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Have a Very
Happy,
Prosperous
New Year
2023 with a
Lot of
Success.



With Best Wishes from Chairman, President, Members and Staff of



ABK-AOTS DŌSŌKAI
TAMILNADU CENTRE, CHENNAI.



A Cultural, Technical & Trade Bridge Between Japan & India



Is KarēRaisu, Yōshoku? Really?

A recent call to someone dear in Japan set me thinking about the influence of Indian food in Japanese culture.

My midday call caught her tucking into some delectable desi cuisine at a hip restaurant in down town Tokyo. As she described her meal and the overarching proportions of the local populace there, I couldn't help but think of my flings with Indian cuisine in Japan – including KarēRaisu often passed off as Yōshoku!

Some quick reading gave me interesting insights of KarēRaisu in Japan, as early as the 1870's – travelling there from Britain with their sailors. Some reverse-colonisation, this! So much so that many people still believe that KarēRaisu is a part of Western cuisine – discounting the origin of the word 'Kari' from our very own Tamil language!!

Today, Karē is that quintessential spicy dish that has become such a central part of Japanese lifestyle. For a nation whose cuisine – in most parts- does not offer this taste profile, the various renditions of Karē is now found almost everywhere – as street food, home-cooked food, fast food and the ultimate comfort food. Think Karē, think Nakamuraaya. Think Karē, think CoColchiCanKarē for Christmas soon join the Kentucky for Christmas tradition? Perhaps....



By the time you read this edition of e-Nihon-Mon, year 2023 would have descended upon us, bringing with it a lot of new hopes and inspirations. The hangover clinics may have disappeared. Resolutions may have been made and broken. Hatsumodes may have been completed. E-Nengas may have flooded your inboxes. And the ugly head of Covid that was slowly rising in the last fortnight of the year gone by, may have been beaten down to the ground. Never to return.

Shinnen, akemashite omedetogozaimasu. May all our dreams come true.

I shall sign off by saying Take 'Karē'!

*Yoroshiku,
Again, in 2023.*

Harikumar B
Editor – eNihon Mon





“Online Philatelic Exposition of Japanese Stamps” One Week One Theme for 50 weeks

To commemorate the “70 Anniversary of India – Japan Diplomatic Relationship”, between India & Japan ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre, is conducting the “Online Philatelic Exposition of Japanese Stamps”. One Week One Theme for 50 weeks from 12 February 2022 onwards. This online Zoom Lecture Series is being conducted by M.R.Ranganathan our Chairman and Member of International society for Japanese Philately & South Indian Philatelic Association. These presentations can be viewed in YouTube also-

1 October 2022

Showa Series – 1946 to 1952

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BKYLxgr3OT4>

8 October 2022

Tourism Places in Japan – Part A

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2bQMpFN1YIE>

15 October 2022

Tourism Places in Japan – Part B

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LGsjDG444VU>

22 October 2022

Journey in Japan

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3s1Eq7QSJnU>

29 October 2022

Fauna of Japan

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tAg_tmUkJ8c

5 November 2022

Anniversaries & Events 1/7 – 1894 to 1959

<https://youtu.be/5GXGm1XMmrM>

12 November 2022

Anniversaries & Events 2/7 – 1959 to 1972

<https://youtu.be/SMV6RhgGcMvI>

19 November 2022

Anniversaries & Events 3/7 – 1972 to 1989

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wplCMaoEOq>

26 November 2022

Anniversaries & Events 4/7 – 1990 to 1999

<https://youtu.be/ev5La4xCmMo>

3 December 2022

Anniversaries & Events 5/7 - 2000 to 2007

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8SbD40MIac>

10 December 2022

Anniversaries & Events 6/7 – 2007 - 2011

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E50dcXjTVk8>

17 December 2022

Anniversaries & Events 7/7 – 2014 to 2022

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UNSPuDJWA3M>

24 December 2022

Tokyo Olympics 1964

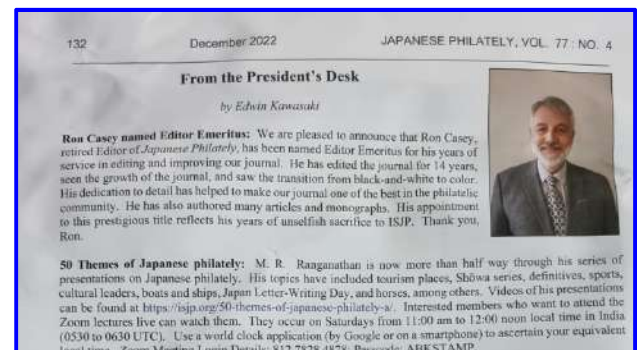
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JClqp9pVkwA>

31 December 2022

Tokyo Olympics 2020

<https://youtu.be/ZRIVWfAbclg>

We are happy to inform that our ABK AOTS DOSOKAI's philatelic presentations, "50 themes in 50 weeks" are shared in the ISJP, International Society of Japanese Philately website <https://isjp.org/50-themes-of-japanese-philately-a/>



7th Innovative QC Competition

---9 October 2022 ---

ABK- AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre organized the 7th Innovative QC Competition (IQCC) on 9th October 2022 at RMK Engineering College, **Kavaraipettai, Gummidipoondi**. Totally 49 teams from 38 organisations registered and 48 teams presented their successful case studies. Totally 262 members attended

Competition was inaugurated by our President Mr. G. Chandramohan. Mr. R. Venkatanarayanan President - HR, IT and CSR, Rane group was the Chief Guest for Award giving ceremony.



The traveling exhibition, “MANGA HOKUSAI MANGA”

---15 ~ 28 October 2022 ---

In commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Japan-India Diplomatic Relations, the Consulate-General of Japan in Chennai, The Japan Foundation and ABK-AOTS Dosokai, Tamilnadu Centre presented the traveling exhibition, “**MANGA HOKUSAI MANGA**” from 16th October to 28th October 2022 open from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (24th October closed) at Lalit Kala Akademi (No.4, Greams Road, Chennai 600 006). The Japanese Manga, in contemporary times, finds appreciation across the globe. This art form of pictorial storytelling has evolved over the years in Japan and one artist who had made an immense contribution in this field is Katsushika Hokusai, who is also known for his great Ukiyo-e works. An entire school of art in himself, Hokusai has a special collection of about 4,000 images in some 800 pages, published in 15 volumes to his credit, popularly known as ‘**Hokusai Manga**’.

The exhibition allowed the visitors to take a closer look at the work of Hokusai and his influences on modern-day manga artists, with imageries from all fifteen volumes on display. visitors can see how Hokusai's subjects change as he draws almost everything he can think of.

The exhibition also features exclusive original works by seven current manga artists such as Shiriagari Kotobuki, Yokoyama Yuichi, Nishijima Daisuke, Igarashi Daisuke, Okadaya Tetuzoh, Ichikawa Haruka and KYO Machiko. It also features work by different manga artists from different periods such as Utagawa Kuniyoshi, Oei (Hokusai's daughter), Sugiura Hinako, Sakura Sawa, Okadaya Tetuzoh, Saeki Konosuke, and Kamimura Kazuo among others are also on display.

Mr. TAGA Masayuki, Consul General of Japan in Chennai inaugurated the Exhibition on **Saturday, 15 October at 4:00 p.m.**

Violin and Irish harp duo performance were preformed by young Japanese musicians **Ms. KOIZUMI Nami and Ms. TAGA Sakura** at **4:30 pm**. Japanese nostalgic and recent pop music were played.

The exhibition was **ENTRY FREE and open to all**.



Nihongo Assessment Test NAT Exam

---16 October 2022 &
11 December 2022 ---

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 SenmonKyouiku, Japan conducted the NAT TEST in Chennai on 16th October 2022 at VellammalMatriculatin Hr. Sec. School, Chennai & on 13th December 2022 at Meenakshi Sundararajan Engineering College, Chennai



Chennai Japan Expo ---5 November 2022 ---

The Consulate General of Japan in Chennai & ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre organized the **CHENNAI JAPAN EXPO** (Mega event to introduce the culture of Japan) to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the diplomatic relations between Japan and India) on 5th November 2022 at Firm's Banquet Hall

THE EXPO CONSISTED

OF Exhibition on

Japanese Dolls
Ikebana
Bonsai
Japanese Lesson

Demonstration & workshop on

Tea Ceremony
Origami
Sumi Painting
Calligraphy
Kendo
Judo
Karate
Kubudo

Dance performance on Bharathanatyam & Noh performance

Music&Song performance

Seminar on Introduction of Japanese companies like Isuzu, Fumakila, Indo Nissin, Unicharm , Toshiba & Lexus were held at the premises.

Mr. TAGA Masayuki, Consul General of Japan in Chennai inaugurated the Expo on 5th November 2022





AOTS – Japan - Training cum Workshop on Food Technology

--11th & 12th November 2022 ---

As part of our yearlong activities, we organized the “Two Day Workshop on “Project to develop coordinators for value co-creation (Solving Food loss)” in coordination with Kanto Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry International Affairs Division , Ministry of Economy Trade and Industry (METI) & The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS). at Hotel Ramada Plaza, Guindy, Chennai, on 10th & 11th November 2022.

Course Contents

- Analyze issues faced by local companies
- Understand the technologies, products, and business practices of Japanese companies
- Acquire the know-how necessary to create "value co-creation" businesses

His Excellency Mr. Taga Masayuki ,Consul General of Japan, Consulate General of Japan in Chennai inaugurated the Seminar on 10th November 2022. Totally 24 participants from 14 industries participated in the seminar





Seminar on IRODORI Workshop

--12th November 2022 ---

The Japan Foundation organized a Seminar on IRODORI WORKSHOP on 12th November 2022 at ABK AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre.

The workshop was on live demonstration of online teaching techniques. Seminar on Irodori By Zaikokuji Shohei Sensei & Irodori with Google Class By Murakami Yoshifumi Sensei from Japan Foundation were conducted

Mini Japanese Language Lecture Using Irodori and Japanese Games By Fukuwaraisan and Karuta San Members of Japan Foundation, Newdelhi were also held.



5th National Convention on Innovative QC Teams (NCIQCT- 2022)

--13th November 2022 ---

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre in association with Alumni Society of AOTS Kerala, Kochi supported by Federation of AOTS Alumni Associations of India (FAAAI), Newdelhi, jointly organized the 5th National Convention on Innovative QC Teams (NCIQCT – 2022) on Sunday, 13th November 2022 at Nippon Kerala Centre, Kochi. Totally 66 teams from 47 organisations presented their case studies.

From Tamilnadu ABK AOTS DOSOKAI 49 teams from 32 organizations participated. From ASA KERALA 16 teams from 14 organisations and one team from AOTS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL INDIA, Pune participated

His Excellency Mr. Taga Masayuki, Consul-General of Japan, Chennai, was the chief Guest. Mr. Eiji Teshima, General Manager AOTS was the guest of honor for the inaugural function.

Mr. Shri George Sleeba, Chairman, Kerala State Productivity Council, Executive Director, Chittilapilly Foundation and Former CMD, FACT, Kochi was the chief guest for the award ceremony. He delivered the valedictory address and gave away the prizes to the teams.

The Organisers thank Federation of AOTS Alumni Association of India (FAAAI) for disbursing the contribution of Rs.1,00,000/- for conducting this national competition.





Certificate of Commendation by the Consul General of Japan in Chennai for the year 2022 ---30 November 2022 ---

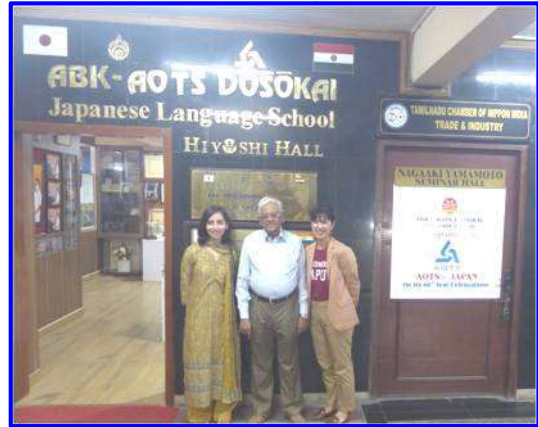
Certificate of Commendation was awarded to our Vice President Mr. Chellappa Sriram by His Excellency Mr. Taga Masayuki – Consul General of Japan in Chennai at a Special function held on 30th November 2022 at the Official Residence of the Consul General of Japan in Chennai. This commendation is in recognition for his contributions to the promotion of mutual understanding and friendship between Japan and India.



Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) at Vellammal Matric. Hr. Sec. School, Chennai

--4th December 2022---

The Japanese Language Proficiency Test, (JLPT) is being held twice a year on the first Sunday of July & December Annually. Our centre has been identified by the Japan Foundation through the Consulate General of Japan in Chennai for conducting the Japanese Language Proficiency Test in Chennai on for the last 20 years and this year's December 2022 test was conducted on December 5th at Vellammal Matriculation Hr. Sec.School, T. S. Krishnanagar, Chennai.



Annual General Body Meeting-

---13th December 2022 ---

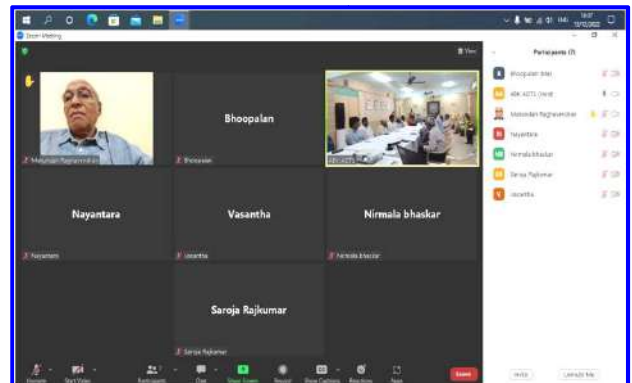
The Annual General Body meeting of our centre was conducted on 13th December 2022 at our centre. Some of our outstation members joined by Zoom meeting.



Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU), Japan -

---8th December 2022 ---

Ms. Ai Yamamoto of Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU), Japan and Ms. Ishana Malkani, India Representative Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU), Mumbai Office are visited Chennai on 8th & 9th December 2022. During their visit we had a meeting with the Principals of the Schools in Chennai on Thursday, 8th December 2022 at our centre to appraise them about the various undergraduate Programs & scholarships available for taking up the undergraduate courses in Japan at Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU). The students can obtain 65% to 80% scholarship for taking up their undergraduate course in their university. All the courses offered are in English. For entry Japanese language knowledge is not a must.





Our Planned Events for the Next Quarter January to March 2023

On 6th January 2023

1st Manufacturing Excellence Competition at our Centre

On 7th January 2023

70th Year of Japan India Diplomatic Relationship we are conducting the "Online Philatelic Exposition of Japanese Stamps" One Week One Theme for 50 weeks on "Theme of Heritage Series 1"

On 14th January 2023

70th Year of Japan India Diplomatic Relationship we are conducting the "Online Philatelic Exposition of Japanese Stamps" One Week One Theme for 50 weeks-Theme of Heritage Series 2"

On 21st January 2023

70th Year of Japan India Diplomatic Relationship we are conducting the "Online Philatelic Exposition of Japanese Stamps" One Week One Theme for 50 weeks-

On 27th January 2023

Seminar Series "Trends and Opportunities in Agriculture" By Mr.HideoFulashima Advisor Chale Ventures through online

On 11 February 2023

MOSAI – Japanese Language Speech Contest for Southern Region

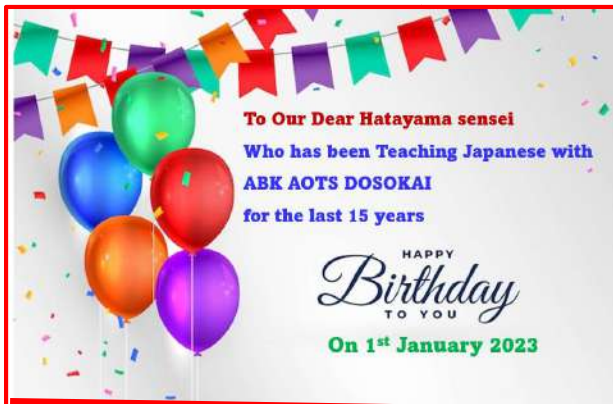
From 24th March 2023 to 3rd April 2023

A 20 members team of our Japanese Language teachers visiting Japan for



Forthcoming Seminar on "Trends and Opportunities in Agriculture" ---27th January 2023---

Tamilnadu Chamber of Nippon India Trade and Industry (TACNITI) & The Indian Chamber of Commerce-Japan (ICCJ), Osaka are jointly organizing the Online Seminar on "Trends and Opportunities in Agriculture" By Mr.Hideo Fulashima, Advisor,Chale Ventures, Japan on Friday , 27th January 2023 from 10:00am to 11:00am IST (1:30pm to 2:30pm JST). Please contact Tel. 044-2374 3575 / 044-2374 0318.



Thank
you

