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A Cultural, Technical & Trade Bridge Between Japan & India



A new incumbent at ShushōKantei !

The current Sōri-Daijin would have been a few days into his responsibilities as you read this latest edition of eNihon-mon. The appointment of PMOJ Shigeru Ishiba, with his strong expertise in security and defence, augurs well for our governmental corridors at New Delhi and signals further strengthening of relations between our two countries. He is expected to continue placing emphasis on the deepening of Indo-Japan strategic partnerships as done by his predecessors. Seikōoinotteimasu, Ishibasama.....

After a slightly disappointing outing at the Paris 2024 Olympics, our athletes delivered a stellar performance at the 2024 Summer Paralympics that followed. A record tally of 29 medals, including 7 of a golden hue, marks a new chapter in our nation's sporting history. This success is a clear indication of the determination by our contestants and their coaching staff as well as the Paralympic Committee of India, with the support of GOI. Take a bow, everyone!

The next big-ticket sporting event in our region will be the Asian Games 2026, being staged at Aichi-Nagoya, Japan. The Games return after a memorable edition at Hiroshima in 1984. You will be interested to know that the organisers plan not to have a games village since the sporting arenas will be spread over the two prefectures of Aichi and Nagoya city.

Their vision is to accommodate the majority of athletes and dignitaries in cruise ships, thanks to the proximity of the port to these venues. Quite an interesting idea, considering that no permanent infrastructure is created - isn't it?

Our ABK-AOTS Dosokai, Tamilnadu Centre turns 50, next year. Happy Golden Birthday to this wonderful institution built upon the tireless initiative of our beloved Founder Chairman Rangasan and strengthened by the countless patrons, well-wishers and members – each of whom have played a significant and important role to help us reach where we have. This institution has touched the lives of many of us, both in India and Japan and continues to be an important conduit in Indo-Japanese pursuits.

Want to relive some memories? Do remember to walk by the 50-Year History Wall that has been put together at our Centre. Immerse yourselves, as you admire and reflect on the beautiful journey that began in 1975.

As you finish doing so, it may strike you that not every 'Great Wall' need be a Sino effort.....

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Date:- 03.10.2024

Anime Fest 2024

--- 28th July 2024 ---

As part of our year long activities, we organised "THE ANIME FEST 2024" on Sunday, 28th July 2024 at our ABK AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre. In this Festival we conducted various competitions like Anime Quiz, Anime Games, Anime Drawing, cosplay competition & Anime song singing. This was the first time such a big Anime Festival was being conducted in Chennai. We had 150 participants enthusiastically involving in all the activities.

Anime Fest 2024 was a huge success at ABK AOTS DOSOKAI

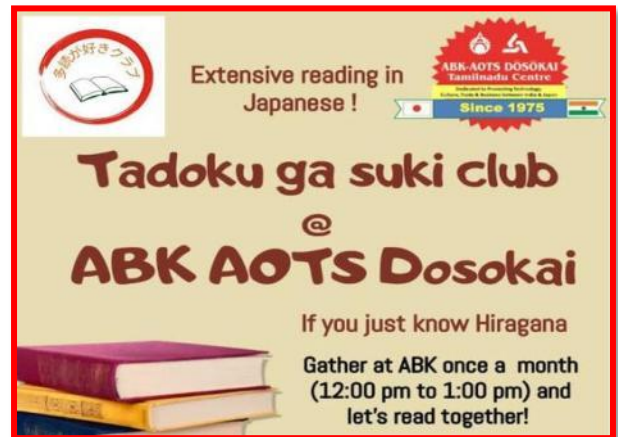


Tadoku ga suki club

--- 4th August 2024 ---

Tadoku ga suki club reading session held at ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamil Nadu centre, Chennai on 04 August 2024.

Students from beginner to intermediate levels participated enthusiastically. The session began with an introduction to Tadoku, its significance, and guidelines. They then engaged in group and individual reading sessions, followed by lively discussions. It was inspiring to witness the students' immersion in the world of books.



Coffeemeet

--- 14 August 2024 ---

On 14th August we had a mega Coffee meet event with Japanese ladies living in Chennai. 10 of our teachers accompanied 30 Japanese ladies to Sri Ananthapadmanabha swamy temple in Adyar and explained them about Hindu Gods, customs etc. From there they went to Hotel Anandha at Maris for traditional South Indian meals on top of banana leaf and taught them how to eat with hands, order of eating etc. It was so much fun going out together at the same time a great learning for our teachers explaining everything in Japanese.



Visit to our centre

--- 21st August 2024 ---

Mr. Tomokazu Suda, General Manager, Mr. Keiji Kojima, General Manager, Mr. Kazuhiro Ikeda, Manager, Mr. Hiroyuki Hamaguchi, Project Deputy General Manager from Toyota Motor Corporation and Mr. Hideyuki Kikuchi, President, Mr. Yuuji Kikuchi, Senior Managing Director of Kikuwa corporation visited our centre on 21 August 2024 to understand about our activities as a bridge between Japan and India. Before they visited us they were under an impression that we are just a Japanese language school and they were dumbstruck listening to the plethora of activities of ABK AOTS Dosokai, Tamilnadu centre. They interacted with our teachers and students and understood in detail about our training methods and kind of students who are keen on learning Japanese and what they are looking forward from Japanese companies. It was a great opportunity for us to host them.



21st ABK AOTS 5S Certification / Awarding Giving Ceremony

--- 23rd August 2024 ---

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.

21st ABK AOTS 5S Certification awarding giving ceremony held on 23rd August 2024 at The Ramada Hotel. Totally 280 participants from 54 organisations participated ceremony.



MONOZUKURI AWARD

During 21st ABK AOTS 5S Certification awarding giving ceremony held on 23rd August 2024 at The Ramada Hotel. The following Monozukuri Award

REGIONAL MONOZUKURI SPIRIT AWARD

Awarded to Mr. K Hari Thiagarajan, Chairman, Thiagarajar Group of Companies and Educational Institutions

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REGIONAL MONOZUKURI SPIRIT AWARD"

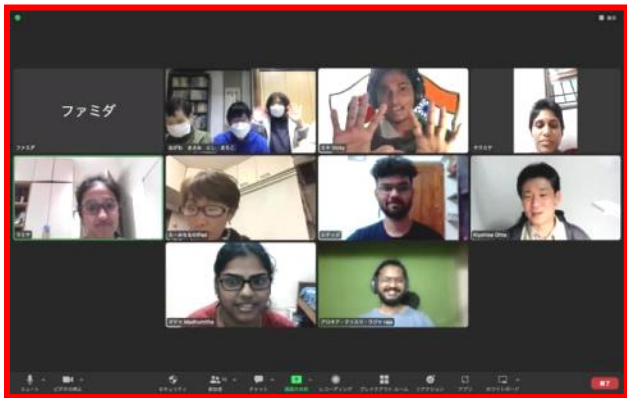
Awarded to Mr. V.S.Ganesh, Managing Director Page Industries Ltd, Bangalore



Oshaberikai sessions --- 29th August 2024 ---

For over three years, we have been holding weekly Oshaberikai sessions, where our school students engage in free conversations with Japanese schoolchildren. These interactions have been incredibly beneficial, allowing our students to discuss various topics, share insights about India and its culture, and teach English, while also learning about Japan, its culture, and language. This ongoing exchange has greatly enhanced their Japanese language skills.

One student, inspired by these sessions, convinced her parents to take her to Japan so she could meet the children she has been interacting with in person. This heartwarming example of cross-cultural friendship from a young age highlights the significant impact of these sessions. AbkAotsJapaneseSchool is committed to continuing to provide such enriching opportunities to help our students develop their skills in an engaging and interactive manner..



Exhibition, “NINGYŌ: Art and Beauty of Japanese Dolls”,

--- 31st August 2024 to
22 September 2024 ---

In commemoration of the Japan Month, the Consulate-General of Japan at Chennai, the Japan Foundation and ABK-AOTS Dosokai, Tamilnadu Centre supported by Government Museum and Knowledge partner – Loyola College, are organized a Japanese Dolls Exhibition, “NINGYŌ: Art and Beauty of Japanese Dolls”, from 31 August to 22 September 2024 at Contemporary Art Gallery, Government Museum, Chennai.

About 67 dolls displayed in this exhibition introducing fine examples of a variety of Japanese representative dolls.

This exhibition explores the Japanese doll and its culture nurtured in the history and folklore of Japan with a focus on the "Ningyō to pray for children's growth" used in the seasonal festivals; "Ningyō as fine art" for appreciation, which is characterized by various techniques, technologies, and styles; "Ningyō as folk art" that focus on local diversity and simple beauty; "Spread of Ningyō culture" that covers the diversity of dolls continuing to today's.

Mr. Takahashi Muneo, Consul-General of Japan in Chennai inaugurated the exhibition on 31 August at 5:00 p.m.





Origami Demonstration
--- 12 & 21 September 2024 ---



**Participating in the Japanese
Night No. 12 at Rani Seethai Hall
in coordination with The
Consulate General of Japan in
Chennai**

--- 14th September 2024 ---

Consulate-General of Japan in Chennai organizes

ORIGAMI: Japanese Art of Folding Paper

by Dr. Usha

Workshop

**12 & 21
SEPTEMBER**

📍 Contemporary Art Gallery,
Government Museum Egmore

🕒 11:00 AM - 12:30PM





Training Program & Competition

One Day Training Program Achieving Zero Defect Manufacturing through POKA-YOKE conducted on 20th July 2024 at our centre. Totally 8 participants from 4 organisations participated in the training

KAIZEN COMPETITION conducted on 26 & 27 JULY 2024 ONLINE & IN PERSON. Totally 64 teams from 24 organisations are presented their successful case studies

Workshop On Design Of Experiment (Doe) Tool for The Problem Solving conducted on 17th August 2024 at our centre. Totally 6 participants from 2 organisations participated in the training

Training Program on LEAN DAILY WORK MANAGEMENT PRACTICES conducted on 14th September 2024 at our centre. Totally 9 participants from 5 organisations participated in the training.

8 Innovative QC Competition conducted on 19 & 20 September 2024 through online and in person. Totally 38 teams from 23 organisations presented their successful case studies



AOTS MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS IN JAPAN

Program Name : The Program on Transforming to Circular Economy Business Model (CEB)

Program Date from 5 to 18 Feb 2025

Venue - Kansai Kenshu Center.

Last date of Apply - 1 Nov 2024

Program Name : The Program on Corporate Management - Learning from Ethos of Japanese Corporate Management (PJCM)

Program Date from 12 to 27 Feb 2025

Venue - Kansai Kenshu Center.

Last date of Apply - 5 Nov 2024

**Program Name: The Program on New Business
Creation for South Asia
[SABC]**

Program Date from 12 to 26 Feb 2025
Venue - Tokyo Kenshu Centre
Last date of Apply - 19 Nov 2024

**Program Name : The Quality Control Training
Course [QCTC]**

Program Date from 20 Feb to 7 Mar 2025
Venue- Kansai Kenshu Center.
Last date of Apply 19 Nov 2024

**Program Name : The Program for Quality Problem
Solving (PQPS)**

Program Date from 5 to 18 Mar 2025
Venue-Tokyo KenshuCenter.
Last date of Apply 2 Dec 2024

**Program Name The Program on
Productivity Improvement
Utilizing Creativity at the Gemba
[PICG]**

Program Date 11 March – 21 March 2025
Venue- AOTS Kansai Kenshu Center (Osaka) .
Last date of Apply 2 Dec 2024

For application and more details

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**The Japanese Language “NAT
EXAM” at Meenakshi
Sundararajan Engineering
College, Chennai**

The Japanese Language NAT-TEST is an examination that evaluates the Japanese language proficiency of students who are not native Japanese speakers. The tests are divided into five levels of difficulty (Q5 to Q1), and general ability is assessed across three categories: Grammar/Vocabulary, Listening, and Reading Comprehension. The NAT Test is conducted every month for Basic level (5Q & 4Q) and advance level Nat Test are conducted one in two month. ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamil Nadu Centre, in collaboration with Senmonkyouiku, Japan, has been organizing the NAT TEST in Chennai. The exams were held, at Meenakshi Sundararajan Engineering College, Chennai.

Announcement Quiz on Japan

As part of our Golden Jubilee Celebration, we are glad to inform you that we conduct a Quiz Programme in English on the theme Japan, for the college Students of Chennai and greater Chennai City.

It is indeed of great pleasure to note that the college students in and around the city is taking active interest studying Japanese & Participate in Programs connected to Japan. Participating in large number year after year. This year, we propose to conduct the Quiz Program as per the following schedule at our centre.

❖ **Preliminary - 4th January 2025(Saturday)**

❖ **Semifinals- 1th January 2025(Saturday)**

❖ **Finals - 18th January 2025 (Saturday)**

announce about the Quiz Program among the students of your College and to inform us the names of the prospective participants on or before Sunday, 10th November 2024 on receipt of the Registration form we will share the “Quiz on Japan” – about 6000 Question & Answer Bank to prospective participants by 1st Week of December 2024 or earlier in PDF Format through email or we-transfer.

PRIZES:

1st Prize Rs. 20,000/- for the team & Certificate and a cup for the college
2nd Prize Rs.16,000/- for the team & Certificate and a cup for the college
3rd Prize Rs. 12,000/- for the team & Certificate and a cup for the college
4th Prize Rs. 10,000/- for the team & Certificate and a cup for the college

Prize Awarding Ceremony is planned on 8th March 2025 along with Golden Jubilee celebration of ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre.

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Our Planned Events for the Next Quarter October to December 2024

1st October 2024
To the unveiling function of 50-Year History Wall of our Organisation and School

5th October 2024
FAAAI AGM at our Centre

6th October 2024
Japanese Language – NAT Exam at Meenakshi Sundararajan Engineering College, Chennai

18th & 19th October 2024
POKA Yoke Kaizen Competition in person and online

22nd October 2024
Japan Foundation, New Delhi Office visit our centre

23rd October 2024
Training Program on Automonus Maintenance

9th November 2024
Chennai Japan Expo in coordination with The Consulate General of Japan in Chennai

17 November 2024
Japanese Language – NAT Exam at Meenakshi Sundararajan Engineering College, Chennai

1st December 2024
Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) at Vellammal Matriculation Hr. Sec. School, Chennai

8th December 2024
Japanese Language –NAT Exam at Meenakshi Sundararajan Engineering College, Chennai

YET to Decide – MOSAI Japanese Language Speech Contest for Southern Region



Visit Japan 2025

Thank
you