seem to be a lot of chances to work rare stations in the contests especially on their second days. AP had been my very difficult entity to confirm. In 2003 WW-CW contest, I worked AP2ARS (operated by JA1PBV) and confirmed the QSL with YA1BV's one.



At present I leave 7O, P5, VU4, VU7, EP and A9 not-worked. I think there's no hurry for them. I'd like to be easy-going and enjoy long !



(from The Key 330)

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### KCJA -AWARD

(Members Red)

- JA5OSA (KCJA100 #294 2004-12-04)
- JA1BML (KCJA400 #058 2004-12-04)
- DS5KJR (KCJA200 #142 2004-12-11)
- (KCJA100 #295 KCJA150 #145)
- JA2FEA (KCJA250 #097 2004-12-22)
- JA2QVP (KCJA200 #143 2004-12-22)
- (KCJA100 #296 KCJA150 #146)
- JA3ATJ (KCJA450 #039 2005-01-10)
- (KCJA425 #011)

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### JIINO Worked JCC-700 and WACA by 10MHz-QRPp !

INO is a famous QRPp operator and also an award chaser. He had been trying hard to complete WACA (worked all cities) on 10MHz-CW-QRPp. By the municipal mergers, a lot of new cities has been born recently. So, he had worked such all new cities before the next new cities would be born. On 1st October, three new cities were born and more three cities were born in the middle of October. He left two of them unworked and more nine cities were born on 1st November...

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He soon worked these nine cities but the two cities were still left. There would be no new cities in December, so he had about two month to work the two cities. At last, he worked them in December and soon sent the application form to JARL.

He confirmed WACA (10MHz-CW-QRPp) (WACA No.2004) on 14th Jan. He had planed to complete WACA and JCC-700 at the same time. JCC-700 was a newborn award and the numbers of issue would be decided by lot. He is looking forward to receiving it. More new cities (and some more GUNs) has been born. Why don't you find and work them ?

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**VOICE OF MEMBER**

**Short Break (2005-Jan.)**

**JJ1INO** : The article on my rigs home-brewed in 2004 summer appears on the pages 51 of the winter issue of the magazine "Ham Journal". As the theme of the home brewing contest held by JARL last year was gadgets with a full of ideas for enjoying CW, I wrote my thought how to enjoy CW under items such as QRP, home brewing, downsizing and full break-in, in addition to the description how to build rigs in detail.

**JJ1KXB**: After a long time no join, I participated to CQ WW CW contest on Nov. 27 and 28, 2004. The condition, opposite to my expectation, was good and I enjoyed it as a S & Per, getting a few new countries. In 2004, many cities were born in Japan and I have been busy but satisfied to chase portable stations for getting AJA and JCC points. This year, 2005, also is the year we will have many new born cities. Thus, I will busy in chasing them, too. Because my WACA and WAGA on 20 meters will be

completed with a few another JCCs and JCGs, I am watching the band carefully. Will hold the activity for keeping me from senescence.

**JA2MYA**: Thanks for everything last year.

**JH3EZV**: Wow! Got the QSL card from DX for QSO 27 years ago. This shows we have to last amateur radio activity for long time.

**JG6CDH**: I became interested in an EH antenna which was described in the comments of KCJ TOPBAND Contest by JE1SPY. It is not the one available for multibands using a wire and an ATU. However, it holds a great appeal for me because only one or two meters length antenna works almost the same as a dipole one does. As the comment said that the S/N ratio was improved compared with traditional antennas, I got inclined to build it for low bands in furture.

**JA7BVS/1**: I have been joined for just one year in Dec. My score of KCJA increased from 116 to 301. As I got interested in low bands after joining to KCJ, I am eagerly watching 3.5/1.9 MHz every night.

**JA7DJO**: Because of new born cities and good WX, bands were crowded with many portable stations. Made a lot of new QSOs for AJA.

**JH7VOT**: To all. Happy new year. I am antic ipating if I could have nice meets on the air this year.

**JA8AJE**: It is winter. This is the season when I become reluctant to go out of my room to the terrace for extending a fishing rod for antenna supporter because of cold WX. I also have troubles to g et it back short due to the icing at its joints.

**JA0AAQ**: Experienced a RTTY contest first time. I realized afresh RTTY QSO is based on CW QSO.

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### Short Break (2005-Feb.)

**JA1BML:** The software "AJAPA" (by JE4IVN) is convenient on applying AJA. But I found it a little inconvenient to use it with HAMLOG because they don't work at the same time. So I made a AWK program which works with HAMLOG. You can download it at

(<http://homepage3.nifty.com/JA1BML/>)

It is named "AJAHA."

**JA1TCF:** I visited Iki and Gotoh Islands in 2004. Where can I go this 2005 year ?

I completed AJA 11,000.

**JA1THL:** In 2004, I worked CW-WACA and CW-WAGA at which I had set my goal. What should I aim in 2005 ?

**JJ1INO:** I completed WAJA (3.5-CW-QRPp). But I am very sorry that the indications (3.5MHz CW QRPp) on the certificate are smaller than before... I prefer the old larger size. Is it same about the other awards ?

**JJ1KXB:** Confirmed WACA (14MHz-CW) in December. Though I had been afraid that the completion would be delayed by new born cities, I managed to complete. The rest of WAGA (14MHz-CW) are three, but it might take more half year because of new born Guns. I made it a point to work on low-bands and I'd like to go on watching low-bands.

**JA2MYA:** Thank all of you very much for everything in 2004.

**JA3ATJ:** I haven't reported KCJA since 1991 because I lost my cards. There are so many unclassified QSL cards... I'd like to take my time to check them.

**JH3EZV:** I'm still alive... According to the new member list, I checked my QSL cards and eye-ball records. But I found no new point...

**JA4TF:** As soon as the new year came, my uncle became a silent-key at the age of 96. I will be busy this year. I'd like to increase time to hit my KEY. I aim (1) WACA&WAGA (2) Experiment of low-band ANT.

**JA6BJV:** I had thought VU4 would be not so hard to work. But I found it very difficult to work it on CW because the time of CW operation was very little. I made 4 CW QSO, but I'm not sure if two of them were real VU4 or pirates. And there happened a big earthquake and a horrible TSUNAMI hit there. It was really good to know that the operators were all safe. I'm looking forward to the Peter-I Island DX-pedition. I'll be chasing it and short of sleep.

**JA7TJ:** Happy New Year. I make it a rule to report monthly and am trying to keep my activity. Best 73 !

**JA7BVS/1:** I will issue QSL cards of "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Atsugi-city". I hope to meet you on the air.

**JA8AJE:** I'd like to try to participate in several contests and of course send logs. I once joined in 50 contests in a year, but not so many these years...

**JA0AAQ:** I started a BLOG. Please drop in my page. (<http://blog.goo.or.jp/ja0aaq>).

### Short Break (2005-Mar.)

**JA0AAQ:** Spring will come soon, won't it? At March 20, Niitsu city where I live will be deleted because our city merges into Niigata city. As a result of the consolidation, many cities/towns/villages will be deleted. I am planning to operate from such places but I'd like to apologize, the operation will be on weekdays.

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**JA1BML:** I programmed a simple software, Daily AJA, which shows your daily AJA score, data of QSOs and how many QSOs you made with whom in the past. You can download it from my web site;

(<http://homepage3.nifty.com/JA1BML/>).

Please give a try. If you are not familiar with AWK, e-mail me and I will support you.

**JA2MYA:** I sometimes operated from towns or villages which would be deleted due to the consolidation carried out on a large scale recently. I was hooked on pile-up at these operations. I will do as many portable operations as possible. Even if my signals from a whip antenna are weak, please give me calls when you hear me.

**JG3LGD:** Worked an EU and sent him a thank-you-mail. He offered to send me a WAV file of the QSO. I too sent a file to confirm QSO individually. Clicking and hearing my signals calling him with QSB, I felt a deep impression which was beyond my expression. My dream, hearing my signal at DX place, came true.

**JH4RGH:** At last, I applied the awards related WARC bands. They are 10,18,24 MHz-100 and WARC 1000 and WARC 2000.

**JA7DJO:** Every day we got snowfall. I want to see black soil not white snow.

**JA8AJE:** Even in a day when joint parts of fishing rod froze, sun thawed ices in a one or two hours. Great the nature power!

**JA8PON:** Soon the time for transfer. Due to the preparing for transfer and chasing cities born explosively, I am QRLL.

**VK4CXQ:** Not much on 6 Mtrs down here. Sometimes there is an opening into the southern states of VK land and maybe a very rare contact with a NZ but that's about all. I will have to wait until the next sunspot activity. In the meantime I will continue to try on 10 MHz as soon as I can get my antenna pointing in the right direction Hi.

Hope you have a nice summer and not too many earthquakes !!

**(I'd like to receive "Short Break" from DX members ! --- editor JH8MWW)**

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**Contest Donor:** KCJ will be a contest donor in ALL JA CONTEST (CW Single Operator All-Bands) and ALL ASIAN CW CONTEST (Single Operator All-Bands Low-Power). KCJ pays for a plaque and JARL sends it to the winner.

**New Members:** JI1LAT "JUN" and JQ6QUO "UMEDA" became new members of KCJ.



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