

The City in North Pacific History
The Sanwa Lecture Series
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Introduction

Early in 1990 we began at the Fletcher School what we anticipate will be a two year study of "The City in North Pacific History," The Study flows out of three current activities of Fletcher's North Pacific Program. The first of these is an annual History seminar which I teach as part of the regular Fletcher curriculum. Most of the seminar students - Americans and other nationalities - subsequently participate in a collective overseas program, where they are joined by young scholars from the various North Pacific nations. In June 1990 that seminar was held in Vladivostok, USSR, with joint sponsorship by the Soviet Peace Committee. In 1991, it will be held in Seoul, Republic of Korea. We anticipate moving this overseas seminar in subsequent years to other North Pacific cities.

Although the theme of the North Pacific City is new, the pattern of organization builds upon the success of an annual seminar which we developed in Sapporo, Japan, beginning in the summer of 1985. We hope in our current endeavors to continue to enjoy the same unique experience of working with scholars from all the North Pacific nations, including the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Our third activity relating to our current study of the North Pacific City is a public lecture series held annually in Medford and made possible by the generous support of the Sanwa Bank, Ltd.

The pages following are the texts of talks given at Fletcher during the 1990 Sanwa series. We open with Professor Kevin Starr of the University of Southern California, our Sanwa visitor in the fall of 1990. The next three lectures were delivered by Professor Rhoads Murphey of the University of Michigan, during his stay as our Sanwa Scholar in Residence in February, 1990. To conclude this series, we present the lecture of Dr. Constantine Pleshakov, Senior Researcher at the USA/Canada Institute, Soviet Academy of Sciences, who spent five weeks with us in 1990. I would like to thank these gentlemen for their enthusiastic efforts on our behalf and for all they have given to us. Finally I would like to express my great appreciation to the Sanwa Bank, Ltd. for making possible these visits with us and for the printing of these lectures.

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