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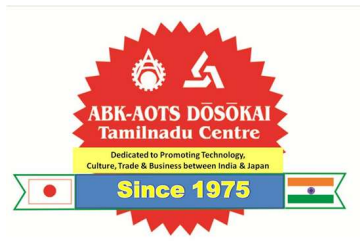


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### ***Miraitowa's long and lonely wait....***

Why lonely, you may ask? Who is Miraitowa, you may wonder...

Just as we were being hopeful of seeing the beginning of the end of the Corona virus, here it is – lifting its troublesome head again! There are diverse opinions floating around the second wave that is being experienced in many countries just as we were all looking forward of the return of our worlds, as we had known it before March 2020. That's not yet to be, I think. May we all stay safe by exhibiting appropriate human behaviour that can keep this virus at bay – vaccinations or not. Let us not abandon caution by overlooking simple actions like physical distancing, hand-washing and wearing of masks. Let 'charity' begin at our homes.

And, that brings us back to our lonely Miraitowa. As you may already be aware, Miraitowa is the mascot for the Tokyo Olympics 2020 (2021?) and is based on the Japanese words 'mirai' meaning future and 'towa' meaning eternity....two words that are perhaps very topical on everyone's mind!

After experiencing a long and lonely wait, we all hope that Miraitowa will inspire strong and everlasting hope in the hearts of everyone around the world. We look forward to the cheer of the Olympic Games that will start on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July 2021, interestingly carrying the original moniker of Tokyo 2020! International spectators will be unable to visit Japan and cheer their favourite teams and athletes but hey, why worry about it when we have enough anxiety on our laps already? Let's all enjoy the televised broadcast of the games, if we are unable to be 'there' in flesh and blood! Let us wish our teams a most wonderful and winning time at Tokyo!

As you are reading this newsletter, the Olympic torch relay would be in its second fortnight of its four month long journey across Japan. Held under the concept of "Hope Lights Our Way," the relay would have begun in Fukushima in a bid to showcase the progress Japan has made with the reconstruction of its north-eastern region ravaged by the March 2011 earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster.

Let us all exhibit the same hope and perseverance as we emerge out of the shadows of Covid 19 – hopefully soon. We must do everything within our grasp to emerge victorious in this fight. Our team at ABK AOTSDosokai, Tamilnadu Centre, encourages all eligible members and well-wishers to be vaccinated, if they haven't done so already. But do be wary of not dropping your guard even after vaccination. Stay safe everyone...

I close by saluting the spirit of our team, members and well-wishers. Our activities have continued, albeit electronically, with the same fervour, enthusiasm and outcome that we have grown to expect. Let's applaud their efforts. Happy reading about all that they did recently!

O daijinasattekudasai!

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



## JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL ACTIVITY

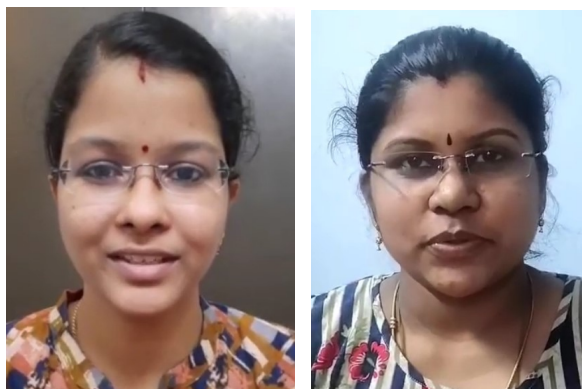
### JAPANESE NEW YEAR SONG

--- 01<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2021---

Japanese New Year Song sung by our N4 students, Ms. Subhashree & Ms. Chintha Poorani & Ms. Kruthi . Video edited by Mr. Shankara Narayanan of N5.

Wish you all a Very Happy New Year!

あけましておめでとうございます。 今年も宜しくお願いします。



### ONLINE ORIENTATION ON WHY LEARN JAPANESE

--- 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021---

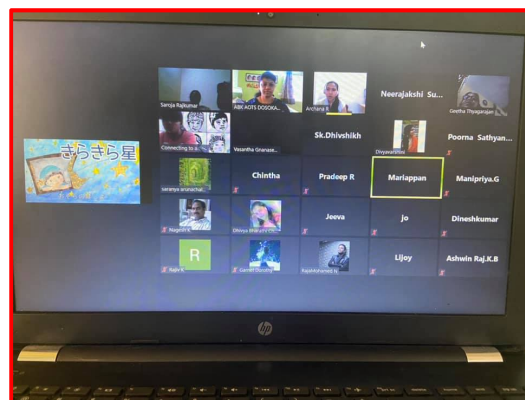
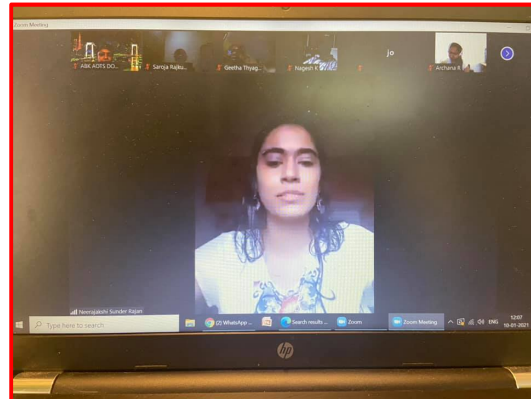
Online orientation on why learn Japanese was conducted to 225 college students on 5th Jan 2021. There was good response from the students and glad to note that youngsters are ready to explore a new culture and language. The ongoing classes 16 batches consists of 182 students. N5 – 76 participants in 7 batches, N4 – 68 participants in 7 batches & N3 –38 participants in 2 batches We have developed our own Question banks, PPTs, Videos and teaching materials for N5 , N4 & N3 with the support of our own faculties.



### WEBINAR ON KARAOKE NIGHT

--- 10 JANUARY 2021---

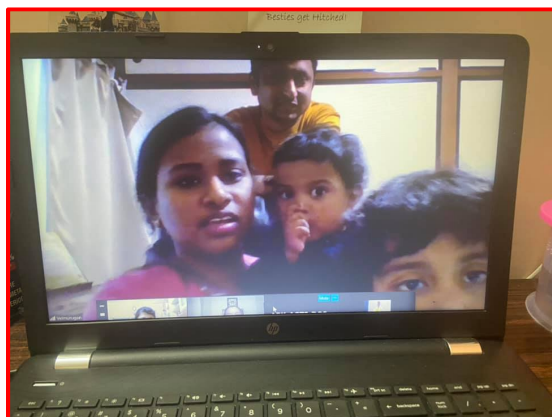
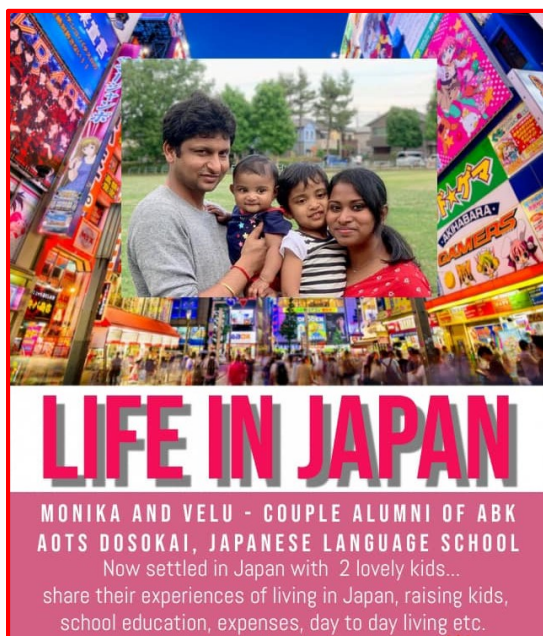
Karaoke night by Nodojiman winner Neerajakshi San! 3 songs were taught in 3 different levels : easy, medium, hard songs. Kira Kira Hikaru, Doraemon song and Nandemonaiya from Kimi no na wa were explained in detail and taught line by line. Finally students were able to sing them easily like a pro!



## SESSION ON LIFE IN JAPAN BY MS. MONIKA NATARAJAN & MR. VELMUGURAN

--- 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021---

Ms. Monika Natarajan and Velmurugan, who can be called as Alumni couple or Talk your way to Japan speech contest couples who have settled in Japan with two children. Monika san shared a lot of details about day to day life, cost of living, school education system, giving birth in Japan, work culture etc. it was very very beneficial and motivating to the students. The session ended with cute singing of her children. All thanks to our alumni couple for this wonderful session.



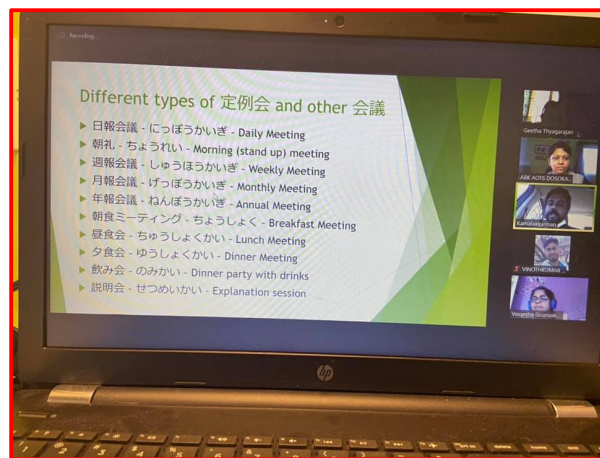
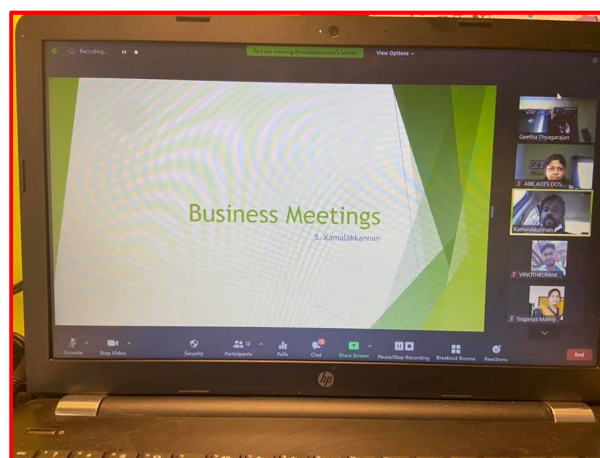
## SESSION ON BUSINESS MEETINGS

--- 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021---

A very interesting session on Business meetings was conducted by our Japanese Language teacher Kamalakkannan san who now works for Capgemini in Tokyo.

In this session he shared a lot of information on different types of business meetings in Japanese companies, how often are meetings conducted, what are the do's and don'ts, how to dress up for meetings, what to talk and what not to talk in meetings, when to use keigo and kenjougo, how important it is to participate in nomikai etc.

He shared a lot of personal experiences and it was a lot of learning and motivation for our students.





## INTERVIEW OF HIROYOSHI TAKEDA SAN

--- 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021---

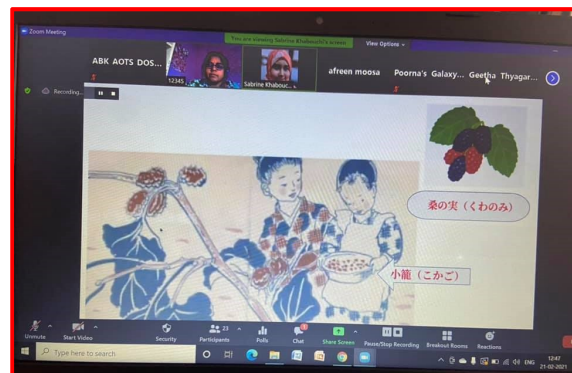
A very lively interview of Hiroyoshi Takeda san who runs South Indian catering service called "Masalawala" in Tokyo, who is a diehard fan of RajiniKanth and who is a very good artist. He shared his story of how he became a fan of South Indian culture from his childhood, cuisine and cinema. He is a mad fan of Rajinikanth and celebrates Rajini's birthday and wedding anniversary in such a grand manner at Japan. He with his enthusiastic activities promotes south Indian culture in Japan! With affluent knowledge in Tamil, he watches all Tamil movies and is a great fan of Actress Nagma, Keerthi Suresh, Nayantara etc. Being a Ekalavya style student of Dancer / Actor Prabhudeva, he has learnt dance and has danced for famous Tamil songs in several events. He also rides an auto in Japan which is decorated in Rajini style. This interview with such a happy go person in high spirits has definitely motivated our students to develop a passion towards Japanese. Thanks a ton to Hiroyoshi Takeda san for sparing his time for us.



## KARAOKE TIME

--- 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2021---

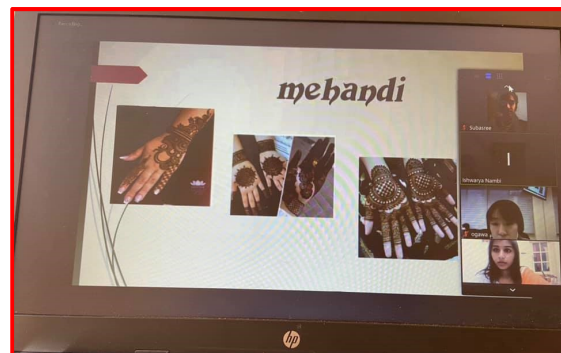
Karaoke time with Sabarine Khabouchi san was a very interactive session today. She is a pro singer with a very sweet voice and she taught a song called "Aka tonbo" by explaining in detail the meaning of the song with background story. Very lively and interesting session it was. Thank you so much sabarine san for a wonderful session.



## INTERACTION WITH NATIVE JAPANESE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

--- 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021---

High school students of ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre had a wonderful opportunity to interact with Native Japanese high school students who are learning English (live from Japan). Various discussions on what kind of higher education do students generally do after high school, fashion, traditional costume of both countries were discussed in both Japanese language and English. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to use their Japanese language skill and at the same time it was a great opportunity for Japanese kids to use their English skills.





## DEBATE IN JAPANESE

--- 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021---

Debate in Japanese !!! A speech contest in a different way!! A very successful attempt taken by ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre

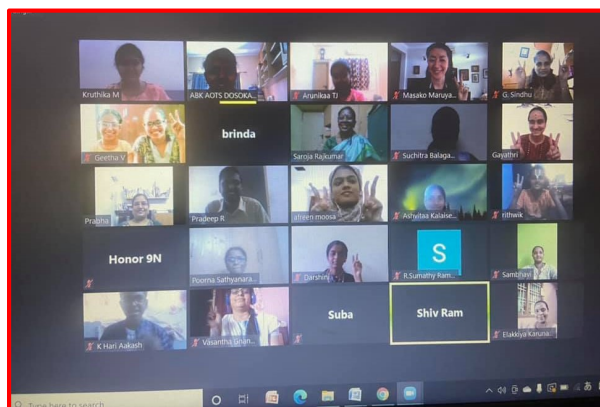
オンライン授業は便利ですか？不便ですか？

どちらが効果的？ 会話？ メール？

どちらが幸せ？ あげる側？ もらう側？

A powerful word fight between the teams happened in Japanese. Masako Maruyama Sama was the Judge and she was really surprised by the way our students performed.

Big thanks to her for giving a detailed feedback about each participant and helping them improve their pronunciation. Congratulations to all the team members who spoke really well.



## VIRTUAL NAVRATRI & HINA-MATSURI CELEBRATION IN COFFEE MEET

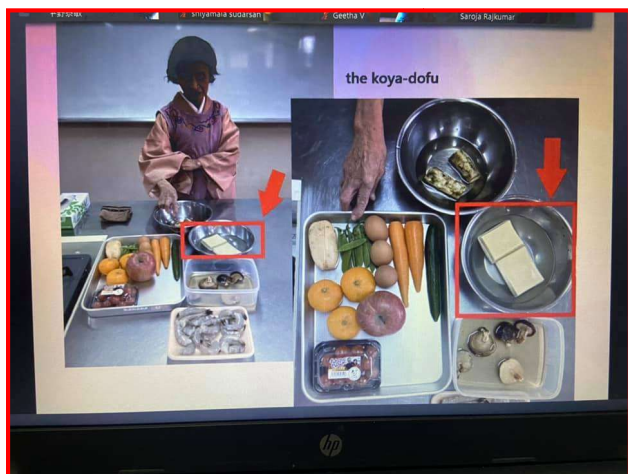
--- 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021---

Hinamatsuri and Golu celebration online happened today with Japanese people from Japan explaining the history of Hinamatsuri, how it is celebrated in Kasaoka, demonstration of Chirashi sushi which is usually prepared during Hinamatsuri festival and Our school teachers explaining Golu festival in detail with presentations, singing songs, dancing for Aigiri nandini song.

It was a very good experience watching the live celebration from Japan explaining our culture to them on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021







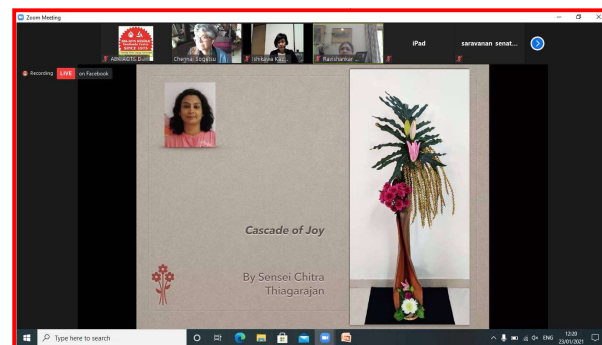
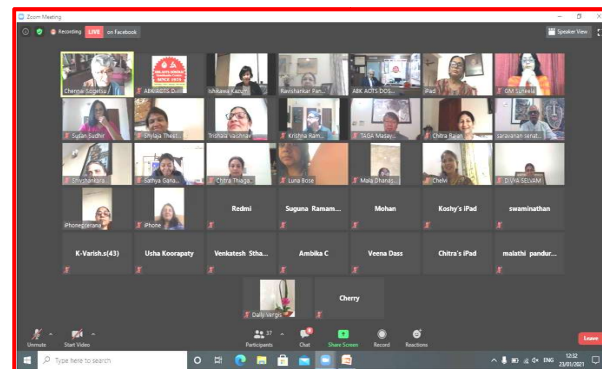
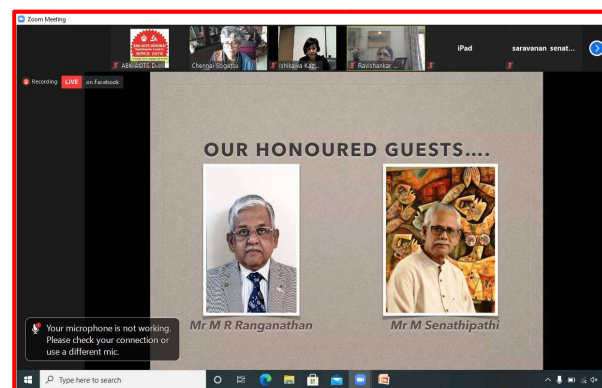
## PARTICIPATING IN THE VIRTUAL INAUGURATION OF 10<sup>TH</sup> SOGETSU IKEBANA EXHIBITION

--- 23 JANUARY 2021---

Our Chairman Mr. M. R. Ranganathan was one of the Honoured Guests for the virtual inauguration of 10<sup>th</sup> Sogetsu Ikebana Exhibition via Zoom along with Chief Guest His Excellency Mr. Masayuki Taga, Consul General of Japan in Chennai



An article about our online Hinamatsuri and Golu celebrations along with people at Kasaoka in Japanese news paper. Activities at ABK going global!





## Ms. Inoue Miyuki, Researcher / Adviser Consulate General of Japan in Chennai

--- 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 ---

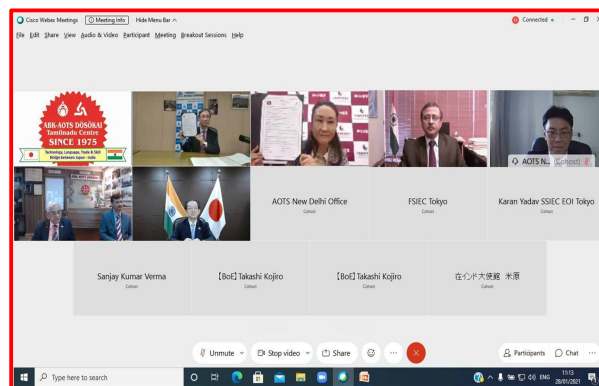
Ms. Inoue Miyuki, Researcher / Adviser- Culture & Information Section, Consulate General of Japan in Chennai visited our centre and had discussion about the JLPT online application software process and the forthcoming Japan Cultural programs.



## SIGNING OF MOU

--- 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021 ---

President Kuwayama Sama of AOTS (The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships, Japan) and Mrs. Ria Hirakawa, Superintendent of Hiroshima Prefectural board of Education signed a MOU by Webex. In the presence of Honourable Ambassador of India to Japan, His Excellency Mr. Sanjay Kumar Varma and Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan in India Mr. Toshide Ando. Principal Mr. Kazuhika Fukushima, Hiroshima Global Academy (HIGA) introduced the school, Mr. Kenichi Koto, Teacher's , consultant of Hiroshima Prefectural board of Examination welcomed the guests. Mr. M. R. Raganathan, President -South Asia Federation of AOTS Alumni Societies (SAFAAS) and Chairman of our Centre introduced about the Alumni Association in India





### Hiroshima Global Academy

ABK AOTS DOSOKAI TAMILNADU CENTER will be recruiting on behalf of AOTS (Japan) students for the HIROSHIMA GLOBAL ACADEMY (HIGA) students to Join in 10<sup>th</sup> Standard to study for 3 hrs with international student Community with a global exposure an Complete tuition waiver for 3 years and leading to IB level Examination. For further details write to [rangaots@gmail.com](mailto:rangaots@gmail.com) or call Ranganathan at 7550099163 or Sriram at 9176521803.

And watch the Videos for details at

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## **COURTESY VISIT ON HIS EXCELLENCY MR. MASAYUKI TAGA, CONSUL GENERAL OF JAPAN IN CHENNAI**

**--- 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021---**

Our Chairman Mr. M. R. Ranganathan, our President Mr. G. Chandramohan, Vice President Mr. C. Sriram & Director Japanese Language School Mrs. R. Anuradha made a courtesy visit on His Excellency Mr. Masayuki Taga, Consul General of Japan in Chennai on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021.



## **JAPANESE LANGUAGE – NAT TEST AT MEENAKSHI SUNDARARAJAN ENGINEERING COLLEGE, CHENNAI**

**--- 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021---**

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 Kyoiiku, Japan have been conducted the NAT TEST in Chennai held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at Meenakshi Sundararajan Engineering College, Kodambakkam, Chennai. The exam conducted in two sessions Q3 & Q5 in Morning Session and Q1, Q2 & Q4 in Afternoon Session Totally 536 examinees attended in various levels

## **NAT TEST IN APRIL 2021**

The forthcoming NAT Test on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at Velammal Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Mogappair in two sessions Q3 & Q5 in Morning Session and Q2 & Q4 in Afternoon Session around 1030 examinees applied in various levels.



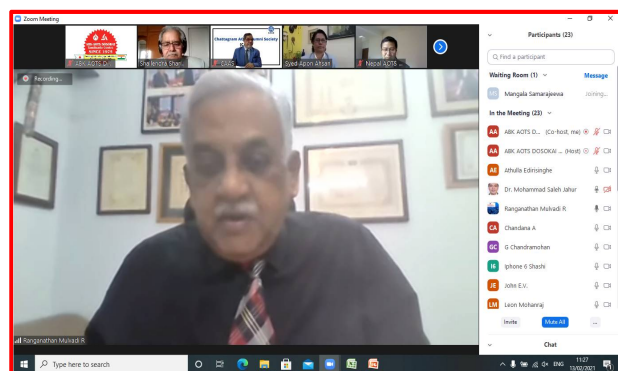
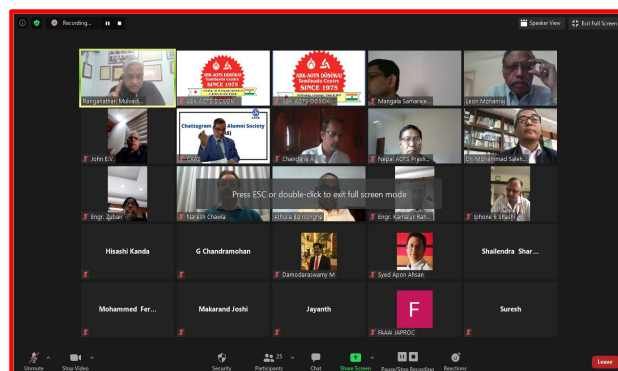
## ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF SOUTH ASIAN FEDERATION OF AOTS ALUMNI SOCIETIES (SAFAAS) through zoom PLATFORM

--- 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021 ---

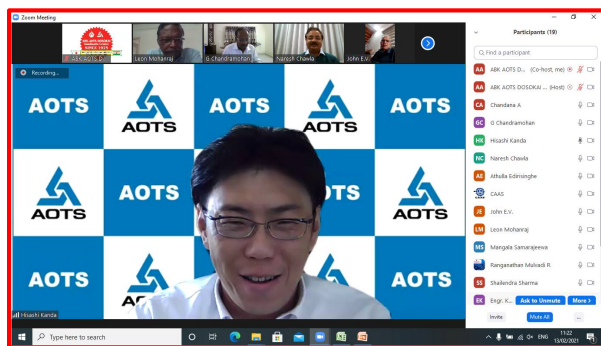
The AGM of South Asian Federation of AOTS Alumni Societies (SAFAAS) was held online on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2021 through ZOOM Platform. In which our Chairman and President of SAFAAS Mr. M. R. Ranganathan participated along with our President Mr. G. Chandramohan & Secretary Mr. M. Damodarasamy. During the AGM Mr. Prashant Lal Shrestha of Nepal AOTS Alumni Society, Nepal was elected as the President of SAFAAS for 2021 to 2023.

Position in SAFAAS	Name of the Member & Representing Alumni Association
President	Mr. Prashant L Shrestha Nepal AOTS Alumni Society (NAAS), Nepal
Past President Ex officio member	Mr. M. R. Ranganathan ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre
Senior Vice President	Mr. Syed Ahsanul Apon Bangladesh AOTS-HIDA Alumni Society (BAAS)
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Review Experts Committee	President FAAAI, India
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Executive committee Members	Mr. Saifuddin Ahmed Chattagram AOTS Alumni Society (CAAS)
Executive committee Members	Mr. Jayanth Murthy AOTS Alumni Association, Gujarat
Executive committee	Mr. N. S. Shashikantha

Members	AOTS Alumni Association , Karnataka Regional center
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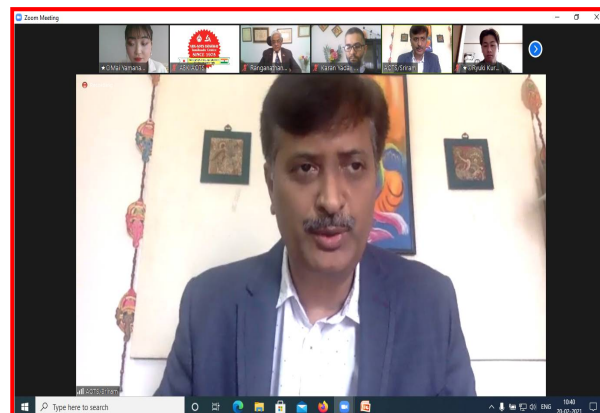
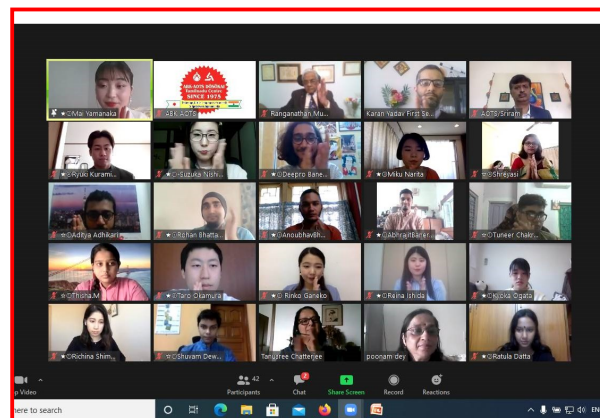


## 24<sup>TH</sup> JAPAN INDIA STUDENTS CONFERENCE (JISC) THROUGH ONLINE

---20<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2021---

The 24<sup>th</sup> Japan India Students Conference held was on 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021 through online ZOOM Platform. A team of 5 students from RMK Group of Institution were recommended by our centre who participated in the 24<sup>th</sup> JISC. The main purpose of JISC (Japan India Student Conference) is to realize the mutual understanding between Japan and India. We believe that the best means to accomplish this is to have a prominent experience in communicating with the Indian people and understanding their countries. To promote goodwill and understanding between Japan and India through the students of India and Japan.

Our Chairman Mr. M. R. Ranganathan and our Vice President Mr. C. Sriram participated during the inaugural ceremony of 24<sup>th</sup> JISC on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2021



## SEMINAR ON MANUFACTURING CREATIVITY – JAPANESE WAY

--- 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021---

Our Chairman Mr. M. R. Ranganathan is a resource person for the Seminar on Manufacturing Creativity – Japanese way organized by The Institution of Engineers (India), Trichirappalli held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020 through ZOOM Platform

**The Institution of Engineers (India)**  
TIRUCHIRAPPALLI Local Centre  
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"100 Years of Relentless Journey towards Engineering Advancement for Nation Building"

**Topic :** Manufacturing Creativity - Japanese Way  
**Division :** Production Engineering

**Speaker :** Er M R Ranganathan , Director,  
Premier Centre for Competency Training,  
Organization under the National Skill,  
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Government of India, Chennai.

Meeting ID: 843 6212 1791  
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**Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021 --18.15 hrs (India)**

**Join Zoom Meeting**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84362121791?pwd=dUdWSXJTRWZxbTgySVY0NDZGTWFyQT09>

All are cordially invited to attend the online lecture talk. Non-members are also welcome

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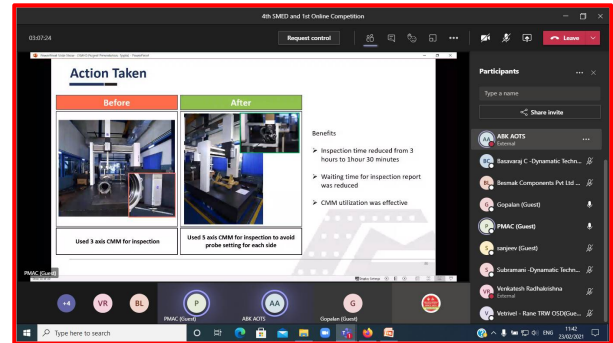
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## 4<sup>TH</sup> SMED COMPETITION THROUGH ZOOM / MICROSOFT

--- 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2021---

ABK- AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre organised the 4<sup>th</sup> SMED Competition through online on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021.

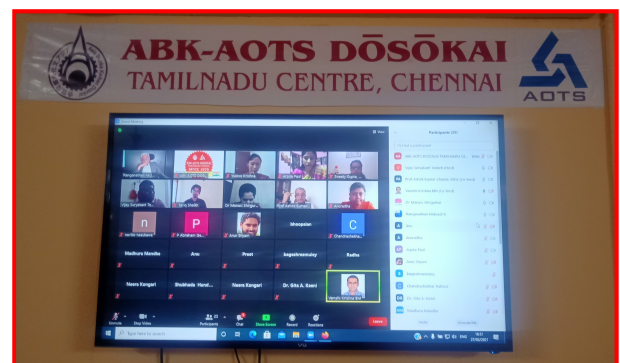
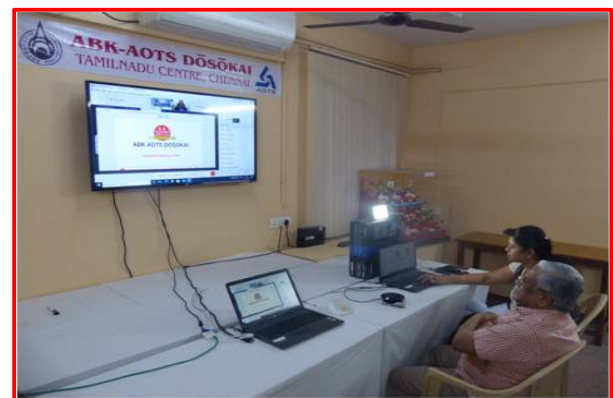
Totally 8 teams from 6 companies enthusiastically participated in the competition.



## JALTAI SYMPOSIUM: JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCENARIO IN INDIA – THEN AND NOW

--- 27<sup>TH</sup> FEB & 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021---

Japanese Language Teachers Association of India (JALTAI) held a Symposium : Japanese Language Scenario in India – Then and Now, This symposium was part of a series of three symposia to suggest the way-forward for the Japanese language in India on 27 February 2021 & 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021 in coordination with Ministry of External Affairs.

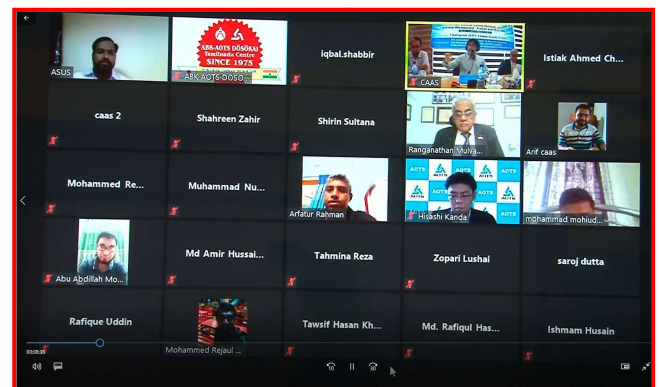




## WNF WEBINAR ON JAPANESE MANAGEMENT : KAIZEN AND 5S IN SMEs

--- 12 & 13 MARCH 2021---

WNF Webinar on Japanese Management : Kizen and 5S in SMEs was conducted for the members of CAAS ( Chattagram AOTS ALUMNI SOCITY ) Bangladesh, under the WNF ( world network of Friendship ) of AOTS , sponsored by AOTS Japan and Federation of AOTS Alumni Association of India (FAAAI) Resources person our Chairman M.R. Ranganathan, in the presence of Mr. Hisashi Kanda, General Manager, AOTS New Delhi Office.



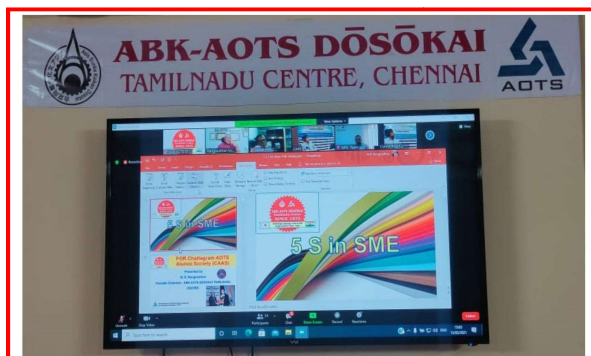
## “MONOZUKURI WA HITOZUKURI” FOR AFAAS SPONSORED BY WORLD NETWORK OF FRIENDSHIP OF AOTS & AFAAS

--- 15<sup>TH</sup> TO 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021---

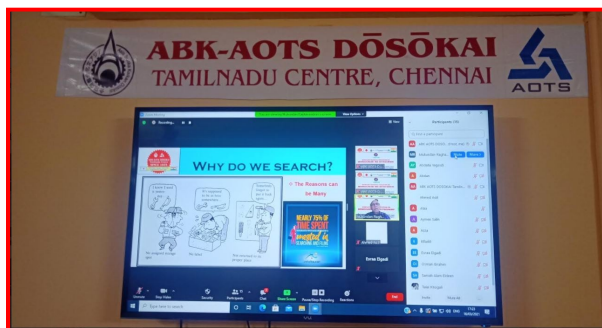
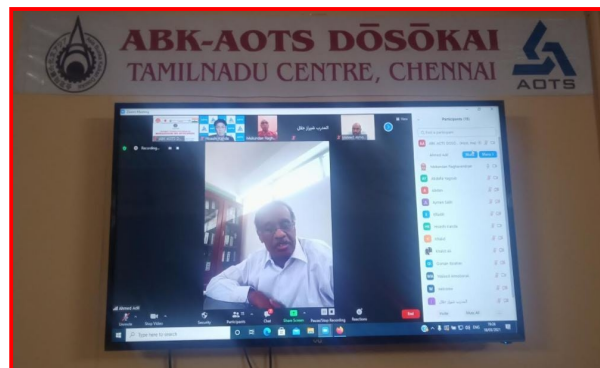
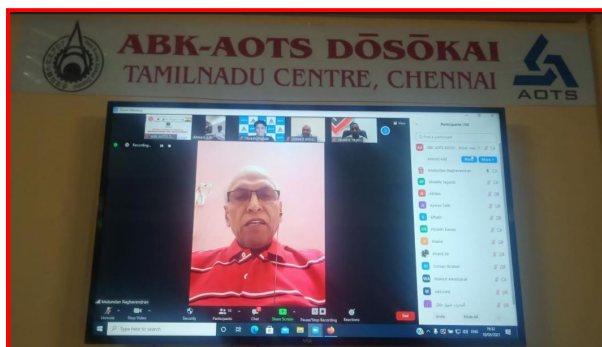
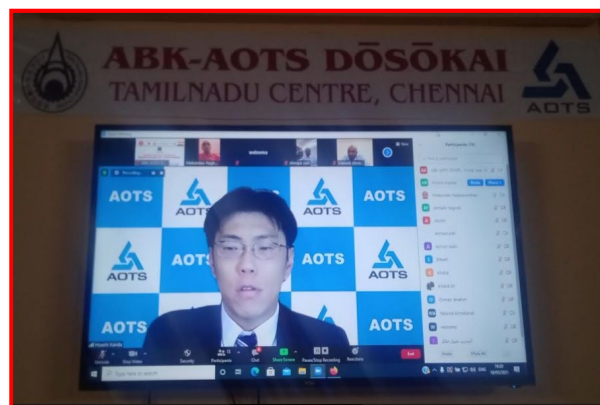
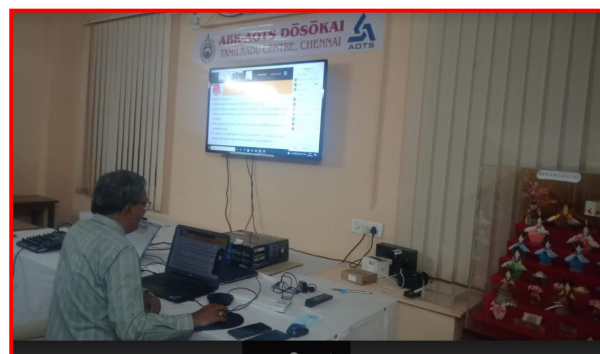
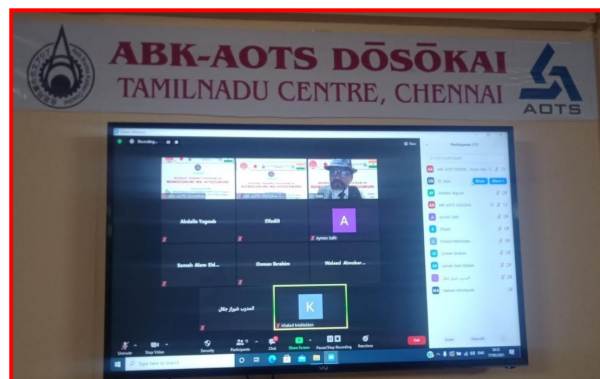
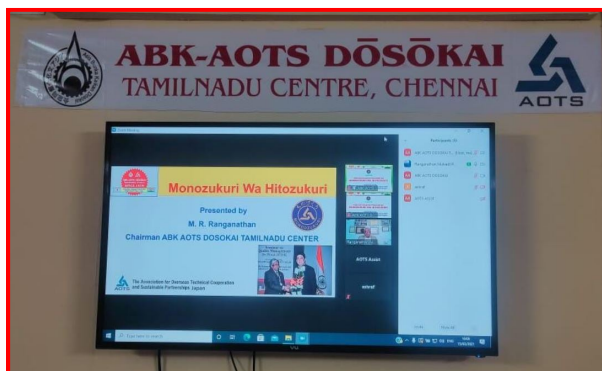
ABK- AOTS DOSOKAI, TAMILNADU CENTER conducted a Webinar for 4 days on the Topic “MONOZUKURI WA HITOZUKURI” for AFAAS (AFRICA FEDERATION OF AOTS ALUMNI SOCIETIES) sponsored by World network of Friendship of AOTS & AFAAS from 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021, around 10 members are participated in the webinar. Mr. Masami Tada, AOTS –Japan delivered the Inaugural Address on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

The webinar covered the following topics

- Over view – Monozukuri wa Hitozukuri Craftmanship & people building by our Chairman Mr. M. R. Ranganathan
- Use of 5S achieving Monozukuri and Kaizen Techniques by our Vice President Mr.R.Mukundan as the lead faculty
- Improving efficiency and loss reduction using TPM as a Monozukuri Tool by Dr.R.Balakrishnan, Program Director of our centre
- TQM- introduction, subsystems and QC Tools by Mr. B.Palaniappan, Director – Quality & Productivity Initiative of our centre.



Mr. Hisashi Kanda, General Manger AOTS in New Delhi gave the valedictory address and Mr. Adhil Ali President AFAAS and Mr Mukundan Vice President ABK AOTS spoke thanking both the organisations and talked about long term future cooperation between ABK AOTS DOSOKAI and SUDANAAS and AFAAS. Participants also provided the feed back on well delivered and received course





## 3<sup>rd</sup> COMPETITION ON SAFETY, HEALTH,& ENVIRONMENT

--- 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021---

ABK- AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre organised the 3<sup>rd</sup> Competition on Safety, Health,& Environment (SHEC) through online on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Totally 26 teams from 13 companies enthusiastically participated in the competition.

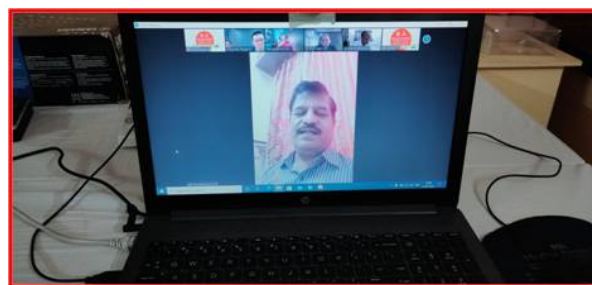


## JLPT HOST INSTITUTIONS ONLINE MEETING

--- 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021---

The Japan Foundation, New Delhi conducted the JLPT Host Institution online meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021 through Zoom platform. The main purpose of the meeting is To network among institutions & To give platform to the entire JLPT host Institutions(India) to share and discuss new challenges, schedule, suggestions, measures etc. to facilitate the JLPT 2021 successfully in the view of COVID pandemic situation.

Our Chairman Mr. M. R. Ranganathan, our President Mr. G. Chandramohan and our Vice President Mr.C Sriram and Mr. M.Damodaraswamy, Secretary – Japanese Language Proficiency Test of our Centre are participated in the meeting.



## PARTICIPATING IN THE AOTS WEBINAR

We thank AOTS – Japan for organising the webinar on different topics, it helps our alumni members to participate in large numbers.

- 128 participants from 30 companies are recommended by our centre to participated in the AOTS Webinar on Corporate Revilazation Practical Action 5S for ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre and JASTECA ,Srilanka held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021
- 53 participants from 23 companies are recommended by our centre to participated in the AOTS Webinar on Program and Project Management in the New Normal held on 20 January 2021
- 22 participants from 14 companies were recommended by our centre to participate in the AOTS Webinar on The Program on Productivity Improvement (TRTPPI) -Energy Conservation through Productivity Enhancement as well as the Improvement of Operation practices in Production lines held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021
- 19 participants from 9 companies were recommended by our centre to participate in the AOTS Webinar on Emerging Trend of DX (Digital Transformation) in Global Management (ORPICT1)held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021
- 176 participants from 48 companies were recommended by our centre to participate in the AOTS Webinar on Introduction of TQM (OROP07) held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021
- 165 participants from 40 companies were recommended by our centre to participate in the AOTS Webinar on Introduction to the QC Story - QC Problem-Solving methods as a basis of TQM (OROP09) held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021
- 24 participants from 13 companies were recommended by our centre to participate in the AOTS Webinar on The Leadership for the Post COVID-19 Era~Lessons from the best practices in Japan~ (ORLDTP) held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021
- 18 participants from 14 companies were The Executive Program on Corporate Management ~ Management, Organizations, and Strategies during and beyond the Time of the Coronavirus Pandemic (OREPCM) held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## Dell PowerEdge T440 (Tower Server)

We purchased Dell PowerEdge T440 (Tower Server)- 16TB Harddisk with os drive for our office use



## PLASMION

- In order to contain Air Pollution & bacterial infection though air we have purchased Bipolar Ionization Product "PLASMION" from M/s. Kankyoo Group of Companies .





## CHERRY BLOSSOMS

According to Yuichiro Ando, who holds a doctorate in literature, up to the middle part of the Edo Period (1603-1868), the term hanami (flower viewing) originally referred not to cherry blossoms, but to plum blossoms. Japanese first began going out to view ume (plum) blossoms during the Nara Period (710-794), an era that partially overlapped with China's Tang Dynasty (618-906).

One of the earliest recorded cases of viewing cherry blossoms was in 812, when Emperor Saga — namesake of the Saga Goryu school of ikebana — held a festival at the Shinsen-en garden close to his palace. Subsequently, the association of cherry blossoms with Japan's emperors became established.

The annual custom of blossom-viewing gradually spread from the aristocracy to the samurai warrior class. Warlord Toyotomi Hideyoshi (1537-98), who designed the garden at Sanho-in within the precincts of Daigo-ji temple in Kyoto, ordered the planting of 700 cherry trees.

As mentioned earlier, flower viewing was by no means limited to cherry blossoms as the custom gradually trickled down to the common folk. According to Ando, seasonal viewing began with plum blossoms, followed by cherry, then azalea from late spring and finally chrysanthemum during autumn. This inspired the phrase, "Ume ni hajimari, kiku ni owari" ("[A year] beginning with plums and ending with chrysanthemums").

It was not until the waning years of the Edo Period that the hardy hybrid tree now called Somei-Yoshino was planted in many parts of the country. This tree was first cultivated in the village of Somei, in what is now Tokyo's Toshima Ward. Those wishing to see the tree's reputed place of origin can visit the Someiyoshino Sakura Memorial Park, located immediately adjacent to the north side of Komagome Station on Tokyo's Yamanote loop line.



-Courtesy Japan Times

### Our Planned Events for the Next Quarter April to June 2021

#### 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Mr. Noguchi Kousuke, Director for Japanese Language & Japanese Studies/Intellectual Exchanges, The Japan Foundation, New Delhi & Ms.Koji Sato, New Director General, Japan Foundation visiting our centre.

#### 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Japanese Language – NAT Exam at Vellammal Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Mogappair, Chennai

#### 24<sup>th</sup> April 2021

4<sup>th</sup> KAIZEN COMPETITION (AOTS KC - 2021) through online

#### 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Japanese Language – NAT Exam at Vellammal Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Mogappair, Chennai