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## A new Super Ma`RIO'

As the curtains came down on Rio 2016, an element of surprise descended on us all. As along common practice, Mr Shinzo Abe was present at the closing ceremony to represent the host country of the 2020 Olympics. But how?

Spectators at the stadium and viewers, in millions, tuning in worldwide were amused to see the normally sober world leader appear out of an oversized pipe dressed as Super Mario, the star of the popular Nintendo video game series. And when the costume fell away, the Prime Minister emerged holding a red ball, waving a red cap with a proud smile on his face - a smile that was indicative of the 41 count medal tally. This dramatic entry set the social media in a flurry, didn't it?

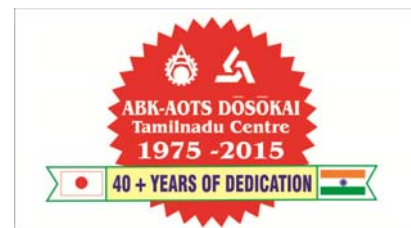
Yours truly had a wonderful sense of 'Natsukashii' last month during a visit to Tokyo Kenshu Centre - our home in Japan during our training days - from where it all began. It was wonderful to meet the ever-affable team of HIDA as it bought back some great memories of my time spent there.

It was equally gratifying to have had an opportunity the following week to meet the team of Hiyoshi Corporation at their office in Omihachiman. We always remain deeply appreciative of all the support the Management team of Hiyoshi lends our Dosokai in our activities.

The team at our Dosokai wishes all our well-wishers a happy and safe season of festivities. As we celebrate the victory of the good over the evil and brace ourselves to welcome another year of opportunities and grace, let us not forget to count our blessings.

Sayonara until the next,

Harikumar B



## Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) – 2016 July

---02 July 2016---

The Japanese Language Proficiency Test, (JLPT) is being held twice a year on the first Sunday of July & December annually. Our centre has been identified for conducting the Japanese Language Proficiency Test for N1-N5 for entire South India on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2016.



JLPT 2016 (July) – Proctors Meeting in Progress



Ms. J. Sowmini, Deputy Director - Japanese Language School of our centre honouring Ms. Saeko Miyasaka with Salva



Mrs. Nirmala Bhaskar, Advisor, Japanese Language School of our centre handing over memento to Ms. Saeko Miyasaka

## Farewell Dinner to Ms. Saeko Miyasaka

---08 July 2016---



Our President Mr. G. Chandramohan delivering the Welcome Address during Farewell dinner to Ms. Saeko Miyasaka



Mrs. R. Anuradha, Director, Japanese Language School of our centre handing over photo album to Ms. Saeko Miyasaka



Group Photo taken along with Ms. Saeko Miyasaka

## Training Programme on Japanese Management Techniques

One Day Training Program on “**INDIAN WAY KAIZEN**” with Case Studies and Simulation Games was held on 16.07.2016. 22 participants from 8 companies participated in the training program.

One Day Training Program on 7 STEPS to improve the **OVERALL OFFICE EFFICIENCY** was held on 14.09.2016. 16 participants from 9 companies participated in the training program.

Association of Quality Development (AfQD), the new wing of ABK-AOTS conducted a one day training on Quality improvement titled as **Quality 3S** Successful, Simple & Sustainable Quality Practices was held on 19.09.2016. 12 participants from 5 companies participated in the training program

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Training Program on “**INDIAN WAY KAIZEN**” with Case Studies and Simulation Games in progress



Training Program on “**INDIAN WAY KAIZEN**” with Case Studies and Simulation Games in progress

## Competition on Innovative QCs

---23 July 2016---

As part of the yearlong activities ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre in association with Association for Quality Development (AfQC) is organizing a Competition on “**INNOVATIVE QC's**” on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2016, Saturday, at Chennai. His Excellency Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul General of Japan in Chennai was the Chief Guest who Inaugurate the Competition.

### ABOUT THE INNOVATIVE QC COMPETITION

Quality Circles as a movement has been adapted even by the west, though it was born in Japan. Fundamentally it is the team of employees, from the same work area, who form the circles. ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre spearheading the Japanese Management Concepts for over 4 decades, is empowered to provide an authentic knowledge and new age thinking through this unique Competition, under the banner AfQD.

### OBJECTIVES:

- To provide a platform for sharing the experience of problem solving/prevention.
- To open out new avenues by learning from other organizations.
- To enable self-assessment on the problem solving skill.
- To develop a spirit of competition, opportunities for interaction, networking and exchange of ideas.

The participant companies are from Automobile, Textile related companies practice Quality Control. i.e , Rane Group, TVS Group, Brakes India Group, L & T Rubber Processing

The competition was participated by more than 350 delegates from Medium & Large Scale Industries. Mr. Dai Uramoto, Vice President, M/s. Mitsubishi Corporation India Pvt. Ltd, Chennai was the Chief Guest who distributed the prizes and Mr. Man Mohan, Vice President, FAAAI, Newdelhi, delivered special address.



Section of the participants of QC Competition



Dignitaries on Dias during the Inaugural ceremony of QC competition



Winners of QC competition



H. E. Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul General of Japan in Chennai lighted kuthuvilaku during the valedictory ceremony of QC competition



QC competition in progress



Dignitaries on Dias during the valedictory ceremony of QC competition



## Waku Waku Club Activities

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.

### Tanabata celebration on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2016



Tanabata celebration by Ms. Shizu Akamatsu session of participants



Tanabata celebration by Ms. Shizu Akamatsu in Progress

### Japanese Rhymes on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2016



Japanese Rhymes during Waku Waku Club in Progress

### Coffee Meet

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 will be anything of interest to both the sides.

### Bharathanatyam by on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016



Bharathanatyam performance by Mako Satomi san during Coffee Meet 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.

### Japanese Language Classes starting at Meenakshi Sunderarajan Engineering College

---27 July 2016---



Japanese Language Class introduction session at Meenakshi Sunderarajan Engineering College in progress

### Toast Master International Club Demo Session

---30 July 2016---



Toast Master International Club Demo Session in progress



Group photo taken during the Toast Master International Club Demo Session.

## Certificate Awarding Ceremony

---31 July 2016---



Group photo taken during the Basic Conversation (Spoke Japanese) course completion certificate awarding ceremony.



Group photo taken during the visit Mr. Joji Tateishi, Senior Managing Director, HIDA -Japan.

## Mr. Joji Tateishi, Senior Managing Director, HIDA – Japan visited our centre

---2 August 2016---



Mr. Joji Tateishi, Senior Managing Director, HIDA –Japan during the visited our centre



Mr. Joji Tateishi, Senior Managing Director, HIDA – Japan address the members

## Japan Education Fair 2016 in Chennai

---5 & 6 August 2016---

The University of Tokyo, Japan, - supported by The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) & The Consulate –General of Japan in Chennai, & ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre organised “**JAPAN EDUCATION FAIR 2016 IN CHENNAI**” on 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> August 2016 between 10.00 am and 4:00 pm at ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Chateau D Ampa, New No 37 Old No. 110 Nelson Mancikam Road, Aminjikarai, Chennai.

About 7 Japan’s Leading Universities & 3 Organizations be participated in the fair.

### Salient Features for the Study in Japan

- Japan is very safe country.
- Excellent Research facilities is available
- The Education cost is very cheap when compared to USA and other countries
- Great opportunity to the students to study in Japan in English and with scholarships upto 100% for Under Graduate & Graduate Programs in leading universities in Japan.
- Scholarships & Internship Opportunities
- Great Job Opportunities & we are proud to mention here that most of the students recommended by us have been placed world wide

### About the Japan Education Fair

- Seminar organized by Government of Japan, Japanese Industries and Universities

- Seminar on Robotics Workshop
- Individual consultation at booth
- Video Conference interaction with South Indian Students studying in Japan's Leading Universities.
- This Education Fair aimed at bringing Principals, Teachers, Students & Parents Face to face interaction with the Japan's Leading Universities.

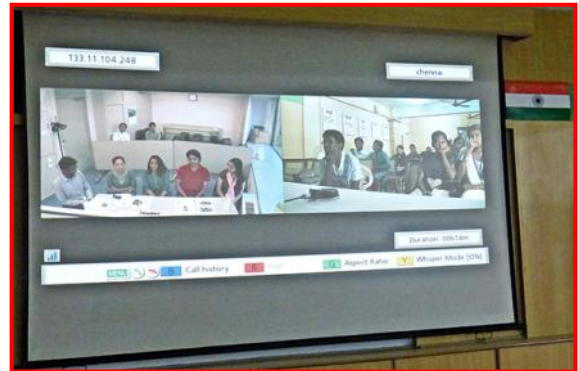
The following 6 students selected by Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Japan Ms. Anahata Harikumar, Ms. Kalpana Ramsharma, Ms. Keiko Haribabu, Ms. S. Prameeta. Mr. Rouhin Mark Shah, & Mr. Siva Srinivas gave a fruitful presentation to the visitors of Japan Education Fair on the advantages of studying in Japan.



Japan Education Fair in progress



Section of audience during the Seminar on Japan Education Fair



Video Conference interaction with the students studying in Japan along with students in Chennai



Japan Education Fair in progress



Section of audience in Robotics Workshop during Japan Education Fair



Japan Education Fair in progress





## WNF Program Two Day Workshop for the Young Leaders in Alumni Associations

---12 & 13 August 2016---

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu centre organized the WNF Program on Two Day Workshop for the Young Leaders in Alumni Associations on 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> August 2016 for the Alumni Association in SAFAAS & FOSAAS Region under the auspicious of The Overseas Human Resources & Industry Development Association (HIDA), Japan.

### OBJECTIVES

The Program is meant for AAS alumni members from SAFAAS region who are below 40 Years and who have been also active as an individual in the AAS of that region. At the end of the Program the participants were able to

- Plan activities for their AAS
- Reframe their own AAS Mission and Vision statements for review by the AAS
- Enumerate Qualities expected out of a leader and exhibit these by appropriate actions in the AAS
- Work out strategies to improve the visibility and Image of their AAS
- Building Teams
- Plan and start new activities that can change the way of Function of AAS for better networking in the region

### CONTENTS

The two day workshop had lectures and hands on Experiential learning session. Detailed schedule is given below..

- Leadership and Thinking Differently
- Voluntary Organization- Leaderships and Motivation
- Growing as Mentor and Role Model
- Planning for activities that give Visibility and Image building to AAS
- Formalizing the Mission and Vision statements
- Team working and leading Teams
- Winning and success

Participants are 8 from (Bangladesh - 3, Nepal - 3, Srilanka - 2) 12 from India (Mumbai -3, Kerala, 2, Andhara Pradesh - 2, Delhi -1, Newdelhi -1, Pune - 1 , Karnataka - 1, & Tamilnadu - 1)

This two days program was designed by our Chairman Mr. M. R. Ranganathan as a workshop full of exercise and the following were the faculties from our centre for the above program

1. Mr. M. R. Ranganathan – Chairman
2. Mr. G. Chandramohan – President
3. Mr. Chellappa Sriram – Vice President
4. Mr. R. Mukundan – Vice President
5. Mr. R. Viswanathan – Vice President
6. Ms. Anuradha Rajasekar – Director, Japanese Language School
7. Dr. R. Balakrishnan – Director – Japanese Management Training



Dignitaries on dais during the WNF Program for Young Leaders in Alumni Associations of SAFAAS & FOSAAS Region



WNF Program for Young Leaders in Alumni Associations of SAFAAS & FOSAAS Region – session in progress



WNF Program for Young Leaders in Alumni Associations of SAFAAS & FOSAAS Region – session in progress



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WNF Program for Young Leaders in Alumni Associations of SAFAAS & FOSAAS Region – session in progress



WNF Program for Young Leaders in Alumni Associations of SAFAAS & FOSAAS Region – session in progress



Group Photo taken during the WNF Program for Young Leaders in Alumni Associations of SAFAAS & FOSAAS Region

## “Talk Your way to Japan” Speech Contest in Tamil for Chennai & Government Hr Sec Schools students in Chennai

--- 20 August 2016 ---

Talk Your Way to Japan Speech Contest in Tamil for Students of Chennai & Government Hr Sec Schools in Chennai was conducted on 20.08.2016 Out of 12 Schools 25 students participated in the Preliminary, 5 schools & 8 Students were selected for the finals. Mr. B. Mohamed Ashik – XI B, Chennai Hr Sec School, C.I.T. Nagar, Chennai, won first prize of the contest.



Talk Your Way to Japan – Tamil Speech Contest in Progress



Winners of Tamil Speech Contest

## 20<sup>th</sup> Japan India Student Conference (JISC)

--- 20 ~ 27 August 2016 ---

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre, Chennai, India had been identified by the Indo Japan Chamber, Tokyo / Japan for conducting the Japan India Student Conference in Chennai / India from the year 2009 onwards to discuss and exchange views / opinions on varied topics as detailed below

Education – Artificial intelligence, chronological

Society – Identity caste, immigration  
Culture – westernization, media  
Economics – global economy, from the viewpoints  
of local and global

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre in coordination with Tamiladu Chamber of Nippon India Trade & Industry (TACNITI) organized the 20<sup>th</sup> JISC in Chennai, India from 20 to 27 August 2016 in which 8 students from different Universities of Japan.

The event was supported by Consulate General of Japan at Chennai, Japan External Trade Relation Organization (JETRO), Chennai, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Chennai Institute of Technology (CIT) & India Yamaha Motor Pvt. Ltd., Sriperumbudur where they had group discussions with the employees.

During the course of the conference the students were taken for sightseeing to Mahabalipuram (shore temple), Marina beach and shopping at malls like , Skywalk, City Centre, etc., Home stay was also arranged for all the JISC participants to know more about Indian culture, tradition , cookery, etc.,

During the valedictory ceremony certificates were awarded to the JISC participants. The JISC participants enjoyed and relished the taste of the Chennai food. Some of our teachers like Ms. Shruthi Venkatesh, Ms. Suchithra, Ms. Mithra, Ms. Balarupini & Mr. Aruloli coordinated in the successful conduct of the 20<sup>th</sup> Japan India Student Conference.



20<sup>th</sup> JISC Team had group discussing with our Japanese Language School students



20<sup>th</sup> JISC Team had discussion with students of Chennai Institute of Technology (CIT)



Performance of 20<sup>th</sup> JISC Team during the welcome dinner



20<sup>th</sup> JISC Team had group photo with H. E. Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul General of Japan in Chennai



Group photo taken during the Welcome ceremony of 20<sup>th</sup> JISC Team



20<sup>th</sup> JISC Team had group photo with JETRO, Chennai



20<sup>th</sup> JISC Team had discussion with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT, Chennai)



Our students guiding the 20<sup>th</sup> Jisc students to Dakshinchitra



20<sup>th</sup> JISC Team has practice Yoga

## “Talk Your way to Japan” Speech Contest in Tamil for Hr Sec School Students in Tamilnadu

--- 27 August 2016 ---

“Talk Your Way to Japan” Speech Contest in Tamil for the Hr Sec Schools in Tamilnadu was conducted on 27.08.2016. Out of 44 Schools 73 students participated in the Preliminary, 8 schools 8 Students were selected for the finals Ms. V. Yuvarani, C.C.M. A. Girls Hr. Sec. School, Coimbatore won 1st Prize of the Contest.



20<sup>th</sup> JISC Team had group photo with India Yamaha Motors



Talk Your Way to Japan – Tamil Speech Contest in Progress

## Shiru Miru Club Activity

Shiru Miru Club Activity:



Our students guiding the 20<sup>th</sup> JISC students to Marina beach



Section of audience of Talk Your Way to Japan – Tamil Speech contest held on 27 August 2016



Winners of Tamil Speech Contest



Mr. Tadashi Suzuki, Director, Hiyoshi Corporation, Japan awarded the Hiyoshi Green Campus Award to Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Kilpauk

## Hiyoshi Green Campus Award

--- 3 September 2016 ---

The Rotary Club, Annanagar in association with Hiyoshi Corporation, Japan & ABK –AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre jointly announced the Hiyoshi Green Campus Award – 2016. Out of 7 schools and 3 colleges participated in the program, the following 3 were adjudicated for the Hiyoshi Green Campus Award

1. Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Kilpauk
2. Government Higher Secondary School, Arumbakkam
3. DRBCCC, Hindu College, Pattabiram

Mr. Tadashi Suzuki, Director, Hiyoshi Corporation, Japan was the Chief Guest for the award giving ceremony on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 at 4.00pm at our Nagaaki Yamamoto Seminar Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Chateau D Ampa, New No. 37 Old No. 110 Nelson Manickam Road, Aminjikarai, Chennai – 29.

During the award giving ceremony the winners gave a presentation on their project.



Section of audience of Hiyoshi Green Campus Award

## "Talk Your way to Japan" Speech contest in Japanese for the students of our centre and our franchise

--- 4 September 2016 ---

"Talk Your Way to Japan" Speech Contest in Japanese for (Nihongo Gakko) Japanese Language School of our centre and our franchise was held on Sunday 04.09.2016 Out of 37 participants Ms. Ramyasshree Ramaswamy – N3, won the first prize of Contest.



Talk Your Way to Japan – Japanese Speech Contest in Progress



Winners of Japanese Language Speech Contest

## “Talk Your Way to Japan” Speech Contest in English for College students in Tamilnadu

--- 10 September 2016 ---

“Talk Your Way to Japan” Speech Contest in English for College Students in Tamilnadu on 10.09.2016. Out of 45 colleges 73 students participated in the Preliminary, 10 colleges 10 Students were selected for the finals. Mr. Barath Balaji – 3<sup>rd</sup> year B. A. Eco , RKM Vivekananda College, Mylapore, Chennai – 4 won first prize of the Contest.



Talk Your Way to Japan – English Contest in Progress



Winners of English Speech Contest

“JAPANESE NIGHT VOL.6” on Friday September 16, 2016 with various cultural events performed by the students learning Japanese in Chennai.

This year the Japanese Night celebrates the sixth meeting in Chennai. It is mainly organized for the Japanese language students and teachers in various language schools and people friendly to Japan in South India to interact among each other and improve their conversation skill and know more about the Japanese culture. The invitees for the event were forbidden to use any languages other than Japanese.

The opening ceremony began with a song ‘Mirai-he’ sung by Differently Abled Children from NGO Freedom Trust, followed by Japanese songs, Bharatanatyam along with Japanese song, and Drama, etc. performed by Japanese language students.

Ms. Kaoru Ohno, Japanese, gave performed a Bharatanatyam performance. In concluding there was a Japanese Music Performance by Chennai Chorus Group, and CKB (Japanese resident music band) & Dancers.

His Excellency Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul-General of Japan in Chennai inaugurated the Japanese Night Vol.6 at 6:00 p.m. on Friday September 16, 2016. at Rani Seethai Hall, Chennai



Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul General of Japan at Chennai deliver the inaugural address during the Japanese Night – Vol 6

## Japanese Night – Vol. 6

--- 16 September 2016 ---

The Consulate-General of Japan in Chennai in association with HCL Technologies, ABK-AOTS Dosokai Tamilnadu Centre, Sethu Bhaskara Japanese Language Academy, Soka Ikeda College of Arts and Science for Women, ibis Hotel, Indo-Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Hayakawa Japanese Language School and Cultural Centre, Surya Nihongo Gakko and KC Consulting Services organized



Introduction of the coordinators of Japanese Night – Vol 6



Performance of the students of our Nihongo Gakko



Performance of the students – Japanese Night Vol 6



Performance of the students of our Nihongo Gakko



Performance of the students of our Nihongo Gakko



Performance of the students of our Nihongo Gakko

## Prize Distribution Ceremony of “Talk Your Way To Japan” Speech Contest & Hiyoshi Environmental Awards – 2016

--- 17 September 2015 ---

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu centre conducted the award giving ceremony of Talk Your Way to Japan Speech Contest & Hiyoshi Environmental Award. His Excellency Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul General of Japan in Chennai was Chief Guest who distributed the prizes to the winners on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2016



Inaugural address by His Excellency Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul General of Japan in Chennai



Section of audience during the prize awarding ceremony

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Year TALK YOUR WAY TO JAPAN–SPEECH CONTEST

From the year 1995 years onwards for past 21 years, we, with the sponsoring of Hiyoshi Corporation, are organizing “Talk Your Way to Japan” Speech Contest for the students in Tamilnadu. The Theme for our “Talk Your Way to Japan” – Speech Contest always centres on Ecology and Environmental issues.

The first prize winners of the competition are being sent to Japan on a Two Week totally free Study cum Cultural Exchange Trip



First Prize winners of Talk Your Way to Japan

## Inhouse Japanese Language Speech Contest

Held in Japanese for Nihongo Gakko – Japanese Language School of our centre on Sunday 21.08.2016 Out of 7 participants the following are the winners of the above Speech Contest.



Group photo of Inhouse Japanese Language Speech contest participants

## HIYOSHI ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD – 2016

From the year 2007 onwards Hiyoshi Corporation, Japan in association with ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre have introduced “Hiyoshi Environmental Award” to recognize the outstanding contribution and progress in research and application in Environmental conservation and protection.

**Hiyoshi Environmental Award** was given to **Dr. Yogesh Chandra Sharma** of Indian Institute of

Technology (Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

**Hiyoshi Think of Ecology Award** was given to **Dr. N. Selvaraju** of National Institute of Technology Calicut, Kozhikode, Kerala

**Hiyoshi Young Leaf Award** was given to **Dr. M.S Balathanigaimani** of Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology, Rae Bareli, Uttar Pradesh



Hiyoshi Environmental awardees – 2016

## R. I. District 3230 International Night - Japan

--- 23 September 2016 ---



His Excellency Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul General of Japan in Chennai address the audience during the R. I. District 3230 International Night Japan



Performance of our Nihongo Gakko Students the R. I. District 3230 International Night Japan



## Kaizen Competition for Support Functions

--- 24 September 2016 ---

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre conducted the "Kaizen Competition for Support Functions" on 24.09.2016 at our centre. Mr. S. Venkatesan, General Manager – TQM, Tube Investments India Ltd, Chennai has inaugurated the Competition. Mr. S. Shyamsundar, Senior General Manager, Brakes India Ltd, Chennai handed over the certificates and prizes to the participants. Totally 51 presentations were made from 22 companies. The best Kaizen presentation was from M/s. Wheels India Ltd, Padi, M/s. Lucas TVS Ltd, Padi & M/s. Gamesa Renewable Pvt. Ltd, was awarded Diamond Award.



Group photo taken during the Kaizen Competition



Our President Mr. G. Chandramohan, welcoming the participants during the Kaizen Competition



Kaizen Competition in Progress



Mr. S. Shyamsundar, Senior General Manager, Brakes India Ltd handed over the certificates and prizes to the participants

## Mr. Koji Sugiyama, Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of Japan in Chennai Visited our centre

--- 29 September 2016 ---



Discussion with Mr. Koji Sugiyama, Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of Japan in Chennai during his Visit our centre



Group Photo taken with Mr. Koji Sugiyama, Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of Japan in Chennai during his Visit to our centre

## Annual General Body Meeting

--- 30 September 2016 ---

27<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting of ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre, Chennai was held at 6.00 P.M. on Friday, the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at the premises of ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre

We are thankful to International Friendship Cultural Exchange Association (IFCA), Japan for deputing Mr. Katsuaki Sakai for Japanese Language Teaching and We hosted a Welcome Dinner to Sakai San after the Annual General Body Meeting.



Section of the Members attending during the AGM



Group photo taken during the welcoming ceremony of Katsuaki Sakai sensei from International Friendship Cultural Exchange Association (IFCA), Japan

- Mr. Joji Tateishi, Senior Managing Director, The Overseas Human Resources and Industry Development Association, Japan
- Mr. Masanori Nakano former Consul General of Japan in Chennai
- Ms. Kayoko Furukawa, Mr. Tomonori Minawa & Ms. Ozaki, Former Consuls, Consulate General of Japan in Chennai
- Mr. Takayuki Kitagawa, former Deputy Consul General of Japan in Chennai
- Mr. Toshihiko Suzuki, Chairman & Mr. Hiroshi Murata, President of Hiyoshi Corporation, Japan

## Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

This year, on seeing the following article in the Leading Newspaper "Times of India" about the story of 12 students who have excelled in their Higher Secondary examination

**UNDEFEATED** They fought and conquered the hurdles that came their way to chase their dreams. Together, we can help fulfill them

<p><b>A Vinodhini   Chennai Higher Secondary School, Shenoy Nagar   1075/1200</b> Daughter of a fish-vendor and a tailor, she studied under the streetlight and aspires to be an IAS officer to help support women. She chose to stay on her school campus to study until late night a week ahead of exams</p> <p><b>P Swapna   Chennai Girls Higher Secondary School, Buddha Street, Korukkupet   1166/1200</b> Stood highest at the corporation school level in Chennai. Daughter of a fisherman and a homemaker, Swapna wants to be a chartered accountant and support her family. Though some of her books were damaged in the floods, she prepared test papers during that time to top the exams. She aimed for a seat in Stella Maris College but is settling for a government college due to fee issues</p> <p><b>E Bhuvaneshwari   St Helen Higher Secondary School, St Thomas Mount   1053/1200</b> Daughter of a loadman and a domestic help and a resident of flood ravaged Ekkatuthangal, she has dreams of becoming a computer engineer. She is determined to take over as the breadwinner so that her father does not have to lug heavy loads. She also hopes to support her younger brother who is preparing for his Class 10 board exams</p> <p><b>M Ramalakshmi   Chennai Girls Higher Secondary School, Madhavankarai   1157/1200</b> Her father a coolie and mother a homemaker, Ramalakshmi made sure she continued studying even during floods under a candle's light and sitting on a stool. Known for her positive and friendly attitude, Ramalakshmi has helped out her friends in their studies. She aspires for a BCom seat in DG Vaishnav College</p> <p><b>A Saleem   Chennai Corporation Higher Secondary School, Thiruvottiyar High Road   1097/1200</b> Son of a fish seller/ice cream vendor, Saleem spent his school vacation by waiting tables at an eatery where he would spend up to 11 hours a day. He hopes to pursue a career in chartered accountancy after completing his BCom degree</p> <p><b>G Bhuvaneshwari   Chennai Corporation Higher Secondary School, CIT Nagar   1157/1200</b> Secured second rank at the corporation school level. After her father left the family when she was four, Bhuvaneshwari lives with her mother, a tailor, and a grandmother. She hopes to do a BCom degree following which she dreams of a career as an IAS officer</p>	<p><b>V Vignesh   Chennai Higher Secondary School, CIT Nagar   1114/1200</b> He works as a newspaper boy to supplement the family's earnings which is spent mostly on rent. His father is a painter while his mother is a domestic help. He wants to become a chartered accountant and also support his younger brother's education by funding for his college years</p> <p><b>R Ashwini   Chennai Higher Secondary School, Alwarpet   1023/1200</b> She stood first in her school even though her home at RA Puram being washed away during the floods due to which they had to continually shift between shelters. Her mother works as a domestic house help and her father, an alcoholic, works as a driver. She wants to become a software engineer unlike her sister who had to settle for a B Sc Computer Science because of money issues</p> <p><b>A Parthasarathy   Olcott Memorial Higher Secondary School, Besant Nagar   936/1200</b> His mother works as a domestic help while his two brothers have taken up meagre jobs to support the family. His father, an auto rickshaw driver died last year. He came second in his class. Will be the first in the family to go to college. Wants to do B Com and aspires to be a banker</p> <p><b>C Sanjana   Corporation Higher Secondary School, Shenoy Nagar   1155/1200</b> Lives with her elder sister who is the breadwinner and her mother who stopped going to work due to ailments. She wants to pursue B Com in Bank Management. Sanjana wants to study in a reputed private college unlike her sister who had to study in a government college due to financial constraints</p> <p><b>I Iswarya   Chennai Girls Higher Secondary School, Perambur   1151/1200</b> She stood first in her school of 750 girls. Her mother took over her father's scrap dealing business after he died six years ago due to heart failure. She wants to do a B Com and be a chartered accountant in the future. She mentors students in her locality during free time</p> <p><b>Venkat Prasath   Corporation Higher Secondary School, Palyur   1152/1200</b> Emerged school first despite battling a form of tuberculosis. His father works as a construction labourer/ electrician to provide for the family. One of his elder sisters also contributes to the family income. It has always been his dream to become a doctor since childhood</p>
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## Visit to Japan

Our Chairman Mr. M. R. Ranganathan, during his visit to Japan in the month of September 2016 met the following dignitaries

- Mr. Shinya Kuwayama, President, The Overseas Human Resources and Industry Development Association, Japan.
- Mr. Kaneko, Advisor (immediate past president), The Overseas Human Resources and Industry Development Association, Japan

We at ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu centre, decided to support these students with a contribution of Rs 1,60,000/- (Rupees One Lakh and sixty thousands) from our funds as an indicator of our social Responsibility to these brilliant students through Times of India .

## HIYOSHI INTERNSHIP PROGRAM - 2017

Colleges, universities and students please contact us for Hiyoshi 2 months Summer Internship at Hiyoshi Corporation, Japan for students of 3<sup>rd</sup> Bachelors degree in Bio Tech, Chemical, Environmental Engineering or 1<sup>st</sup> year Master's Degree in the above areas. The application is open from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 and closes on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 for applications please visit [www.hiyoshi-india.com](http://www.hiyoshi-india.com)

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## Interesting Facts About Japan

- Japan is the largest automobile producer in the world.
- On average there are around 1,500 earthquakes every year in Japan.
- More than 70% of Japan consists of mountains, including more than 200 volcanoes
- There are four different writing systems in Japan; Romaji, Katakana, Hiragana, and Kanji.
- Japan's literacy rate is almost 100%.
- The first novel, The Tale of Genji, was written in 1007 by a Japanese noble woman, Murasaki Shikibu.
- Some Japanese companies conduct a morning exercise session for the workers to prepare them for the day's work.

Courtesy from /www.facts-about-japan.com

## Our Events for the Next Quarter Oct ~ Dec 2016

**4 to 6 October 2016**  
5S Lead Assessor Course at Bangalore

**15<sup>th</sup> October 2016**  
One Day Training Program on Change the Mindset on Quality at our centre

### **22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016**

One Day Training Program on Aiming Zero Breakdown through 5 winning Tools Approach to improve MTTR & MTBF at our centre

### **5<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

One day training Program on Complete Awareness of Quality Management System (QMS) & Application of New QMS Tool IS /ISO9001:2015 at our centre

### **14 ~ 26 November 2016**

Japanese Dolls Exhibition "The Dolls of Japan" at Lalit Kala Akademi organised by the Consulate General of Japan in Chennai, The Japan Foundation , Lalit Kala Akademi and ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre

### **15<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

One Day Training Program on PSP (Problem Solving Process) - The TOYOTA Way at our centre

### **19<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

POKA – YOKE competition at our centre

### **22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016**

One Day Training With Group Discussion "KAIZEN CASE STUDIES" for office & service personal at our centre

### **4<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) Exam at Velammal Matric. Hr. Sec. School, Chennai

### **10<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

Quiz on Japan for School Children of Chennai City - Preliminary at our Centre

### **17<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

Quiz on Japan for School Children of Chennai City - Semifinals at our Centre

### **24<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

Quiz on Japan for School Children of Chennai City - Finals and prize distribution ceremony at our Centre

### **December 2016**

MOSAI Japanese Language Speech Contest for Southern Region at our Centre