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Odaijini.....

Or what else could we say to each other???  
The world is facing a humongous challenge because of the dreadful Covid-19 pandemic. And as we join hands to combat this threat to humanity, do let us accept the fact that our lives may stand eternally transformed. The phrase 'New Normal' has been doing its rounds for many weeks now and it does seem imminent that all the extraordinary measures the world is taking will see an complete change in the way we approach 'life'.....or its importance.

Our health and 'Kōfuku' are of paramount importance and we ask all our dear friends from India, Japan and the world over to stay safe by practising and following all that has been advised by their respective authorities.

'Safety from external danger is the most powerful director on national conduct' – thus spake a wise statesman. How true! It has indeed been so gratifying to see the multitude of Indians come together – not just to be united in this moment of vulnerability but to conduct themselves in a manner that evokes pride and fulfilment. The stories of community cohesiveness, reaching out to the needy, the brave heart Doctors, Nurses, health workers Police Personal, Sanitary workers and many more of these just reaffirms that this common cause has bought out the best out of us. Well done India!

The economy of the world is in a bothersome state and the negative impact on the performance of many businesses is looming large. This is when we need each other more than any other time. The continual engagement that India and Japan have had with each other recently is no surprise – given the bonhomie between our countries. There exists well-placed optimism about the joint development of new technologies and solutions in the post COVID-19 world – thanks to the special strategic and global partnership of our countries.

The virus is spreading. Nations are under lockdown and containment. Schools and Industries remain closed. Streets are deserted. Planes and trains have been parked away for a better time to bring the keys out.

But, do let's keep a positive mindset that can go a long way in managing this situation. Let us count our blessings. Let us try and do things that we have never been able to due to paucity of time. Let us bring in new routines. Let us help others. Let us stay in orders as suggested by our Governments

Let us stop and smell the flowers.

Harikumar. B  
Editor-in- Chief



## Interesting Activities to Remember Kana for our Japanese Language School Students

---12 January 2020 ---

ABK – AOT DOSOKAI, Japanese Language School Main Centre started the Fresh Classes for JLPT Script Course N5, N4, N3 & N2 and also for Conversation Courses Basic & Intermediate Level. Interesting activities are conducted at our centre to remember Kana, Kanji, Vocabulary and Grammar for our Japanese language students.



Activities to Remember Kana in progress

## “STUDY-GO-WORK-JAPAN”

---14<sup>th</sup> January 2020---

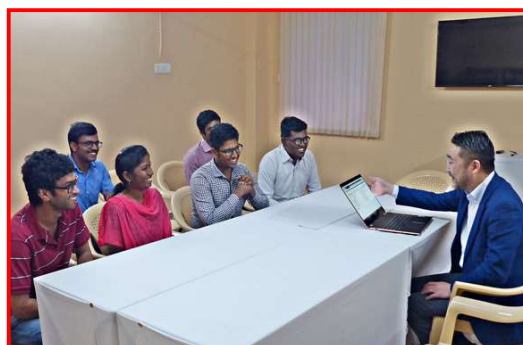
It gives us immense pleasure to mention that **Mr. Masato Sampei**, CEO of ASIA to JAPAN visited our centre on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 and interacted with the students giving them an insight on the forum and job opportunities in Japan as well.

Our students from ABK AOTS DOSOKAI, Chennai had also participated in the part in this. In the December and October round, 6 students from our institute have gone through the interview and two of our students- Mr. Maria Antony from Madras Institute of Technology - Anna University and Mr. Praveen Pannirselvam from Madras Institute of Technology - Anna University have been placed in Murakami Corporation and Yamaha Motors respectively.

Another student Mr. Ramkumar from College of Engineering - Anna University has been selected for the February round, while three others are awaiting their results which would be released soon. Other students are gearing up to participate in the upcoming rounds as well.



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## Visitors From AOTS-Japan About JEC Program at IITG

---20 January 2020---

Mr. Yasumi Suzuki, General Manager, Global Connectivity Department, Mr. TanakaTakua, Head of Business Promotion Group, along with Ms. Akiko Sasaki of Business Promotion Group, AOTS, Japan visited our centre on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 to discuss on the probability of being a part of AOTS endowed courses for IITs in Japanese Language and Culture. They had fruitful discussions and also visited our Infra structural facilities like Video Library, A/V room. Class rooms where they interacted with students and also our IT facilities and met our staff.





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## Seminar on 5S Practices & Award Giving Ceremony of 18<sup>th</sup> ABK AOTS 5S Competition

---23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020---

As part of our yearlong activities we, in association with Carborundum Universal Limited, Amara Raja Group, Thiagarajar Group & Kauvery Hospital conducted the Award Giving Ceremony & Seminar on 5S Practices at Ramada Plaza, Guindy, Chennai on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020. The Seminar included a key note address by an Eminent Expert and Panel Discussion among Senior Management, Front Line Operator and Presentation by award winning companies.

The Inaugural Ceremony of the Seminar on Best 5S Practices was held between 9.30 am & 10.30 am, Chief Guest Mr. Yasuyuki Tommitsu, General Manager-Chennai Office, All Nippon Airways Co., Ltd, Chennai delivered Inaugural Address. Keynote Address was delivered by Mr. S. Kalyanaraman, General Manager & Head L & T Rubber Processing Machinery.

Award Giving Ceremony of 18<sup>th</sup> ABK – AOTS 5S Competition was held between 4.00 p.m. & 6.00 p.m. Chief Guest Mr. Yukihide Nakayama, Deputy Director – General, Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO), Chennai distributed the prizes. Dr. S. Manivannan, Managing Director, Kauvery Hospital was honoured with “REGIONAL MONODZUKURI SPIRIT AWARD” The Seminar was attended by 160 delegates from various Companies and Dignitaries from various Companies attended the seminar.



Chief Guest Mr. Yasuyuki Tommitsu, General Manager, All Nippon Airways Co., Ltd, Chennai deliver the Inaugural Address



Section of delegates during the One Day Seminar on 5S Practices



DR. S. Manivannan, Managing Director, Kauvery Hospital was honoured with “REGIONAL MONODZUKURI SPIRIT AWARD” by Mr. Yukihide Nakayama, Deputy Director – General, Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO),





Section of delegates during the One Day Seminar on 5S Practices

Then the Japanese members were divided into groups and teachers helped the group members wear Saree. All they looked remarkably beautiful in Sarees. Some of them wanted to wear the Saree by themselves, so, they tried and succeeded.



Coffee Meet - Saree Wearing



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Coffee Meet - Saree Wearing



## COFFEE MEET

### On 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2020- Theme of Saree Wearing

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre had organised a Saree Wearing Event. It was truly a grand event with Japanese women who had been anxiously waiting to wear our traditional outfit "Saree". teachers from ABK -AOTS participated and helped the Japanese Members to wear Saree. Tremendous contribution were made by our teachers in bringing variety of Sarees and matching accessories. We displayed all the Sarees and accessories with the name card on all varieties. The event started off with a PPT presentation about the step-by-step Saree demo.



Group Photo taken during the Coffee Meet



Group Photo taken during the Coffee Meet



### on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020- on Theme of Indian God

Coffee meet with theme of Indian Gods that are worshipped in Japan as well. To our surprise we found that Ganesha, Lakshmi, Brahma, Indra, Saraswathi are worshipped in Japan as well but with different names.

A detailed explanation comparing both the Gods were done followed by a detailed presentation about Chakra was done.

A demo of Pranayama and Recitation of Omkaaram was also done by Indian teachers and the Japanese women enjoyed learning!



Coffee Meet in Progress



Coffee Meet in Progress



Group Photo taken during the Coffee Meet

## Participating in the Teachers' Training Course to become Japanese language teachers organised by the Japan Foundation

--- 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020---

Our Japanese Language Teachers participated in the Teachers' Training Course to groom themselves to become Japanese language teachers conducted by the Japan Foundation from 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 at our centre.

The purpose of the training course is to improve the quality of teaching, and learning and enhance the learners' communicative competence of Japanese language, and Organised by Government of India and Embassy of Japan in India



Teachers' Training Course to become Japanese language teachers organised by the Japan Foundation in Progress



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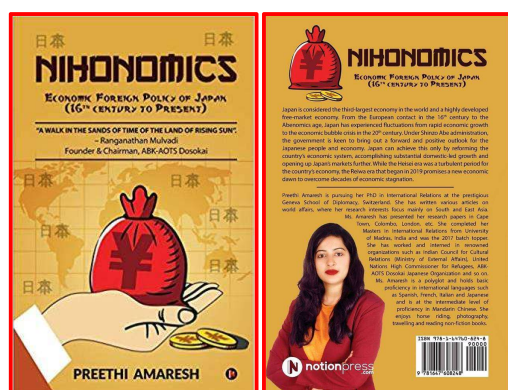
## SCREENING OF JAPANESE NHK WORLD JAPAN TV'S PROGRAMS

The Consulate General of Japan in Chennai in association with ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre and Co-sponsored by NHK is Screening Japanese NHK World Japan TV on the second and fourth week of every month at Kumugai Auditorium.  
on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020 NHK Japan's Video – “ Inside Lens” Series : Man's Best Friend  
on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020 NHK Japan's Video – Samurai Architect: Tada Ando  
on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020 NHK Japan's Video – Reviving Kumamoto Castle



## NIHONOMICS (Economic Foreign Policy of Japan) by Ms. Preethi Amaresh

The economic scenario of Japan from Economics to Abenomics has been very well traced with meticulous research by Ms. Preethi Amaresh. A book, recommended to every Japanese teaching institution, and students of International studies and International Economics. Ms. Preethi Amaresh was, a committed and dedicated intern of our ABK -AOTS DOSOKAI TAMILNADU CENTER, Chennai.

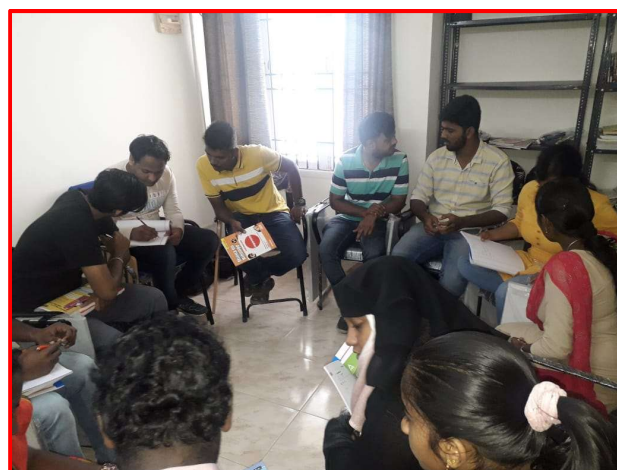


## OUR LANGUAGE SCHOOLS CHAPTER NEWS

### ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Japanese Language school THIRVANMIYUR CHAPTER – New Premises

We are happy to announce that, in keeping with the growing demand for Japanese Language learning we have moved into a spacious premises in Perungudi and have introduced newer, customized courses that will enable students to learn at a much faster speed in the new premises.

A student friendly environment complete with audio visual aids, Japanese cultural interventions, native people interaction, a small library (Physical and Digital) has been created making the language learning easier and more enjoyable.







## Our Chairman Mr. M. R. Ranganathan visit To Srilanka

---26<sup>th</sup> January 2020---

Our Chairman M.R.Ranganathan who was on a visit to Srilanka spent an evening with Past SAFAAS President Athulla san's house with his family and on the evening of 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020 joined JASTECA in a dinner hosted in honour of our Guru Mr.FUJITA.

## ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL ERODE CHAPTER

Mr.Akira Ota From UNITAS Japanese Language School-Japan visited our ABK AOTS Erode Chapter and gave presentation about His School and Job Opportunities in Japan on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020 .The Japanese learning Students of Erode chapter interacted with him enthusiastically. Around 50+ Students Participated and 2 of them are applying for N4 & N3 in UNITAS. On 25th January 2020 Evening, Mr.Akira Ota visited Knowledge Institute of Technology (KIOT), where the faculties from Erode Chapter are conducting classes.



## 3<sup>RD</sup> KAIZEN COMPETITION on

---14<sup>th</sup> February 2020---

ABK- AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre organised the 3rd KAIZEN Competition held at The Vijay Park Hotel on Friday, 14th February 2020. Chief Guest Mr. Kumar - Plant Head, Asahi India Glass Limited and delivered the Inaugural Address. Totally 95 teams from 35 companies enthusiastically participated in the competition. Mr. N. Syed Abdul Hakkem – Head, Plant Engineering, Ashok Leyland Limited, was the Chief Guest of the Prize Awarding Ceremony distributed awards to the winners.







Mr. Kumar - Plant Head, Asahi India Glass Limited, delivering the Inaugural Address



Section of delegates during the 3rd KAIZEN Competition



3rd KAIZEN Competition in Progress



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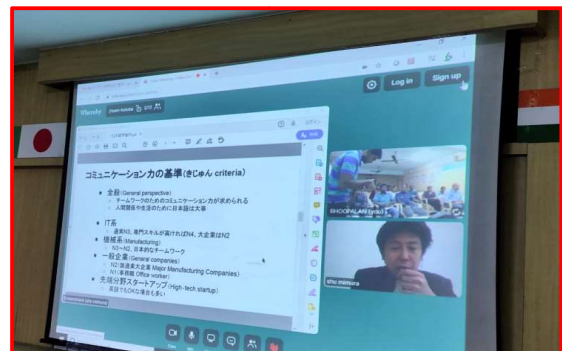
## WEBINAR ON STUDY WORK IN JAPAN

---15<sup>th</sup> February 2020---

The Orientation Session through Webinar for Engineering Graduates perusing N3 and N4 perusing was conducted by "Mimura San" from Tokyo Kokusai Gakuen. International Education Planning Department on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020.



Photograph taken during the Webinar



Photograph taken during the Webinar



## Japanese Language NAT TEST Proctors Meeting

---16<sup>th</sup> February 2020---

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 (five levels) 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 been conducted the NAT TEST in Chennai. On 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020 the NAT TEST was conducted for 1Q to 5Q .



NAT Test – Proctors Meeting in Progress



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## Waku Waku Club - Speech Club

The Speech Club formed to train the students to participate in the Japanese Language Speech Contest and Speak Japanese fluently meeting was held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020 & 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020.



Speech Club activity in progress



Speech Club activity in progress

## Participating in the Reception hosted by the Consulate General of Japan in Chennai

---20 February 2020---



Group Photo taken during the Reception hosted by the Consulate General of Japan in Chennai on the occasion of the Birthday of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan



**Chennai Goes Japonisme – Article  
about our activities ABK AOTS  
Japanese School ! Proud to be part of  
ABK AOTS DOSOKAI Chennai ! Happy  
to see so much increase in interest  
towards Japan!!**



## Participating in the Japanese Night

---22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020 ---

Japanese Night Vol.9 was conducted by The Consulate of Japan in Chennai and several Japanese schools in Tamil Nadu participated and performed during the event held on 22nd February 2020. Participants from ABK AOTS Japanese School performed a musical drama with the theme "Meiji kara Reiwa made". It was a story of 3 ABK - AOTS Dosokai Chennai students who get to travel in a time-machine and visit Meiji, Taisho, Showa, Heisei & Reiwa period and learns how the Japanese stand up every time they fall. It was much appreciated by the audience and the Consul General of Japan in Chennai. We thank the Consulate General of Japan in Chennai for giving us this wonderful opportunity.



Japan Night – Vol. 8 Inaugural speech by His Excellency Mr. Kojiro Uchiyama, Consul General of Japan in Chennai



Japan Night – Vol. 8 in progress



Japan Night – Vol. 8 our musical drama in progress



Japan Night – Vol. 8 our musical drama in progress



## 4<sup>th</sup> National Convention On Innovative QC Team (NCIQCT)

---23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 ---

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre, AOTS Alumni Association- Karnataka Regional Centre, AOTS Alumni Society – Delhi and AOTS Alumni Association of Central India -Pune, supported by Federation of AOTS Alumni Associations of India (FAAAI)- Newdelhi, jointly conducted the 4th National Convention on Innovative QC Teams (NCIQCT) on Sunday, 23rd February 2020 at Hotel Taj Yeshwantpur, Bengaluru.

His Excellency Mr. Takayuki KITAGAWA, Consul-General, Consulate-General of Japan in Bengaluru inaugurated the convention and delivered the inaugural address. Keynote address was delivered by Mr. Hisashi Kanda, General Manager, AOTS New Delhi Office.

Totally 37 teams gave presentation on their success stories out of which 34 teams were from ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre, 1 team from AOTS Alumni Association- Karnataka Regional Centre, and 2 teams from AOTS Alumni Society – Delhi. The case study presentations were held in 3 concurrent halls and each hall was managed by two juries.

During Prize Awarding Ceremony Chief Guest Mr. Gajanan Shellar, Manufacturing Chief and Asst. Plant Head, Keihin FIE, Doddaballapur, Bengaluru delivered the valedictory address and distributed the prizes.

Mr. Hisashi Kanda, General Manager, AOTS New Delhi Office, Mr. Muninagappa, President, AOTS Alumni Association - Karnataka Regional Centre, Mr. Rakesh Guptha, President, AOTS Alumni Society – Delhi & Mr. Millind Joshi, AOTS Alumni Association of Central India -Pune, grace the occasion during the event.



His Excellency Mr. Takayuki KITAGAWA, Consul-General, Consulate-General of Japan in Bengaluru inaugurated the convention and delivered the inaugural address



4<sup>th</sup> National Convention on Innovative QC Teams  
Session of Audience



4<sup>th</sup> National Convention on Innovative QC Team in progress



Prize Awarding Ceremony Chief Guest Mr. Gajanan Shellar, Manufacturing Chief and Asst. Plant Head, Keihin FIE, Doddaballapur, Bengaluru delivered the valedictory address and distributed the prizes





## 20 JAPANESE RUGBY STUDENTS FROM KYOTO, JAPAN VISITED OUR CENTRE

---26 February 2020---

Hinamatsuri celebration which is related to Golu celebration in India was celebrated at ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Our students gave detailed explanation on Indian Temple, clothes, Rangoli demonstration, making of flower garland, demonstration on traditional games like Pallanguli, Pachai Kudhirai, Prasadham and Tamboolam were made.

We had 20 Japanese Rugby students from Kyoto, Japan who enjoyed all the demonstration and also shared details about school system in Japan and gave us a demonstration of Origami, Kendama etc

They also sang the famous SMAP song for us. It was a complete cultural exchange and we ended the event with our students and Japanese students dancing to the tunes for famous Rajini songs.







## 2<sup>nd</sup> Competition on SHE (Safety, Health & Environment)

---13 March 2020---

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre organized 2<sup>nd</sup> Competition on SHE (Safety, Health & Environment) on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at our centre.

Totally 30 presentations were made from 17 companies. The competition was participated by more than 80 delegates from Medium & Large Scale Industries. Mr. S Natarajan, Senior General Manager, Wheels India Ltd was the Chief Guest who distributed the prizes to the winners.



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4<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Competition SHE (Safety, Health & Environment) Session of Audience

Happy to share the news that our student [Aparna Balachander](#) has successfully completed 7 months of Kanagawa prefectural training! Looking forward for her to come and share the knowledge she gained there.



Picture taken at Kanagawa Prefecture office



## Our Planned Events for the Next Quarter April to June 2020

On 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 - session on “The art of bowing” and “Japanese way of saying Apology” by [Ranganathan Mulvadi R](#) . It was a great opportunity to listen to his real-time experiences and explanations.

On 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020 - session on Flexibility and Silence was really interesting with lots of knowledge sharing and experience sharing by Ranga san. Lots and lots of amazing life lessons also learnt and we treasure them

On 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020 - Knowledge sharing session by Gayathri Jayaraman sensei about the Business Japanese course she attended at Japan Foundation, Saitama, Japan. Lots of valuable information about her experience and learning was shared.

On 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – online Online concert by our professional singer Ranjani Babu san and her daughter enjoyed by our teachers today for one hour! Ranjani Babu san sang lovely Ilayaraja songs and her daughter sang 3 lovely Japanese songs. With such a melodious voice, she made it a very soothing evening amongst all the depressing corona news

On 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – Session on Omoiyari

On 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – Omotenahi “The Spirit of Selfless Hospitality”

On 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020- Harmony – Centre of Japanese Culture

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98403 98700

Anu Pratheep is with Geetha Thyagarajan and 16 others.

April 8 at 9:37 AM

Today's session on Flexibility and Silence was really really interesting with lots of knowledge sharing and experience sharing by Ranga san. Lots and lots of amazing life lessons also learnt and we treasure them.

#TeacherTrainingDuringLockDown

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**FEDERATION OF AOTS ALUMNI  
ASSOCIATIONS OF INDIA** to see all topics



**Chennai Dosokai sends faculty for cultural  
production  
And Quality Topics from Chennai to IIT G**



*Stay Home*

*Stay Safe*

*Stay Healthy*

*Thank you*