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1968	Jun	The 1 st National Meeting of JSL Interpreters held in Fukushima with 71 participants.	The 17 th National Congress of the Deaf held in Fukushima. A deaf man arrested driving without a license and his case goes to court of law :First step of Movement for Driver's License for the deaf.
1969	Apr.		Kyoto Deaf Center opens.
	May	The 2 nd National Meeting of JSL Interpreters held in Kumamoto with 61 participants.	The 18 th National Congress of the Deaf held in Kumamoto.
	Oct.		Watashi-tachi no Shuwa [Our Sign Language] published.
1970	Apr.		The Government starts training for JSL interpreters. The first full-time JSL interpreter and the first deaf counselor for the deaf employed in Kyoto City.
	May	The 3 rd National Meeting of JSL Interpreters held in Tokyo with 69 participants.	The 19 th National Congress of the Deaf held in Tokyo.
	Nov.		A deaf man fired unjustly in Hamamatsu, Shizuoka.
1971	May	The 4 th National Meeting of JSL Interpreters held in Okayama with 159 participants.	The 20 th National Congress of the Deaf held in Okayama. The Ministry of Autonomy notifies the local governments about expenses of JSL interpreters for stump speakers. The Fundamental Law for Disabled People established.
	Aug.		The Declaration of Human Rights for the Deaf in the Congress of WFD in Paris.
	Nov.		The first National Congress of Deaf Women held.
1972	Jun	The 5 th National Meeting of JSL Interpreters held in Nagano with 250 participants. *JFD announced the current policy of JSL interpretation.	The 21 st National Congress of the Deaf held in Nagano.
1973	May	The 6 th National Meeting of JSL Interpreters held in Osaka with 261 participants.	The 22 nd National Congress of the Deaf held in Osaka. JFD sets up the Committee for amendment of Article 88 of the Road Traffic Law and 30,000 signatures are submitted to the Diet. The Government starts hiring JSL interpreters. The first JSL interpreter appears on TV.
	Dec	Meeting for setting up organization of JSL interpreters.	
1974	June	The 7 th National Meeting of JSL Interpreters held in Aomori with 287 participants. The National Congress of JSL interpretation established in Aomori.	The 23 rd National Congress of the Deaf held in Aomori. The Ministry of Labor starts hiring assistants who can sign JSL to support the deaf in the Employment Office.
1975	Mar.	Quarterly No 1 published.	
	Apr.	The 8 th National Meeting of JSL Interpretation held in Nagoya with 400 participants. *The final Meeting held as an annex to JFD Congress.	The 24 th National Congress of the Deaf held in Nagoya.
	May	General Meeting of Zentsuken held in Nagoya.	
	Dec.		General Assembly of United Nations resolves 'Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons'.
1976	Jan.	Quarterly No.2 published.	
	Mar.	Quarterly No.3 published.	
	May		The 25 th National Congress of the Deaf held in Yamaguchi. The Government starts sending JSL interpreters to the deaf.

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	July	Quarterly No.4 published.	
	Aug.	The 9 th National Meeting of JSL Interpretation held in Kyoto with 1,453 participants. *The first Meeting held independently from JFD Congress. General Meeting of Zentsuken held in Kyoto.	
	Nov.		Examination to qualify JSL Interpreters started by JFD.
	Dec	Quarterly No.5 published.	
1977	Apr.		A program for the deaf starts on NHK TV.
	Jun		The 26 th National Congress of the Deaf held in Hokkaido.
	Aug.	The 10 th National Meeting of JSL Interpretation held in Fukushima with 1,194 participants. Gathering of the full-time JSL interpreters working for the local autonomies held in Fukushima with 400 participants. General Meeting of Zentsuken held in Fukushima. Quarterly No.6 published.	Petition for an amendment to Article 11 of the Civil Law adopted by the Government.
	Oct.		A JSL interpreter interrupted in Akita.
	Nov.	The Steering Committee protests to Akita Government about interrupting the JSL interpreter.	
	1978	Feb.	The 1 st Meeting of Representatives of the affiliate chapters held in Kyoto with 15 participants.
Apr.		Quarterly No.7 published.	The 27 th National Congress of the Deaf held in Nagasaki.
May			Government signs the International Covenant on Human Rights.
July		The 11 th National Meeting of JSL Interpretation held in Shizuoka with 1,603 participants.	
Aug.		The 1 st Meeting for the full-time JSL interpreters working for the local autonomies held in Shizuoka with 80 participants. General Meeting of Zentsuken held in Shizuoka. Quarterly No.8 published. JSL Interpreting for Beginners No.1 [Shuwa tsu-yaku nyu-mon No.1] published.	
Dec.		JFD sends a document to local deaf associations to help set up affiliated chapters. Quarterly No.9 published.	
1979		Feb.	The 2 nd Meeting of Representatives of the affiliated chapters held in Kyoto with 24 participants.
	Mar.	Quarterly No.10 published.	
	May		The 28 th National Congress of the Deaf held in Kanagawa.
	July	JSL interpreting for Beginners No.2 [Shuwa tsu-yaku nyu-mon No2] published. The 12 th National Meeting of JSL Interpretation held in Fukuoka with 1,066 participants. The 2 nd Meeting for full-time JSL interpreters working for the local autonomies held in Fukuoka with 75 participants. General Meeting of Zentsuken held in Fukuoka.	
	Dec.		A JSL interpreter claims compensation for the neck-shoulder-arm syndrome on the job.
1980	Feb.	The 3 rd Meeting of Representatives of the affiliate chapters held in Kyoto with 38 participants.	Article 11 of the Civil Law amended.
	May		The 29 th National Congress of the Deaf held in Kanazawa.

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1980	Jun	Quarterly No.11 published. JSL interpreting for Beginners No.3 [Shuwa tsu-yaku nyu-mon No3] published. Video Series No.1, Origins of JSL Expression published.	
	Aug.	Quarterly No.12 published. The 13 th National Meeting of JSL Interpretation held in Osaka with 1,968 participants. The 3 rd Meeting of full-time JSL interpreters working for the local autonomies held in Osaka. General Meeting of Zentsuken held in Osaka.	
1981	Jan.		The international Year of Disabled Persons starts.
	Feb	Quarterly No.13 published.	
	Apr.	Survey on the present circumstances of 451 JSL circles carried out.	
	May		The 30 th National Congress of the Deaf held in Kagawa.
	Jun	Quarterly No.14 published.	
	July	Video Series No.2 published.	
	Aug.	The 14 th National Meeting of JSL Interpretation held in Nagano with 1,729 participants. The 4 th Meeting of full-time JSL interpreters working for the local autonomies held in Nagano. General Meeting of Zentsuken held in Nagano. Quarterly No.15 published.	
	Jan.		The facility, Ikoi no Mura opens for supporting the Deaf with multiple disabilities.
1982	Feb.	The 5 th Meeting of Representatives of the affiliate chapters held in Kyoto with 57 participants. Quarterly No.16 published.	
	Apr.		The 31 st National Conference of the Deaf held in Tokyo.
	May	The 1 st Zentsuken Leader Training Course starts in Kyoto with 28 participants.	
	June	JSL interpreting for Beginners No.4 /Shuwa tsu-yaku nyu-mon No4] published.	
	July	Quarterly No.17 published.	
	Aug.	The 15 th National Meeting of JSL Interpretation held in Chiba with 2,057 participants. General Meeting of Zentsuken held in Chiba. Video Series No.3 Visual Language to See and Hear [Miru-kotoba ,Kiku-kotoba] ,No.4 My Trip in China [Chugoku Ryokou Dan] and No.5 The Wisdom of JSL [Shuwa no Chie] published.	
	Oct.	Newsletter No.1 published.	
	Nov.	Quarterly No.18 published.	The Committee to Examine JSL Interpreters System set up.
	Jan.		International Decade of Disabled Persons starts. The Public Officers Election Law amended: JSL Interpreting services for elections abolished.
1983	Feb.	The 6 th Meeting of Representatives of the affiliate chapters held in Kyoto with 62 participants.	A JSL interpreter claimed sickness on the job in Hokkaido.
	Mar.	Quarterly No.19 published.	
	Apr.	Newsletter No.2 published.	Compensation to the JSL interpreter authorized by the Government for the first time. The 32 nd National Congress of the Deaf held in Kobe.
	May	The 2 nd Zentsuken Leader Course held in Kyoto with 34 participants.	

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	Jun	Two representatives participate in the 9 th World Congress of the Deaf in Italy to present the problems of the JSL interpreting system.	
	July	Quarterly No.20 published.	
	Aug.	The 16 th National Meeting of JSL Interpretation held in Nagoya with 1,934 participants.	
1983	Aug	Meeting of representatives of affiliate chapters held in Nagoya with 70 participants. Training for JSL, No.1: Sign Language Interpretation in Court published General Meeting held in Nagoya -Establishment of Board of Representatives proposed	
	Oct	Zentsuken head office opens in an apartment	
	Dec	Newsletter No.3 published	
1984	Jan	Quarterly No.21 published	
	Feb	The 7 th meeting of representatives of affiliate chapters held in Kyoto with 27 affiliate chapters, 34 representatives, 65 participants. -the Regulation of the Association revised, Regulation of Organization Management and the members of the Board of Representatives decided.	
	Apr	JSL for Beginners edited. The 3 rd Zentsuken Leader course held in Kyoto with 22 participants.	JSL for Beginners published.
	May	Quarterly No.22 published.	The 33 rd National Congress of the Deaf held in Fukushima.
	Jul	Newsletter No.4 published.	
	Aug	The 17 th National workshop of Sign Language Interpretation held in Kyoto with 2,191 participants. The 1 st extra meeting of Board of Representatives in Kyoto with 45 participants. - The idea of incorporation of Zentsuken proposed. Quarterly No.23 published.	"Health Insurance Law" revised to force patients to pay 10% of medical expenses.
	Nov	Newsletter No.5 published.	
	Dec		National Congress of International Year of Disabled Persons held in Tokyo with the slogan of "Full participation and equality",
			Movement to sell I Love Communication to publicize issues of the deaf and JSL interpreters with the target number of 1.2 million started.
1985	Jan	Quarterly No.24 published.	
	Feb	The 1 st Winter Workshop held in Osaka with 490 participants.	
	May	The 3 rd meeting of the Board of Representatives held in Kyoto with 47 participants. The 4 th Zentsuken Leader Course held in Kyoto with 45 participants. Quarterly No.25 published.	JFD reports to Ministry of Health and Welfare on JSL Interpreting Services. The 34 th National Congress of the Deaf held in Gifu.
	Jul	Newsletter No.6 published.	
	Aug	The 18 th Summer Session held in Otaru, Hokkaido with 893 participants. Movement to sell I Love Communication spread through out the country. Meeting of representatives of affiliate chapters held in Otaru. Video series No.6 JSL Interpretation in Court published. Quarterly No.26 published.	
	Oct		Asian Conference of the Deaf held in Kyoto.
	Dec	Quarterly No.27 published. Newsletter No.7 published.	

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1986	Jan		JFD negotiates banned interpreting at campaign rallies for elections with Ministry of Home Affairs. JFD starts national movement for interpreting at campaign rallies for elections. Committee set up to study guidelines for qualification examination of JSL.
	Feb	The 2nd Winter Workshop held in Tokyo with 600 participants. Meeting of representatives of affiliate chapters held to discuss the I Love Communication movement. Quarterly No.28 published.	
	Mar	The 4th meeting of the Board of Representatives held in Kyoto with 50 participants.	
	Apr	Headquarter of joint movement for creating a JSL interpretation system established. -Report on how to create a JSL interpretation system and I Love Communication movement proposed. -Tokyo and Kyoto affiliate chapters jointly propose how to create JSL interpretation system.	
	May	Committee for Making a Job Guideline for JSL Interpretation established.	The 35th National Congress of the Deaf held in Miyazaki.
	Jul	Answers to I love pamphlet No.1 published jointly with JFD. Newsletter No.8 published.	
	Aug	The 19th Summer Session held in Hiroshima with 1345 participants. Meeting of representatives of affiliate chapters held to discuss how to accelerate the sales of I Love Communication with 32 affiliate chapters participants. Committee for promotion of incorporation of Zentsuken established. Answers to I love pamphlet No.2 published jointly with JFD. Binding book of Answers to I love pamphlet No.1 and No.2 published jointly with JFD.	
	Oct		The 1st Asian-Pacific Deaf Conference held in Kyoto.
	Nov	Quarterly No.29 published. Newsletter No.9 published. Urgent meeting for I Love Communication movement held in Kyoto with 41 participants.	
	Dec	Newsletter No.10 published. Research on actual situation of JSL circles conducted to find data of 1,111 circle and 32,657 members.	
1987	Feb	Answers to I love pamphlet No.3 published jointly with JFD. The 3rd Winter Workshop held in Takarazuka, Hyogo with 602 participants. The 5th extra meeting of Board of Representatives held in Takarazuka with 52 participants. -Investigation Committee on financial affairs established. Quarterly No.30 published.	
	Mar	Binding book of Answers to I love pamphlet No.1, No.2 and No.3 published jointly with JFD. Quarterly No.31 published. Textbook and videotape of JSL for intermediate class edited.	Meeting of How To Systemize JSL interpretation held in Tokyo with 150 participants from 44 prefectures including 60 interpreters.
	Apr	Headquarter office opens and staff hired.	

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	May	The 6th Board of Representatives held in Kyoto with 55 participants. -Committee on Guidelines of JSL Interpreters' Activities established. (as a revised body of the committee for Making a Job Guideline) I Love Communication - JSL textbook for junior high school and high school students No.1 edited.	JFD's Study Committee reports to Ministry of Health and Welfare on examination to certify JSL interpreters.
	Jun	Newsletter No.11 published. I Love Communication -JSL textbook for junior high school and high school students No.2 edited. Sorry for not understanding Sign Language published.	The 36th National Congress of the Deaf held in Kushiro, Hokkaido.
	Jul	Quarterly No.32 published.	
	Aug	The 20th Summer Session in Kanazawa with 1102 participants. The 7th extra meeting of the Board of Representatives held in Kanazawa with 54 participants.	
	Sep	I Love Communication - sign language textbook for junior high school and high school students No.3 edited.	
	Nov	Meeting of How To Systemize JSL interpretation held.	
	Dec	Newsletter No.13 published. Quarterly No.33 published.	
	1988	Feb	The 4th Winter Workshops held in Narita, Chiba, with 529 participants. Meeting of Representatives of Affiliate Chapters held in Narita with 35 affiliate chapters.
Mar		Quarterly No.34 published.	JFD presents report to Ministry of Health and Welfare on guideline for qualifying examinations for JSL interpreters.
May		The 8th meeting of the Board of Representatives held in Kyoto with 53 participants. -Committee on Guidelines of JSL Interpreter's Activities proposes a report How to Systemize JSL Interpretation. -Enterprise Division established. The 7th Zentsuken Leader Training Course held in Kyoto with 32 participants.	The 37th National Congress of the Deaf held in Kurashiki, Okayama.
Jul		Newsletter No.14 published. Fascinated, ITO Shunsuke's Life with Sign Language planned with Zentsuken's cooperation.	
Aug		The 21st Summer Session held in Nagasaki with 1,307 participants. Ministry of Health and Welfare stops giving its name as a backup organization. The 9th extra meeting of Board of Representatives held in Nagasaki with 62 participants. Quarterly No.35 published.	Ministry of Health and Welfare forms Committee on How to Certify JSL Interpreters.
Sep		Newsletter no.14 published.	
Oct		Zentsuken discusses with Ministry of Health and Welfare regarding its incorporation.	
Nov		Seminar held in Atami, Shizuoka, with Zentsuken steering committee members and directors of JFD organized by headquarter of joint movement for JSL interpretation systematization.	
Dec		Newsletter no.15 published.	A woman claims recognition for workers' accident against Shiga Labor Standards Bureau.
1989		Jan	Quarterly No.36 published.
	Feb	The 5th Winter Workshop held in Kyoto with 660 participants. Round table conference regarding sickness on the job of JSL interpreters held in Kyoto.	

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	May	The 10th meeting of Board of Representatives held in Tokyo with 74 participants of the full 77 members. The 8th Zentsuken Leader Training Course held in Tokyo with 193 participants. -Plan for preparation for certified examination and training of leaders decided. Quarterly No.37 published.	
	Jun		The 38th National Congress of the Deaf held in Shiga.
	Jul	Newsletter No.16 published. Training videotape Situation of Medical care, Labor and Court published.	
	Aug.	JSL Interpretation Training Video Sign Language—Such an attractive language [Shuwa—Kono Miryoku aru Kotoba] published. The 22nd Summer Session held in Tokyo with 1,371 participants—15th anniversary of its establishment. Structure of language [Kotoba no Shikumi] published. Quarterly No. 38 published.	National Workshop on Deaf Education held in Osaka.
	Sep	The Project Team for Survey and Search of Neck-shoulder-arm Syndrome of JSL Interpreters formed(11 persons from Kinki districts)	
	Nov.	Health checkup for JSL interpreters starts (156 persons) preliminary checkup in Kinki District.	Examination to Certify JSL Interpreters carried out.
	Dec.	Newsletter No. 17 published.	A woman claims recognition for workers' accident against Kobe East Labor Standards Inspection Office.
1990	Jan.	Quarterly No. 39 published.	Sign Language News for Deaf people starts on NHK TV.
	Feb.	A pamphlet Lively Sign Interpretation [Iki-iki Shuwa Tsuyaku] published. The 6th Winter Workshop held in Ohmiya, Saitama, with 600 participants—with first sectional meeting on neck-shoulder-arm syndrome. The 11th Extra Board of Representatives meeting (?) held in Ohmiya, Saitama with 52 persons.	
	Mar.	Quarterly No.40 published.	
	Apr.	Newsletter No. 18 published. Progress report of Health checkup for JSL interpreters	National Institute Physically Disabled Rehabilitation Center establishes Training Course for Professional JSL Interpreters First entrance ceremony of Tsukuba College of Technology.
	May	The 12th Board of Representatives held in Tokyo with 66 persons present. The 9th Zentsuken Leader Training Course held in Tokyo with 61 participants.	The 39th National Congress of the Deaf held in Toyama.
	Jun.	Newsletter No. 19 published. Textbook and Video New Elementary Sign Language Course[Shin Shokyu Shuwa Kyoshitsu] planned and edited.	A woman wins recognition for workers' accident.
	Jul.		Americans with Disabilities Act comes into effect.
	Aug.	The 23rd Summer Session held in Kobe, Hyogo, with 1508 participants. JSL Interpretation Training Video Sign Language—Such an attractive language 2[Shuwa—Kono Miryoku aru Kotoba] published. The Meeting of Representatives of Affiliate Chapters held in Kobe, Hyogo.	Iraqi Army invades Kuwait.
	Sept.	Quarterly No.41 published.	

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	Oct.	National investigation into the actual conditions and health conditions of JSL interpreters (among 598 interpreters).	East Germany incorporated into West Germany. United Germany comes into existence.
	Nov.	Newsletter No. 20 published.	Two women from Hokkaido claim recognition for workers' accident.
1991	Jan.	Quarterly No.42 published.	A woman wins recognition for workers' accident.
	Feb.	The 7th Winter Workshop held in Shirahama-cho, Wakayama with 480 participants. The Branch Representative Conference held in Wakayama.	
	Mar.	Textbook and Video New Intermediate Sign Language Course [Shin Chukyu Shuwa Kyoshitsu] planned and edited. Textbook and Video Advanced Sign Language Course[Joukyu Shuwa Kyoshitsu] planned and edited.	
	Apr.	Special Committee founded to examine the result of National investigation into the actual conditions and health conditions of JSL interpreters. Instructors manual for Sign language course [Shuwa Kyoshitsu] planned and edited.	
	May	The 13th Board of Representatives meeting (?) held in Tokyo with 68 participants.-- All the 47 prefectures have branches. Planning Committee to celebrate the 20th anniversary founded. The 10th Zentsuken Leader Training Course held in Tokyo with 55 participants. Quarterly No.43 published. People who couldn't hear the A-bomb [Don ga Kikoenakatta Hitotachi] planned together.	Japan Association of Certified JSL Interpreters established.
	Jun.	Newsletter No. 21 published.	Deaf Information offering facilities legislated.
	Jul.	Newsletter No. 22 published.	The 11th World Congress of the WFD held in Tokyo.
	Aug.	The 24th Summer Session held in Aomori with 939 participants—Medical checkup for JSL interpreters carried out.	The 1st National Congress of the Deaf-Blind held in Tochigi.
		JSL Interpretation Training Video Sign Language—Such an attractive language 3&4 [Shuwa—Kono Mryoku aru Kotoba] published. The Branch Representative Conference held in Aomori. Moving language, Visual language [Ugoku Kotoba Miru Kotoba] & Language Angel[Kotoba no Tenshi] planned together.	
	Oct.	Newsletter No.23 published—an emergency guide for JSL interpreters' neck-shoulder-arm syndrome presented.	
	Dec.	Quarterly No.44 published.	A woman claims recognition for workers' accident.
1992	Jan.	Video about neck-shoulder-arm syndrome made.	Contents of Examination to Certify JSL Interpreters disclosed.
	Feb.	The 8th Winter Workshop held in Yokohama, Kanagawa, with 690 participants. The Branch Representative Conference held in Yokohama, Kanagawa. Quarterly No.45 published.	
	Apr.	Quarterly No.46 published.	'Ikoi-no-mura' Ume-no-ki House opened
	May	The 13th Board of Representatives meeting held in Tokyo with 80 participants. -- The number of the members exceeded 5,000. The Committee against JSL interpreters' health problems founded. The 11th Zentsuken Leader Training Course held in Tokyo with 77 participants.	JFD requests the Minister of Home Affairs for sign language interpretation on broadcasts of candidates' political views.

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	Jun.	Newsletter No. 24 published.	The 40th National Congress of the Deaf held in Akita.
	Aug.	National Neck-Shoulder-Arm Syndrome Patients Exchange Meeting in Arima spa. National Association of JSL interpreters' neck-shoulder-arm patients founded. Quarterly No.47 published. The 25th Summer Session held in Osaka with approx. 2500 participants. The Branch Representative Conference held in Osaka. JSL Interpretation Training Video Sign Language—Such an attractive language 5 [Shuwa—Kono Miryoku aru Kotoba] published.	
	Oct.	Newsletter No. 25 published. A temporary worker hired.	
	Dec.	'Extended Examining Committee on how to interpret JSL' held in Tohoku District(Iwate). Quarterly No.48 published.	
1993	Feb.	The 9th Winter Workshop held in Ohtsu, Shiga, with 633 participants. The Meeting of Representatives of Affiliate Chapters held in Ohtsu, Shiga. 'Extended Examining Committee on how to interpret JSL' held in Kanto District(Gunma).	'The Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons' starts.
	Mar.	Quarterly No.49 published.	
	May	The 15th Board of Representatives meeting held in Tokyo with 89 persons present. The 12th Zentsuken Leader Training Course held in Tokyo with 60 participants.	
	Jun.	Newsletter No.26 published.	The 41st National Congress of the Deaf held in Wakayama.
	Jul.	Newsletter No.27 published.	
	Aug.	'Model answers to the 4th Examination to Certify JSL Interpreters' published with Japan Association of Certified JSL Interpreters. Heart to Heart published. JSL Interpretation Training Video Sign Language—Such an attractive language 6 [Shuw—Kono Miryoku aru Kotoba] published. What my deaf students are like[Kikoenai kora no Koto] planned together. The 26th Summer Session held in Yamaguchi with 1460 participants. The Branch Representative Conference held in Yamaguchi. Medical checkup for JSL interpreters carried out. Quarterly No.50 published.	
	Oct.	Newsletter No.28 published.	
	Dec.	Quarterly No.51 published.	
1994	Feb.	The 10th Winter Workshop held in Shizuoka with 628 participants. The Meeting of Representatives of Affiliate Chapters held in Shizuoka. The 2nd National Neck-Shoulder-Arm Syndrome Patients Exchange Meeting in Yaizu spa (32 people). Better JSL Interpretation is our goal[Minna de Mezasou Yoriyoi Shuwa Tsuyaku] published with JFD.	
	Mar.		A woman from Hokkaido and a woman from Kyoto win recognition for workers' accident. Another woman from Hokkaido has her recognition rejected.

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	Apr.	Quarterly No.52 published.	
	May	The 16th Board of Representatives meeting held in Nagoya with 90 participants. --The goal of increasing the members to 10,000 by the year 2000 set.	
	Jun.	Commemorative Forum as 13th Zentsuken Leader Training Course held in Nagoya with 150 participants. A tour of inspection of circumstances surrounding sign language interpretation in the U.S. to celebrate its 20th anniversary. Newsletter No.29 published. Quarterly No.53 published.	The 42nd National Congress of the Deaf held in Mie. First broadcast of candidates' political views for the House of Councilors proportional representation and the House of Representatives small constituency with JSL interpretation.
	Aug.	The 27th Summer Session held in Toyama with 1,556 participants.	
		Commemorative Party held to celebrate the 20th anniversary.	
	Nov.	Newsletter No.30 published.	
	Dec.	Quarterly No.54 published.	
	1995	Jan.	
Feb.		The 11th Winter Workshop held in Tokyo with 897 participants.	
May		Quarterly No.55 published. The 17th Board of Representatives held in Tokyo. The 14th Zentsuken Leader Training Course held in Tokyo with 77 participants.	
Jun.		Newsletter No.31 published.	The 43rd National Congress of the Deaf held in Kagoshima.
Jul.			The World Congress of the Deaf held in Austria.
Aug.		Quarterly No.56 published. The 28th Summer Session held in Takamatsu, Kagawa, with approx. 1500 participants.	
Nov.		Newsletter No. 32 published.	'Asian Deaf Leaders Training' by JICA starts.
Dec.		Quarterly No.57 published.	The 1st experimental broadcast performed by the communications satellite aiming at a special broadcast for the deaf.
1996		Feb.	The 12th Winter Workshop held in Nara with 777 participants. National investigation into the actual conditions and health conditions of JSL interpreters carried out.
	Apr.	Quarterly No.58 published.	
	May	The 18th Board of Representatives held in Nagoya with 100 participants. The 15th Zentsuken Leader Training Course held in Tokyo with 81 participants.	
	Jun.		The 44th National Congress of the Deaf held in Ehime.
	Jul.	Newsletter No.33 published.	
	Aug.	Quarterly No.59 published. The 29th Summer Session held in Mie with approx. 1400 participants.	JFD starts 'Nation-wide Deaf Campaign Meeting with Governors' in commemoration of the 50th anniversary. JFD starts distributing the pamphlet Better JSL Interpretation is our Goal [Minna de Mezasou Yoriyoi Shuwa Tsuyaku].

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	Oct.	Newsletter No.34 published.	
1997	Feb.	The 13 th Winter Workshop held in Chiba with 856 participants.	
	Mar.	Report on nationwide survey of the current status and health of sign language interpreters published. Quarterly No. 61 published.	
	April		National Council of Facilities for the Deaf with Multiple Disabilities established. Ministry of Labor stipulates JSL interpreters as one of the subject categories in the standards for certifying occupational diseases through works involving movements of upper limbs.
	May	The 19 th Board of Representatives held in Tokyo with 107 participants. The 16 th Leader Training Course held in Tokyo with 148 participants.	
	Jun.	Newsletter No. 35 published.	The 45 th National Congress of the Deaf held in Saitama (the 50 th anniversary). Japanese – Japanese Sign Language Dictionary published.
	Aug.	Quarterly No. 62 published. The 30 th Summer Session held in Iwate with approx. 1,400 participants.	
	Oct.	Newsletter No. 36 published.	
	Dec.		Long-term Care Insurance Law enacted. Kyoto Protocol on Preventing Global Warming adopted.
	1998	Jan.	Quarterly No. 60 published. Quarterly No. 63 published.
Feb.		The 14 th Winter Workshop held in Kyoto with 1,050 participants.	
Apr.			Training course for JSL Interpreters is developed in the participation and activity promotion program for persons with disabilities, and notified to prefectural and city governments.
May		Quarterly No. 64 published. The 20 th Board of Representatives held in Tokyo with 115 participants.	
Jun.			The 46 th National Congress of the Deaf held in Aomori.
Jul.		Newsletter No. 37 published. The 1 st Zentsuken School held in Tokyo with 125 participants. The 1 st Zentsuken School held in Fukuoka with 114 participants.	
Aug.		The 31 st Summer Session held in Miyazaki with approx. 1,700 participants. Quarterly No. 65 published.	
Sep.			Signature campaign to revise discriminatory laws launched.
Oct.		Newsletter No. 38 published.	
Dec.		Quarterly No. 66 published.	
1999	Feb.	The 15 th Winter Workshop held in Gifu with 946 participants.	
	Mar.	Quarterly No. 67 published.	
	Apr.	Newsletter No. 39 published.	JSL interpreter-related services defined by law along with the basic structural reform of social welfare, which clarifies its public responsibility. Ministry of Health & Welfare launches the community welfare advocacy project.
	May	The 21 st Board of Representatives held in Tokyo with 125 participants.	

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	Jun.	Quarterly No. 68 published.	The 47 th National Congress of the Deaf held in Tottori.
	Jul.	Newsletter No. 40 published. The 2 nd Zentsuken School held in Osaka with 122 participants. The 2 nd Zentsuken School held in Miyagi with 97 participants.	The 13 th World Congress of the Deaf held in Australia.
	Aug.	The 32 nd Summer Session held in Yamanashi with 1,355 participants.	
	Sep.	Newsletter No. 41 published. Quarterly No. 69 published.	A critical accident occurs at Tokai nuclear fuel plant.
	Dec.	Newsletter No. 42 published. Quarterly No. 70 published.	Amendment to Article 969 of the Civil Law; notary deed will through JSL interpreters or transliterators be legally recognized (enforced in Jan., 2000).
2000	Feb.	The 16 th Winter Workshop held in Saitama with 1,160 participants.	
	Mar.		
	Apr.	Newsletter No. 43 published. Quarterly No. 71 published.	Implementation of the long-term care insurance system. Professionalism of JSL interpreters officially recognized due to the Public Offices Election Law amended, but challenges remain.
	May	The 22 nd Board of Representatives meeting held in Tokyo with 125 participants.	
	Jun.		The 48 th National Congress of the Deaf held in Nara. Basic concept of a JSL training institute (tentative name) announced.
	Jul.	The 3 rd Zentsuken School held in Tokyo with 190 participants. The 3 rd Zentsuken School held in Kyushu region with 99 participants. Newsletter No. 44 published. Quarterly No. 72 published.	
	Aug.	The 33 rd Summer Session held in Okayama with 1,660 participants.	
	Oct.	Newsletter No. 45 published. Quarterly No. 73 published.	
2001	Jan.	Newsletter No. 46 published. Quarterly No. 74 published.	
	Feb.	The 17 th Winter Workshop held in Osaka with 1,196 participants.	
	Mar.	Newsletter No. 47 published.	2.22 million petition signatures to revise discriminatory laws submitted to the Diet.
	Apr.	Newsletter No. 48 published. Quarterly No. 75 published.	
	May	The 23 rd Board of Representatives meeting held in Tokyo with 109 participants.	International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) adopted in WHO. Law Concerning Assistance Dogs for the Disabled enforced. Former patients of Hansen's disease win compensation in a segregation lawsuit against the Government.
	Jun.	Newsletter No. 49 published.	The 49 th National Congress of the Deaf held in Niigata.
	Jul.	The 4 th Zentsuken School held in Sendai, Miyagi with 96 participants. The 4 th Zentsuken School held in Osaka with 201 participants. Quarterly No. 76 published.	
	Aug.	The 34 th Summer Session held in Hokkaido with approx. 1,400 participants.	
	Sep.		The September 11 th Terrorist Attack on the USA occurs.

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	Oct.	Newsletter No. 50 published.	DPI 6 th World Assembly held in Sapporo, Hokkaido.
	Nov.	Quarterly No. 77 published.	Mr. TAKADA Eiichi, Vice President of JFD at the time wins ITOGA Kazuo Memorial Prize.
	Dec.		Mr. Shunsuke Ito, Chairman of Steering Committee at the time wins Asahi Social Welfare Prize.
2002	Jan.	Newsletter No. 51 published. Quarterly No. 78 published.	National Training Institution of JSL established. The final year of Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons (1993 to 2002).
	Feb.	The 18 th Winter Workshop held in Fukushima with 866 participants.	
	Mar.	Quarterly No. 79 published.	
	Apr.	Newsletter No. 52 published.	
	May	The 24 th Board of Representatives meeting held in Tokyo with 123 participants.	
	Jun.	Newsletter No. 53 published. Quarterly No. 80 published.	The 50 th National Congress of the Deaf held in Okinawa.
	Jul.	The 5 th Zentsuken School held in Tokyo with 132 participants. The 5 th Zentsuken School held in Fukuoka with 119 participants.	
	Aug.	The 35 th Summer Session held in Shiga with 1,820 participants.	
	Sep.	Quarterly No. 81 published.	
	Oct.	Newsletter No. 54 published.	A social gathering of WFD Asia-Pacific regional representatives held in Osaka.
	Dec.	Quarterly No. 82 published.	
	2003	Jan.	Newsletter No. 55 published.
Feb.		The 19 th Winter Workshop held in Kanagawa with 1,291 participants.	
Mar.		Quarterly No. 83 published.	The USA attacks Iraq.
Apr.			New Basic Program for Persons with Disabilities starts. New Welfare Service for the Disabled starts.
May		The 25 th Board of Representatives meeting held in Tokyo with 127 participants.	
Jun.		Newsletter No. 57 published. Quarterly No. 84 published.	The 51 st National Congress of the Deaf held in Yamanashi.
Jul.		The 6 th Zentsuken School held in Osaka with 101 participants. The 6 th Zentsuken School held in Miyagi with 95 participants.	The 14 th World Congress of the Deaf held in Canada.
Aug.		The 36 th Summer Session held in Kumamoto with 1,477 participants.	National Training Institution of JSL opened.
Sep.		Quarterly No. 85 published.	New Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons starts.
Oct.		Newsletter No. 58 published.	
Dec.		Quarterly No. 86 published.	
2004		Jan.	Newsletter No. 59 published. The 20 th Winter Workshop held in Hyogo with 1,109 participants.
	Mar.	Quarterly No. 87 published.	
	Apr.	Newsletter No. 60 published.	
	May	The 26 th Board of Representatives meeting held in Tokyo with 124 participants. Newsletter No. 61 published.	
	Jun.		The 52 nd National Congress of the Deaf held in Iwate.