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Dear Ms. Bazzell:

I am writing on behalf of the Japanese Company History (*Shashi*) Interest Group to inform you that we would like to withdraw our request to be an NCC affiliated organization.

In August 2006, Sanae Isozumu, then chair of the group, submitted to NCC a letter asking your consideration in taking the group administratively under the NCC organizational framework, and you replied, asking us to submit three justifications. We discussed this matter at the annual business meeting in Boston on March 21, 2007 and later by email discussion, and finally decided to withdraw our request to be an NCC affiliate, and request instead to become an AAS affiliate organization. There are two reasons for our decision. First, it is easier to get a room at AAS annual conference if we are affiliated with AAS. Second, we prefer to keep an independent status to facilitate our management of the group and its related activities.

Although we are withdrawing our request to be an affiliated organization of NCC, we believe that both of us share the common goal of serving the field of Japan Studies. The group plans to continue advocating cooperation in the collecting *Shashi* in libraries and facilitating their use by scholars through various programs and cooperative projects. Your continuing understanding and support for our activities are much appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Japanese Bibliographer  
Chair, Japanese Company History (*Shashi*) Interest Group