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**A Cultural, Technical & Trade Bridge Between Japan & India**



### ***A 'Kutti Japan' sobriquet...***

***A recent road trip gave me yet another opportunity to understand the stories behind the strong connection between our two countries. And, gave us the title of this editorial page.***

***My travels through the southern part of our state of Tamilnadu was nothing less than a beautiful experience of culture, colour, heritage and history. As I strutted along many small cities and towns, my brief halt at Sivakasi and an interaction with a local there gave me a glimpse into the industrious town that today, leads the way in the production of Pyrotechnics and Offset Printing. Of course, the cliched humour of 'Matches are not made in Heaven but in Sivakasi' did put a smile to my lips...***

***History documents the resilient efforts of the people of Sivakasi to join hands to counter the great famine of the 1960s. Without the expectation of any governmental aid, the people of this tiny town joined hands in driving industrial growth. So much so that our country's first Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru on his visit to Sivakasi gave it the title of 'Kutti Japan' – a tribute to the industrial progress that Japan has always been famed for.***

***Meanwhile, there is some interesting news coming from Japan about the intent to institute measures aimed at combating the burgeoning levels of tourism – domestic & inbound - in the country! While acknowledging that a resurgent tourism industry is a definite positive, the basket of woes – longer queues everywhere, littering, trespassing and general inconvenience to locals – that it brings with it, is something that the government is trying to mitigate. Let's keep our eyes on what pans out!***

***We hope that you shall enjoy reading about all the activities conducted by the team at our Tamilnadu Centre. Thank you very much for your support of our efforts as we bring more of Japan to India.....and the other way around.***

***Kongo tomoyoroshiku onegaitashimasu,***

***Okagesama de,***

***Thank you for all the lovely memories.***

***Harikumar B  
Editor – eNihon Mon***



### Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) at Vellammal Matriculation Hr. Sec. School --- 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 ---

From the year 2002 onwards ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre had been identified by the Consulate General of Japan, Chennai for coordinating in conducting the JAPANESE LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST (JLPT).

The JLPT exam was successfully conducted on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 for 3005 examinees in two session (Forenoon & afternoon) at Vellammal Matriculation Hr. Sec. School, Chennai

Some candidates took two levels, one in the forenoon and the other in the afternoon. Conducting of JLPT Exam in two shifts ( forenoon & afternoon) has enabled the examinees to write two tests on a single day which was very well appreciated by the examinees and some of them made use of this opportunity.



### Mr. Kaoru Shiraishi – Director General – JETRO, Chennai visiting our centre --- 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023 ---



## Anime Festival at our centre --- 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023 ---

As part of our year long activities, we are organizing "THE ANIME FEST 2023" on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023 from 10:00am to 3:00pm at our ABK AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre. In this Festival we will be conducting various competitions like Anime Quiz, Anime Games, Anime Drawing, cosplay competition & Anime song singing. This is the first time such a big Anime Festival is being conducted in Chennai. We have nearly 200 participants who have registered.



## One Day Seminar on Best 5S Practices at Hotel Ramada Plaza, Chennai --- 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 ---

Since 2002, ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre is promoting 5S techniques among manufacturing and service industries by its unique certification process for various maturity levels. The certification is based on assessment carried out in the applicant company by a team of experts and announcement of the results will be declared. The certificates will be handed over in a function organized every year. The top scoring companies will be awarded with Trophy sponsored by a few companies.

The response from Industries for certification is increasing every year and the awareness to implementation of "5S" Techniques has gone up significantly.





## Japanese Language Teachers Meeting --- 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 ---

Annual Teachers Meet was filled with all the Memories we have created in last 1 year identifying each and every teacher's efforts towards satisfying the dreams of every student and assigning new responsibilities for new set of teachers etc. it was very refreshing to meet everyone and great to see our ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Chennai family growing bigger and bigger. This is the team behind every success and we owe it to them.



## Hidetoshi Yasuda San Visit Our Centre --- 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023 ---

Hidetoshi Yasuda San, a great fan of Rajini San, visited ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Chennai. He addressed our students and interacted with them in both Tamil and Japanese. Listening to his sweet tamil our students were highly excited. His passion towards Tamil movie and Tamil language is commendable. He was kind to give TV interviews to couple of TV channels. We hosted him a small party. Archana Rajasekaran, N2 student sang famous Rajini songs, Arvind our student enacted as Rajini and danced. Teachers of ABK – AOTS Japanese School sang a Tamil song translated in Japanese. Vasantha Gnanaseelan San wrote a poem of Yasuda San in Japanese and Tamil. She also translated a famous Tamil Song and sang. Yasuda San and his wife thoroughly enjoyed the events. Our teachers organised potluck lunch. Each of them brought 1 dish and we served a feast for Yasuda San. It was a total cultural exchange and we were overwhelmed by his kind gesture.



**Japanese Language NAT Exam at Meenakshi Sundararajan Engineering College  
--- 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023 ---**

The Japanese Language NAT-TEST is an examination that measures the Japanese language ability of students who are not native Japanese speakers. The tests are separated by difficulty (Q1 to Q5) and general ability is measured in three categories: Grammar/Vocabulary, Listening and Reading Comprehension. NAT Test is being held six times a year. ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre in association with Senmon Kyouiku, Japan have conducted the NAT TEST in Chennai on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at Meenakshi Sundararajan Engineering College, Chennai



## Oban Festival --- 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023 ---

Obon is a custom that has evolved into a family reunion holiday which people return to ancestral family places and visit and clean their ancestor's graves when the spirits of ancestors are supposed to revisit the household altars. It has been celebrated in Japan for more than 500 years and traditionally includes a dance, known as Bon odori.

We explained about Obon to our students. 85+ students enthusiastically participated. Madhumitha san started the event with introducing the agenda. Vignesh San explained about Obon. Satomi Sensei demonstrated bon odori and made them all dance to the traditional obon song.



## 27<sup>th</sup> Japan India Student Conference --- 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023 ---





### Signing of MOU with Jeppiaar University for conducting Japanese Language Classes --- 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023 ---

President of ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre Mr. G.Chandramohan and Dr. Regeena Murali, Founder & Chancellor of Jeppiaar University, Chennai signed and exchanged a MOU on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023 for teaching Japanese Language to the students of the University & prepare them to take up JLPT Examinations.







**AOTS – Japan Training Program on Co-creation  
by CSD method in India at Hotel Ramada, Chennai  
--- 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023 ---**



**Participating in the Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of South Asian Federation of AOTS Alumni Society (SAFAAS) at Bangladesh  
--- 31<sup>st</sup> August & 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 ---**



**MOU Exchanging with Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education & Research for conducting Japanese Language Classes  
--- 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023 ---**

Exchange of MOU between Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education & Research and ABK AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre for conducting Japanese Language Classes seen in the picture Mr. V.R. Venkataachalam, Chancellor, Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research and Mr. M.R. Ranganathan, Chairman and Dr. Usha, Deputy Director of ABK AOTS DOSOKAI, Japanese Language School.

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To

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Founder Chairman  
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Dear Mr. Ranganathan,

On behalf of Chancellor, Faculty & Staff of SRHER, I am delighted to invite you and Mr. G. Chandramohan, President, ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI to our Founder's Day & University Day on 20th September, 2023 at 02.00 P.M. On this day we want to announce the Partnership between "ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI (Japanese)", with Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research (DU) for teaching of Japanese language to the students at SRHER(DU).

We would be delighted if you both could join us on this day for formal exchange with MOUS and be felicitated by our Chancellor.

Yours Sincerely,

  
Pro Vice-Chancellor

Formerly known as Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute (Deemed University)  
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**33rd Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre**

**--- 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 ---**





**Participating in the Japan Night No. 11 at Rani Seethai Hall in coordination with The Consulate General of Japan in Chennai --- 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 ---**





## Our Planned Events for the Next Quarter October to December 2023

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - 49<sup>th</sup> Fesember is the annual international cultural festival, ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre in coordination National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli

16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - Navarathri Golu & Hinamatsuri Celebration at ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI Tamilnadu

25<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - Function and hand over the Auto Rickshaw to Underprivileged Women Auto drivers

3<sup>rd</sup> ~ 19<sup>th</sup> November - Travelling Exhibition "SUSHI EXHIBITION" at Lalit Kala Akademi

4<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – 6<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION ON "INNOVATIVE QC TEAMS" competition at Pune.

12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - Japanese Language NAT Exam

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 - Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)

10<sup>th</sup> December 2023 - Japanese Language NAT Exam

*Thank  
you*

