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## Covid – Change – Continuity

Konnichiwa!

Minasama no gobuji o oinori shite imasu.

I hope all of you are doing well and praying that better times are around the corner!

As I was preparing to write for the editorial page of this E-Nihon Mon, I thought that these 3 Cs mentioned may be a common thread for all members of the Indian and Japanese fraternity of our Centre.

The less said about Covid, the better. The only thing that we all can do is to stay safe, follow social distancing and hygiene protocols, avoid unnecessary travel....and of course, hope that the revered community of medical professionals come out with a vaccination soon. Let us count our blessings and not feel defeated when we look around us. This too shall pass!!!

A very significant change has happened recently at the National Diet, Japan. The new PMOJ, HE Yoshihide Suga has been appointed as the Head of the Government of Japan, succeeding HE Shinzo Abe –its longest serving Prime Minister.

Japan's embrace of India may have started well before the Prime Ministership of Shinzo Abe but he will be remembered for increasing the bonding between our two countries and for furthering India's status

amongst the democratic powers in the Asia-Pacific region. The swarm of good wishes that Mr Abe has received from his Indian admirers, including Prime Minister Modi is a testament to the impact that he has / had on the strong bridge built between our two countries. Abe sama, Nagai aidaosewaninarimashita. O-karadaniki o tsuketekudasai.

And here's how the third C – Continuity kicks in. The new PMOJ has promised continuity of his predecessor's partnership with India and our countries will look forward, with enthusiasm and optimism, to see this bond being lent further strength.

Our team is excited, yet again, to bring to you the various events and activities of our centre...capitalising on the virtual platforms that has made such interactions and activities possible. Hail Technology!

Now, time for a 4<sup>th</sup> C....

Ciao!!! Until next time,

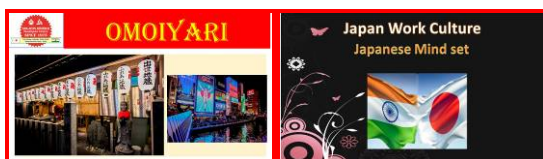
Harikumar B



## Japanese Language Classes

April 2020

Train the trainer session was conducted by Mr. M.R. Ranganathan to all our teachers on 28 different topics with respect to Japan, its Culture and Etiquette in 28 days. To make the lock down due to CORONA purposeful, while staying at home, we did this program to create future faculty from our Japanese Language teachers. This was conducted using Skype and PPT and it was a interactive session. The following topics were covered



## KNOWLEDGE SHARING SESSION

10<sup>th</sup> April 2020

We had a wonderful knowledge sharing session today by Ms. Aparna Balachander who had been to Japan for Kanagawa Prefectural program in Kanagawa, Japan. All participants learnt the teaching methods followed at the schools there.

9<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Very interesting knowledge sharing session by Gayathri Jayaraman sensei on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020 about the Business Japanese course she attended at Japan Foundation, Saitama, Japan. Valuable information about her experience and learning was shared.



1<sup>st</sup> May 2020

Teachers meeting was conducted on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020 through online to discuss on their experiences in conducting classes online and brainstorming of new methods

On 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020

We conducted Japanese Language Orientation session for new students for online classes during COVID and also explained the process of effectively using on line learning

There are 23 batches of online classes (10 colleges and corporate batches of online classes). We have not accommodated more than 10-15 students in a batch. Currently, we have a total of 250 students attending online classes.

We have students from USA, Italy, Malaysia, Japan and Singapore learning through online.

Most of our classes are through Zoom / Google meet / Cisco webex professional versions procured by us.

We have conducted online spoken Japanese sessions to improve the speaking abilities of N5 and N4 students.

We have animated the entire Minna no Nihongo text book in the form of PowerPoints to make it easy to learn online. Kanji learning is also done using our newly created PowerPoints. Using Google form we conduct for all levels of JLPT mock tests for our students and also to outsiders on payment basis. All materials are uploaded in our ABK drive and given only view access for teachers. The teachers can view them and share their screen with their registered students during the class.

The following are some of the feedback from the students about our classes through online.

Konnichiwa sensei,

First of all, I would like to thank you very much for conducting online classes in spite of the lockdown. The online classes are going on really good and I am able to learn more clearly with concentration. It also becomes easy to understand when taught using presentations and slides, where it is also interesting to learn with the help of pictorial representations. I once again thank you for spending your time for us. Thank you mam!

Yours sincerely,  
B. Akshitha

Respected Sensei,

First of all, thank you for your patience Sensei. The class period was absolutely remarkable. Every vocabulary picture depiction, kanji explanation was very clear Sensei, you made the language very understandable. You made sure that each and every student understood the grammar points. Thank you for making a Foreign language very comfortable to speak. Thank you so much for your cooperation with us Sensei. I am very grateful to you Sensei.

Regards,  
Thanmaya

Respected madam,

I thought the online class would be boring and I can't learn but your new ways of making vocabulary memorize using pictures, ppt and important notes and important points, apart from book we also learnt new words and useful information. Thank you so much mam benefitted and inspired by your new way of interactive learning.

Thanking you,  
Your'sfaithfully,  
S.Aishwarya(N4)



### On 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020

We organised Grand Graduation ceremony of the kids course happened online. Parents and grandparents of the kids participated. Many of our teachers also participated as audience.

Kids introduced themselves in Japanese, sang a Japanese song together and each one of them gave an interesting speech in different topics. Our Chairman virtually crowned them with origami Graduation cap that they had made themselves.

Our teachers Sowmini Sensei, Lalitha Sensei and Usha Sensei explained in detail about how the class was conducted, followed by Ranga sans motivational and inspirational speech and the wonderful feedback session from the satisfied parents.

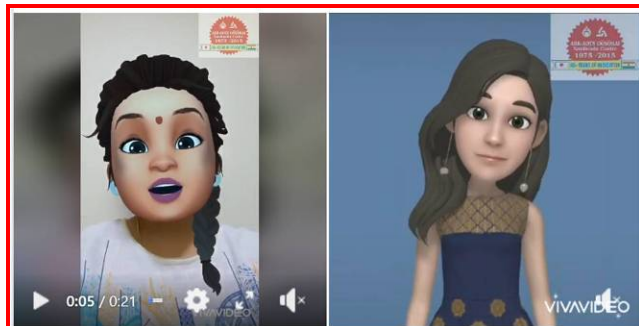
Overall, the entire course and the graduation ceremony was well received. Thanks to our team of teachers, support from our office staff and our backbone Ranga san for this success !!

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### 19 July 2020

In continuation to the Tamil to Japanese rhymes translation done by our Thiruvanniyur franchise, here is another humble attempt by ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI Faculties.... our kids courses are so much fun !!! Language learning is exciting.



### 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020

This free talking session in the name @ **Wajutsu wo sugureyo**” (let’s improve the art of the talking) for N5 students was conducted in zoom today with 30-35 students who were new to each other and learned to converse fluently on three different topics in just one hour!!! Thanks to technological developments that make our classes more and more interesting and effective!!



Mam N4 students were also there mam ..quite interested will talking with them

Interesting session mam

9:15 PM

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~Mona Sree

Very good and interactive mam.. Eagerly looking for many sessions like this in future.. 🙏

9:16 PM

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~YASHWANTH PRASAD...

Learnerd how to guide a person who is missed some where and using te form. Conduct these sessions two weeks once mam so that we can improve our communication .

9:17 PM

3 UNREAD MESSAGES

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~Haritha

It was an interactive session ma'am, had an interesting learning experience.

9:19 PM

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~Hemamalini~

very informative and interactive session learned a lot..... all we had good experience ... eagerly waiting for many interesting session like this.....

9:21 PM

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~Haresh

Great session mam learned new

## 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**Japanese Jeopardy Game** was conducted online for N5 students and they had so much fun trying to crack the questions and score more!!! Questions from 5 different genres (Kanji, Vocabulary, Grammar, reading comprehension and jumbled sentences) were asked in JLPT pattern and each question had scores from 100-500

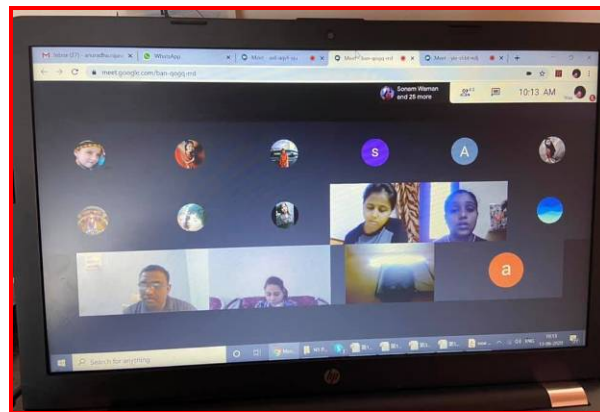
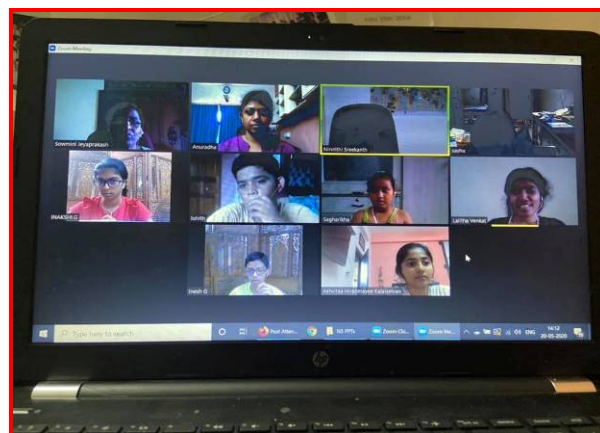
Scores were reduced for every wrong answer and added for every correct answer. The Fight to beat the competitors and score more was so much exciting and nail biting and the same time testing their knowledge!!!



MENU	Kanji				Kotoba	Bunpou	Dokkai	Jumbled sentence
	100	100	100	100	100			
	200	200	200	200	200			
	300	300	300	300	300			
	400	400	400	400	400			
	500	500	500	500	500			
	Team 1		Team 2		Team 3			
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## 21 August 2020

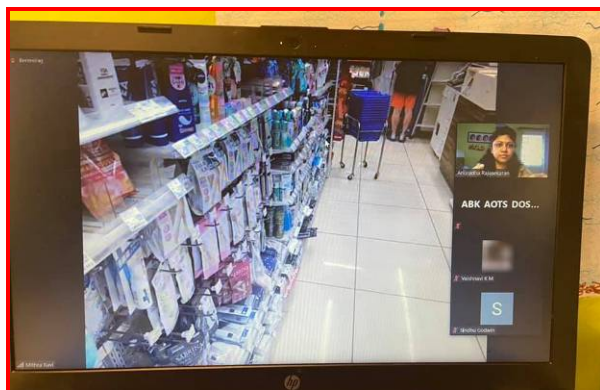
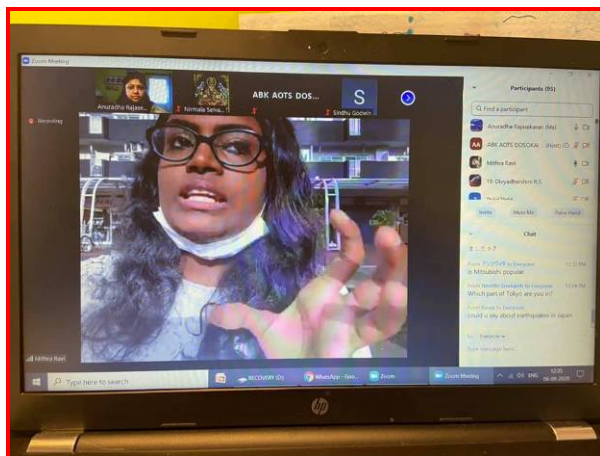
2 computers and 1 phone!!! Conducting online exam similar to JLPT format for 80+ students from a corporate company in 3 batches!! Thrilling and nail biting experience for the students !! We thank Zakir Sensei, Sowmini Sensei and Satomi Sensei for organizing this test pattern





### On 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020

We had a virtual tour of Japan by Ms.Mithra Ravichandran (our student who is now working in Japan) through online ZOOM and she introduced "Life in Japan" by a video walk through the streets and places in Japan. It was very useful and a motivating session for the students. We have organized more such sessions planned in October.



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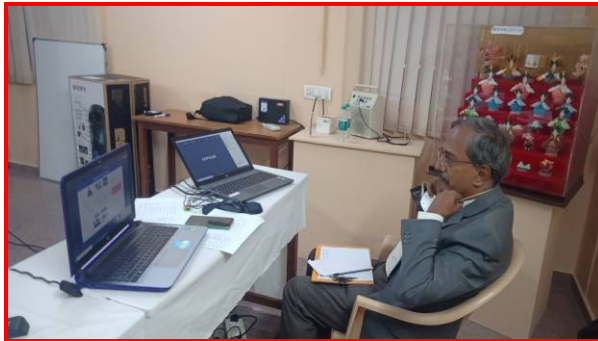
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## 5<sup>th</sup> Quality Improvement Team Competition ( 1<sup>st</sup> Online Competition )

--- 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020 ---

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre organised 5<sup>th</sup> Quality Improvement Team Competition through online on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at our centre.

Totally 32 presentations were made from 22 companies. The participant companies were from Automobile, Engineering, Textile related companies practicing Quality Control. i.e, Rane Group, TVS Group, Coromandel Group , Wheel India Group. The juries Mr. B. Palaniappan and Mr. L. Gopalan of our centre validated the Presentations and sought clarifications through online. The Jury's feed back was very educative.



## Training Program on Japanese Management Techniques

### 12 August 2020

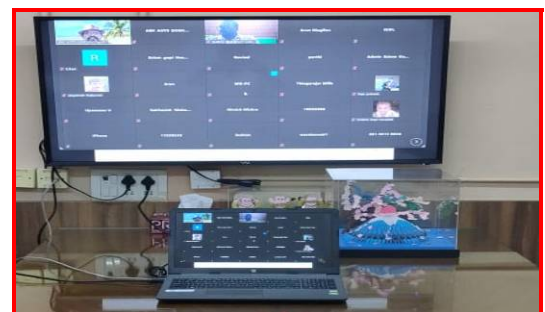
Webinar on **Office Kaizen** was held on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020 through online by Dr.R.Balakrishnan. 38 participants from 13 companies participated in the Webinar.

### 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Webinar on Active Maintenance to Improve MTBF & Reduce MTTR in the Machine / Equipment held on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020 through online. 35 participants from 16 companies participated in the Webinar. Faculty was Dr.R. Balakrishnan

### 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Webinar on Lean Daily work Management for successful supervisor was held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020 through online. 6 participants from 4 companies participated in the Webinar Faculty was Dr. Balakrishnan





## Inter Alumni Exchange Program

26<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Webinar on Japanese 5S Management and on Reorientation of MSMES during Post COVID Era was organized by Alumni Society of AOTS Trivandrum Centre (ASATC) on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020 through online. We are deputing Dr. R. Balakrishnan, Program Director of our centre as a faculty for this training program

30<sup>th</sup> September 2020

One Day Training Programme on Japanese Practices for Manufacturing Excellence organized by AOTS Alumni Association, Karnataka Regional Centre in association with Federation of AOTS Alumni Associations Of India & ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre was held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at Bengaluru. Mr. B. Palaniappan, Program Director - Quality & Productivity Initiatives of our centre was the faculty of this Training program.

## “VinnaiThandi” (Beyond the Sky) organised by Tokyo Tamil Sangam

From 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020 onwards every Friday Mr. M.R. Ranganathan, Chairman of our centre gives special address and one of the Program anchor interviewing some Challenged people with extraordinary willpower, grit, and taken life as a challenge and who are as role models for others and show what is differently and specially abled persons can achieve in life and showed “where there is a will there is a way to win.:

7<sup>th</sup> August 2020

1<sup>st</sup>Vinnai Thandi – Interview with Dr. Ramesh Shanmugam, India Wheelchair Basket Ball Champion

14<sup>th</sup> August 2020

2<sup>nd</sup>Vinnai Thandi – Interview with Mr. Sathyamoorthy, International Wheel Chair Tennis Player

21<sup>st</sup> August 2020

3<sup>rd</sup>Vinnai Thandi – Interview with Ms. K. Rahavi, Senthilkumar, Socioprenour

28<sup>th</sup> August 2020

4<sup>th</sup>Vinnai Thandi – Interview with Ms. Jyothi, Visullychalifedandwho can sing, play Violin, Keybaod, Converese,

04<sup>th</sup> September 2020

5<sup>th</sup>Vinnai Thandi – Interview with Mr. Perumal, Flutist

11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

6<sup>th</sup>Vinnai Thandi – Interview with Ms. J. Swarnalatha, Founder & Managing Trustee

18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

7<sup>th</sup>Vinnai Thandi – Interview with Dr. Inspiring Ilango, Founder, Ace Panacea Life Skills (P) Ltd





## “Discussion on Education to Entrepreneurship – Bridging the Gap” organized by Madras Photo Bloggers during the celebration of Madrasapattinam

--- 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020 ---

Our Chairman Mr. M. R. Ranganathan gave lecture on “Discussion on Education to Entrepreneurship - Bridging the Gap” during the celebration of Madrasapattinam organised by the Madras Photo Bloggers on 27 August 2020 through online.



## JAPANESE LANGUAGE NAT TEST

The Japanese Language NAT-TEST is an examination that measures the Japanese language ability of students who are not native Japanese speakers.

NAT Test is being held six times a year. ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre in association with Senmon Kyouiku Publishing Pvt. Ltd Japan. The NAT TEST on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020,, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020 & 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020 are cancelled due to COVID 19.

## Our Planned Events for the Next Quarter October to December 2020

### 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Free Live Session on Youtube – Introduction to Business Japanese

### 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Fresh Japanese Language – N5 classes through online

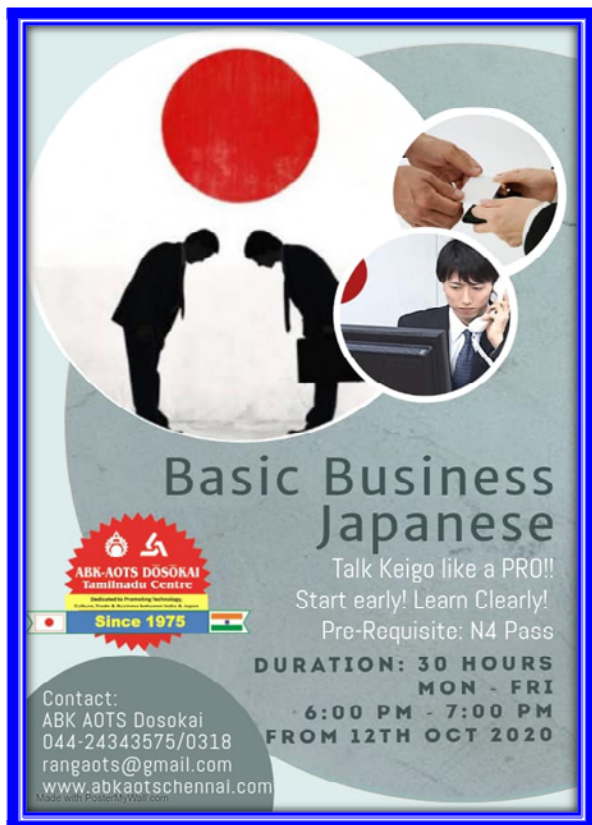
### 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Webinar on Visual Management Systems

### 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020

3<sup>rd</sup> Maintenance Competition





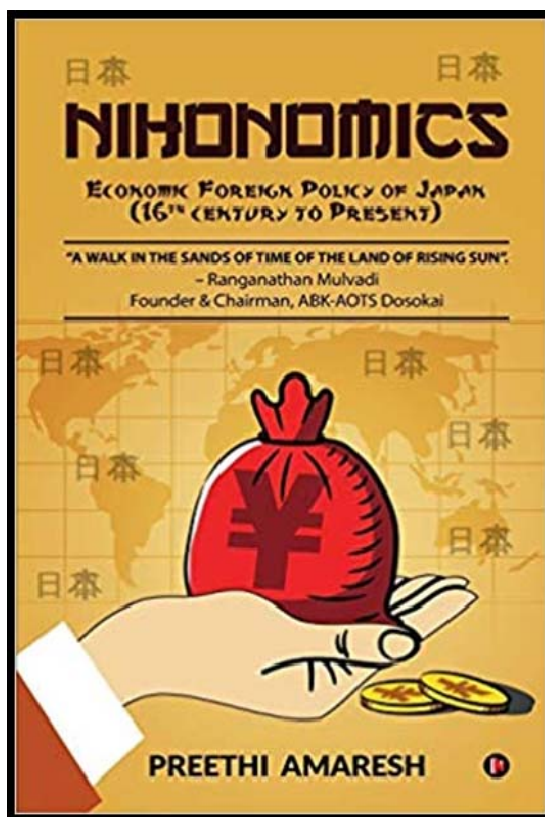
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(16<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY TO PRESENT)

"A WALK IN THE SANDS OF TIME OF THE LAND OF RISING SUN".  
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Founder & Chairman, ABK-AOTS Dosokai

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Japan is considered the third-largest economy in the world and a highly developed free-market economy. From the European contact in the 16<sup>th</sup> century to the Abenomics age, Japan has experienced fluctuations from rapid economic growth to the economic bubble crisis in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Under Shinzo Abe administration, the government is keen to bring out a forward and positive outlook for the Japanese people and economy. Japan can achieve this only by reforming the country's economic system, accomplishing substantial domestic-led growth and opening up Japan's markets further. While the Heisei era was a turbulent period for the country's economy, the Reiwa era that began in 2019 promises a new economic dawn to overcome decades of economic stagnation.

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