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A Cultural, Technical & Trade Bridge Between Japan & India



Go Pokèmon Go!

The world is going crazy over Pokemon go already. Our brethren have yet another reason to thank the Japanese community - for this augmented reality mobile game! Pokemon is everywhere - in office, below that building, inside your home and everywhere else outside...

Indians beware - Atheists will now enter temples to find their pokemon - perfectly sane people will be scouring over corporation dump yards - it will be increasing difficult to point at random women and not get pulled up!

As you receive this copy of our newsletter, the Rio games would be in full swing and let us hope that our brave athletes (let us term anyone that has to weather imperfect preparation facilities as brave!) do us proud. Medal or no medal, let them fight for the 1.2 billion people who wish them well!

After having explored so many areas of strengthening ties between our two great nations, we are so proud to now make giant strides in the academic sphere of Japanese universities. The Japan Study Fair that was held at our centre left so many aspiring students with a conviction about the value of reaching their

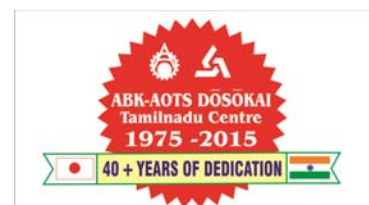
scholastic objectives at the many universities that were represented. This Spring, 8 students associated with our centre will certainly do us proud at Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University at Beppu, Japan as they enrol for their undergraduate programs. May they be the torch bearers for many more to follow!

Happily, I received some poignant feedback from many of you about the thoughts that were posted in the previous edition eNihon Mon about the senseless violence that was happening in this world. And when I read this feedback it left me brimming with the confidence that the world is still so full of such emotionally positive people and it is only a matter of time and mind before we overpower the ones that don't belong to our race.

Here's wishing you all a great time ahead.

Taihenosewaninarimashita.
Dozoyoroshikuonegaiitashimasu.

Harikumar B
From the Editor's Desk



“Jazz Concert” performed by Masahiko Satoh & Nomodismo

---01 April 2016---

The Consulate-General of Japan in Chennai, the Japan Foundation and the ABK-AOTS Dosokai, Tamilnadu Centre are organized a “Jazz Concert” performed by **Masahiko SATOH** and **Nomodismo** along with a special performance with Indian Percussionist **Jus Drums Murali** and **Ace Violinist Karaikkal S. Venkatasubramanian**. on 1 April 2016 at the **Rani Seethai Hall**, Chennai.

Sharing mutual trust and strong bonds among them, driven by each member's unsurpassed performance skills and commitment the four musicians – (1) **Masahiko Satoh (Pianist, Composer & Arranger)**; (2) **Keisuke Ohta (Violinist, Vocal)**; (3) **Yoichi Okabe (Percussionist)**; (4) **Akiko Uesugi (Jazz Vocalist)**, will create an outstanding musical sensation featuring various types of original tunes presented by each member. Their scintillating performance will also be featuring a special performance with Indian percussionist **Jus Drums Murali** and **Ace Violinist Karaikkal S. Venkatasubramanian**.

The troupe after their performed at Kolkata is coming to Chennai. Music lovers in Chennai can come and enjoy the musical sensation created by the dynamic live performance of **the Jazz team**.



H. E. Mr. Seiji Baba address the audience during the Jazz Concert



Jazz Concert is in progress



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Waku Waku Club

Waku Waku Club a club for the active interaction of Japanese Teachers and Students on various Interesting areas of learning and sharing ideas other than what is taught in the Class room is a part of our Japanese Language School. The motive of the club is “Learn as you Play”.

**Story telling session by Mr. Santhosh Fukao
on 3 April 2016**



Section of the story telling session by Mr. Santhos Fukao

The activities are Story Telling, Debate, Haiku, Origami, Games, Karaoke, Drama, Quiz, Tongue Twisters, Proverb, Guest Visit, Rhymes, Dance, Cooking Demo & Grammar discussion

Hiragana Games on 17 April 2016



Section of the Hiragana Games in progress



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Teachers sharing of idea meet on 24 April 2016

Ms. Sukanya sharing her experience gained in Japan foundation, Japan.



Section of the Teachers sharing in progress

Kana Contest on 15 May 2016

A contest was conducted with three levels and students with best handwriting were selected as winners.



Certificate awarding ceremony of Kana Contest



Group photo taken during the Kana Contest

Yukata Wearing & Demonstration of Obon Dance by Akamatsu san in N3 class on 22 May 2016



Yukata Wearing & Demonstration Obon Dance in Progress



Yukata Wearing & Demonstration Obon Dance in Progress



Group Photo taken during the Yukata Wearing & Demonstration
Obon Dance



Coffee meet in progress

4th Nikkei Asia Recruiting Forum

---06 April 2016---

The Nikkei Asia Recruiting Forum addressed us informing us about Universities wanting to accept students from Indian Universities organised by Nikkei Human Resources , Inc & Sponsor by The Japan Foundation , Nikkei Inc., Global Business Bureau.



Nikkei Asia Recruiting Forum addressed the audience



Coffee meet in progress

Obon demonstration on 26 May 2016



Obon demonstration in Progress

Coffee Meet

---07 April 2016---

Waku Waku Club takes this opportunity to arrange an interaction with the Japanese women along with a cup of coffee twice a month. Each of these coffee meets will be for 2 hours and topic of discussion can be anything of interest to both the sides.

The theme of Japanese vegetables on 7 April 2016



Obon demonstration in Progress

Chennai Charity Concert – Power of Music

---23 April 2016---

In order to promote the Japan-India Cultural Exchange and also in order to promote and support the CSR activities toward disabled people, The Consulate General of Japan in Chennai, Corporate Catalyst India (CCI) and the NGO Freedom Trust ABK-AOTS Dosokai Tamil Nadu Center and Spastics Society of Tamil Nadu (SPASTN) are jointly going to hold a Charity Concert **"The Power of Music"** in Chennai on April 23rd (Sat), 2016. The event included a Performance in Indian Music by visually impaired children trained by the NGO Freedom Trust, a Japanese Music Performance by Chennai Japanese Chorus Group and most importantly a Piano Concert by Mr. Toshiki Usui, the well-known Professional Pianist from Japan.



Mr. Toshiki Usui, the well-known Professional Pianist from Japan performed during the Chennai Charity Concert



Chennai Charity Concert – Section of the audience



Visually impaired Artists trained by NGO Freedom Trust performed during the Chennai charity concert



H. E The Ambassador of Japan to India, Mr. Kenji Hiramatsu visited to our centre

---28th April 2016---



Our President Mr. G. Chandramohan welcome the
H. E Ambassador of Japan to India, Mr. Kenji Hiramatsu
During visited to our centre



Group photo taken during H. E Ambassador of Japan to India, Mr. Kenji Hiramatsu visited to our centre



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Special Summer Camp for Suyam Charitable Trust

---9 to 14 May 2016---

As part of the year long activities "Waku Waku Club" conducted the a Special Summer Camp for Suyam Charitable Trust, Chennai about Japan for the students to get more experience about Japan in Chennai via culture, language, song, dance, games and origami by our Students of Nihongo Gakko, (Japanese Language School) on 9 to 14 May 2016



Summer Camp in progress



Summer Camp in progress



Summer Camp in progress

Tamil Workshop for Japanese

---14, 21, & 28 May 2016---

Tamil workshop was conducted in association with Tamil Mozhi koodam to demonstrate Tamil Heritage, cooking, games, costume, Rangoli, Tamil pronunciation etc for Native Japanese in Chennai .

Visit to Ulaga Tamil Mayyam, Taramani on 14 May 2016



Visit to Ulaga Tamil Mayyam, Taramani



Visit to Ulaga Tamil Mayyam, Taramani

Tamil Cooking demonstration on 21 May 2016



Cooking demonstration in progress



Cooking demonstration in progress

Demonstration of Tamil Pronunciation on 28 May 2016



Demonstration of Tamil Pronunciation in Progress

Demonstration of Rangoli



Demonstration of Rangoli in Progress

Japanese Support Services

Translation & Interpretation:

Most of the major Japanese companies in and around Tamilnadu are utilizing our Japanese language expertise for Translation and Interpretation services.



Sakura Network

---23 May 2016---

Since the fiscal year 2008, the Japan Foundation has been building up the JF Nihongo Network ("Sakura Network") with the cooperation of Japanese language education institutions worldwide.

The Japan Foundation expects the "Sakura Network" members to play a significant role in terms of enhancing the Japanese language education in their region or country by utilizing various programs provided by the Japan Foundation.

The Japan Foundation will work together in cooperation with the member organizations of the "Sakura Network" to enhance the quality of overseas Japanese language education and provide opportunities to learn the Japanese language.

We are happy to say, that we are one of 5 institutions in India and Only one in south India to be selected by Japan Foundation to be a Part of Sakura network



5S Lead Assessor Course

---16 ~18 June 2016---

The 5S LEAD ASSESSOR course is being offered in India from 16 to 18 June 2016 at CEAT Limited, Halol unit. It is a certificate course to develop skills and expertise needed to audit as well to manage work

place management system audits effectively. The objective of this course is to build the required skills, capabilities and competencies for carrying out audits on 5S practices in an organization and evaluating the Status against established benchmarks leading to award of Marks / Rating / Grading.

The training program will provide both technical knowledge and practical skills essential to become a competent LEAD ASSESSOR OF 5S PRACTICE by carrying out live audits in a few companies. 20 participants from 6 companies participated in this program.



5S Lead Assessor Course in progress



5S Lead Assessor Course in progress



Group photo taken during the 5S Lead Assessor Course

Maintenance Competition

---18 June 2016---

As part of our yearlong activities on Japanese Management Techniques we conducted “Competition on Maintenance Personnel” for industries in Tamilnadu on Saturday 18 June 2016 at our centre. Mr. S. Mathiyalagan, General Manager & Head Maintenance (CV&TR) Wheels India Limited inaugurated the Competition Totally 65 presentations were made from 34 companies.

The best presentation from M/s. ABI Showatech (India) Ltd, (Light Alloy Products Division), Pulivalam Village M/s. Brakes India Pvt. Ltd, Padi & M/s. The Ramco Cements Limited, Salem Grinding Plant were awarded Diamond Award by Mr. Bheemsingh Dharmaraj, Senior Vice President, Rane Brake Linings Ltd, Chennai.



Section of participants of “Competition on Maintenance Personnel”



Competition on Maintenance Personnel – Session in Progress



Photos taken with winners of the Competition on Maintenance Personnel

Our Events for the Next Quarter July ~ Sep 2016

2 August 2016

Mr. Joji Tateishi - Senior Managing Director, The Overseas Human Resources and Industry Development Association (HIDA), Japan visited our centre

5 & 6 August 2016

Japan Educational Fair – 2016 in association with the University of Tokyo, India Office at our Centre

11 & 12 August 2016

WNF Program Two Day Workshop on Young Leaders in Alumni Association at our Centre

20 to 27 August 2016

18th Japan India Student Conference (JISC) in coordination with Tamilnadu Chamber of Nippon India Trade & industry (TACNITI) at our Centre

20 August 2016

Talk Your way to Japan – Speech Contest in Tamil for Corporation & Government Higher Secondary Schools students in Chennai at our Centre

27 August 2016

Talk Your way to Japan – Speech contest in Tamil for Higher Secondary School Students in Tamilnadu at our Centre

4 September 2016

Talk Your way to Japan – Speech contest in Japanese for the students of our centre.

10 September 2016

“Talk Your Way to Japan” Speech Contest in English for College students in Tamilnadu at our Centre

17 September 2016

Prize distribution ceremony of Talk Your Way to Japan – Speech Contest, Hiyoshi Environmental Awards – 2015 at our Centre

30 September 2016

International Translation Day - Workshop on Translation / Interpretation at our Centre

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