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## 第34回 全インド日本語弁論大会 34<sup>th</sup> All India Japanese Language Speech Contest 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

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



## Kokoro no hanashi

A casual visit to a friend's home turned out to be more than just casual. Sifting through his library of biographies, I chanced upon a 2017 edition of 'Mann Ki Baat – A social revolution on radio'. An assuring, smile laden countenance of our Prime Minister on its cover invited me to remove that book from its shelf and glance through it.

This was, of course, the official biography of the genesis and evolution of Modiji's popular and ubiquitous radio address that happens once a month.

This book was, of course, to mark the 3 years of this one-of-a-kind public broadcasting show.

This was, of course, what led to the title of my editorial.

Something that caught my immediate attention was a thoughtful preface written by our Prime Minister's close friend and counterpart – the former PMOJ Shinzo Abe. Apart from conveying his admiration of PM Modi, he writes "Japan and India are two major democracies of Asia having a special mission to join hands in leading the peace and prosperity of the Indo-Pacific region'. I broke into a smile, wondering if this was a statement of just strong hope or a prophecy of conviction – as we have seen this unfold in the last 6 years since that preface was penned.

As we look back on the long history of our two countries rooted in spiritual, cultural and civilizational affinity and the efforts of all the members of our Tamilnadu chapter of the Dosokai to deepen this understanding – it is only natural to feel a strong aura of fulfilment and pride. What has been achieved by our members was perhaps because of their own 'Kokoro no hanashi'!

Unfortunately, I have to end this page with the sombre information of the passing away of one of our longest, strongest, most admired and ever active member – KS Babai san. While this void may never be filled, let us celebrate her for all the cheer that she spread. And for all the lives that she touched.

Go meifuku o inorishimasu.

Thank you for all the lovely memories.

Harikumar B  
Editor – eNihon Mon



We are extremely happy to share the good news that ABK AOTS DOSOKAI TAMILNADU CENTER Has received a certificate of appreciation from the Ministry of Finance, Government of India



### 5<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Competition --- 18 ~20 April 2023 ---

ABK- AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre organized the 5<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Competition for the Unsung Heroes (the Maintenance Personnel) Competition through online and inperson competition on 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at premises of ABK AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre.

Totally 56 teams from 27 organisations presented their successful case studies.



We are totally shocked on the sudden & untimely demise of our beloved Past President  
**Ms. K.S.Babai**  
--- 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023 ---



### MOSAI Japanese Language Speech Contest

--- 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023 ---



Mrs. K. S. Sowmya Shree of our centre receiving the First Prize in the 34<sup>th</sup> All India Japanese Language Speech Contest organized by Mombusho Scholars Association of India (MOSAI) in Collaboration with Centre for Japanese Studies (CJS), JNU Supported by The Embassy of Japan, New Delhi Japanese Association, New Delhi on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023 at Newdelhi

## Teacher's Dream Trip to Japan experience sharing ! Photo Contest & Photo Wall Inauguration

--- 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023 ---

Teacher's Dream Trip to Japan experience sharing !  
Photo Contest & Photo Wall inauguration on 29<sup>th</sup> April  
2023, Chief Guest His Excellency Mr. Taga Masayuki,  
Consul General of Japan in Chennai, Guest of Honour  
Ms. Teaka Mami, Consul, Consulate General of Japan  
in Chennai



## Teaching Japanese With ChatGPT

--- 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 ---

The Japan Foundation and ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI,  
Tamilnadu Centre organised the workshop on Teaching  
Japanese with ChatGPT by Mr. Yoshifumi Murakami.





## Work in Japan workshop

--- 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 ---

Work in Japan workshop was conducted by Hiro Ishida san for N3 and above students. Topics on skill requirements, Interview preparations, writing resume and life in Japan were covered. It was very informative and useful and our students clarified all their doubts with Ishida san. Many thanks to Ishida san for enlightening our students.



## Nihongo Assessment Test NAT Exam

---23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

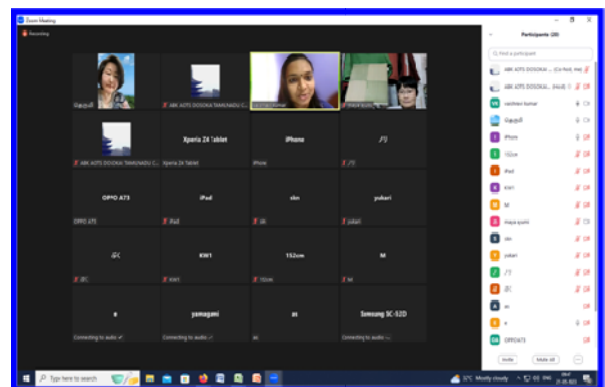
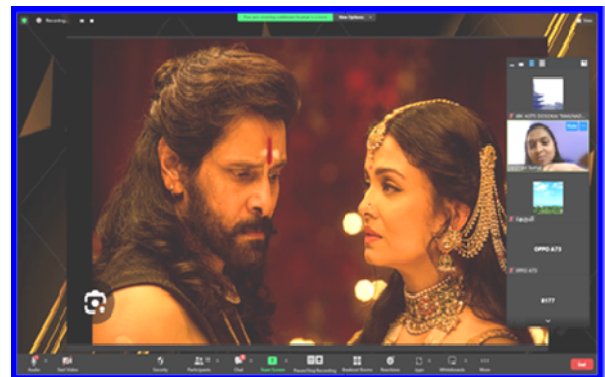
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11<sup>th</sup> June 2023 ---

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 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 & 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023t Meenakshi Sundararajan Engineering College, Chennai

## Coffee Meet --- 21st May 2023 ---

Theme discussion on the Tamil Movie Ponniyin Selvan Part II was held during the Coffee Meet on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023



## Two Day Training Programme on Through Neck Analysis (TNA)

--- 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> May 2023 ---

ABK- AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre organized Two Days Training Program on Through Neck Analysis (TNZ) on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at the premises of ABK AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre. Totally 9 participants from 7 organisations participated in the training program.



## COFFEE MEET

on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023

Coffee Meet with Japanese women happened on 1st June, Thursday. Theme was to share the experiences of Japanese women at India and what was a surprise or shock to them in India. It was a very interesting session as they spoke about many small things or gestures that are very common to us but has given them a culture shock. From Indians way of gulping water to demonitization they spoke about so many things that amused them during their stay here. It was a great learning and interesting session.

## Great opportunity to meet & interact with our Honorable Chief Minister of Tamilnadu Thiru M. K. Stalin at India club, Kobe, Japan

--- 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023 ---

Mrs. R. Anuradha, Director, Japanese Language School of our centre, while visiting Japan alongwith her spouse Mr. Pradeep Chandramohan had the great opportunity to meet & interact with our Honorable Chief Minister of Tamilnadu Thiru M. K. Stalin at India club, Kobe, Japan during his overseas trip to Japan to attract investments to Tamilnadu State. Also interacted with Dr.T.R.B.Raja, Minister of Industries , Investments and Commerce and Mr.Krishnan.S, Additional Chief secretary of Industries, Investments and Commerce.



on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023

So refreshing and nice to meet [Fumiko Furukawa](#) san during coffee meet after so many years. 7 years since we celebrated baby shower for her . Her son Heitarou is 7 years old now. Time is flying but our relationship has grown stronger and stronger. It was nice to see my son and her son play with each other.





## TACNITI & ICCJ, Osaka jointly organizing the Online Japan India Seminar Series – 2023

--- 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023 ---

Tamilnadu Chamber of Nippon India Trade Industry (TACNITI) & The Indian Chamber of Commerce Japan (ICCJ), Osaka are jointly organizing the Online Japan India Seminar Series – 2023. "3S - Specialized Manufacturer of Valve Positioners - Product Introduction and Indian Market Entry" By Mr. Motoki Kobayashi of 3S Co., Ltd., Japan. Around 48 participants are jointed the online Japan India Seminar Series.



## TWO DAY WORKSHOP ON PROJECT TO DEVELOP COORDINATORS FOR VALUE CO-CREATION WITH JAPAN

AOTS – Japan & ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre organising FREE Two day workshop on PROJECT TO DEVELOP COORDINATORS FOR VALUE CO-CREATION WITH JAPAN on 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at Hotel Ramada, **NO PARTICIPATION FEE**

## Our Planned Events for the Next Quarter July to Sep 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 - Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)

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

16<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Biggest Anime Festival at our centre

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

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

16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023 – 27<sup>th</sup> Japan India Student Conference

30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 - Participating in the Japan Night at Rani Seethai Hall

**PROJECT TO DEVELOP COORDINATORS  
FOR VALUE CO-CREATION WITH JAPAN**

**Strengthening of Co-creative Method and the Practices  
Business Advancement**

**THEME OF THE PROGRAM:**

(1) To Understand the significance of co-creation, which is a characteristic of Japanese manufacturing  
(2) To Obtain practical techniques for co-creative space development that creates added value

**TARGET PARTICIPANTS**

Mainly from food related industries such as food processing, food manufacturing, food distribution, retail, food logistics, food supporting industries (fertilizer, farm machinery, hotel service, etc.), food marketing, R&D, etc.

**LECTURER:**  
Dr. Hiroyuki Oba  
Professor, Reitaku University

After graduating from the Department of Social Science of Waseda University in 1977, he studied abroad at the Graduate School of Jawaharlal Nehru University in India in 1979 and obtained Ph.D. in Economics. After working as a researcher at Gendai Mobility Research that is related to Toyota Motor Corporation from 1984 to 1991. He moved to England and work for Gyosei International College as an associate professor from 1991 to 1993. After returning to Japan in 1993, He has been teaching economics and management at Reitaku University as a professor. His specialties are Japanese-style management theory, automobile industry and the Co-creative studies, etc.

**DATE AND TIME**  
24-25 August 2023  
(Thursday-Friday)  
\*Participants must attend all of two-day seminars.

**VENUE**  
Ramada Plaza Chennai  
No 36 Sardar Patel Road,  
Gulndy, Chennai - 600 032.

**LANGUAGE**  
English

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**  
28 July 2023, Monday  
\*no participation fee

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Thank  
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