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The year 1996 was the second year under the newly reorganized and normalized regime. We, members of the Japanese Branch, are grateful to all of the board members, especially to Yo Akioka the secretary, for all their efforts to rebuild the branch from the chaos. Branch meetings were regularly held; newsletters also issued regularly, and the fair and proper procedures were followed for the second election of the reborn branch. The election took place in May 1997 and the new regime started on the 31st of the same month. The new officers are: Keiichiro Watanabe (President), Shigeru Joho (Vice-president), Kiroko Kishimoto (Secretary), Yasuko Todo (Treasurer), and Yo Akioka, Shu-Ji Lin, Hitoshi Matsushita, Midori Sato, Mariko Teramoto (Members-at-large). The main task for us for the moment, I believe, is to try to involve librarians in our activities. So far, most members of the branch are scholars.

The branch will celebrate its twentieth anniversary in 1999 and has started planning the following commemorative activities:

1. documentation of writings and other presentations about IAMLC and/or the Japanese Branch by the members; and
2. launching the Branch's WWW home page.

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