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A Cultural, Technical & Trade Bridge Between Japan & India



Where was your 'Hatsuhinode'?

Ahem...A new year and all the wonder that it brings along!

2017 is upon us already and with it brings all of us new hopes and beginnings. As we dust the disappointments of the earlier year off and tell ourselves that the New Year is going to be our best yet, here's wishing all of you a wonderful year of health and happiness.

The Sun plays such an important role in the spiritual sentiments of our two countries. In Indian mythology, Surya - the sun god is depicted as a man with 3 eyes and 4 arms riding a chariot driven by 7 mares. The Japanese mythology reveres Amaterasu - the goddess of the sun and perhaps the most well-known deity in Japan. So much so, that they consider watching the first sunrise of the year 'Hatsuhinode' as an important way to count the blessings of the previous year and start the New Year with renewed hope.

So, where was your 'Hatsuhinode'? Or, did your New Year's Eve party keep you from waking up early enough?

Each time we put together the activities of our Dosokai in the form of the newsletter, we realise the power of the team work that our members bring forth to organise the many events and activities that we feature here. Our Dosokai would not be the force it is in being an important bridge between our two countries but for the tireless efforts of our members. Thank you so much, dear members!

We hope that you will enjoy reading about all that happened in the previous quarter and our plan for the next. Please take the liberty of circulating this to your near and dear!!

Dear 2016, Thank you for all the lessons.

Dear 2017, Thank you for bringing us 12 new chapters. 365 new chances.

Shinnenomedetogozaimasu!

Harikumar B



5S Lead Assessor course

--- 4~6 October 2016 ---

The Sixth 5S LEAD ASSESSOR course was conducted in India from 4 to 6 October 2016 at Taegutec, Bangalore. 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 provides 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. 25 participants from 14 companies participated in this program.



Mr. R. Mukundan, Vice President 5S address the participants during the 5S Lead Assessor Course



5S Lead Assessor Course in progress



Group photo taken during the 5S Lead Assessor Course

Pre Departure Meeting for Talk Your way to Japan - Speech Contest Winners 2016

--- 7 October 2016 ---



Pre Departure Meeting for Talk Your way to Japan - Speech Contest Winners 2016 - Session in Progress



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".

Origami demonstration by Dr. K. Usha on 16th October 2016



Waku Waku Club – Origami Demonstration in progress



Waku Waku Club – Origami Demonstration in progress

Japanese Cooking Demonstration on 6th November 2016



Japanese Cooking Demonstration in progress



Japanese Cooking Demonstration in progress



Coffee Meet in progress



Group photo taken during the coffee meet

Coffee Meet

Waku Waku Club utilizes the opportunity by arranging 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.

Coffee Meet 13.10.2016



Group photo taken during the coffee meet

Half Day Chennai Temple visit on 28th November 2016



Coffee Meet - Chennai Temple visit in progress



Coffee Meet - Chennai Temple visit in progress



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Coffee Meet - Chennai Temple visit in progress



Japanese Management Training program in progress



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Training Programme on Japanese Management Techniques

--- 22 Oct 2016 ---

Training Program “For Maintenance Changers” Aiming ZERO BREAKDOWNS through 5 Wining TOOLS APPROACH To improve MTTR & MTBF in the machines / equipments was held on 22nd October 2016 at our centre, 66 participants from 24 companies participated in the training program

Training Program on Change the Mindset on Quality was held on 15th October 2016 at our centre, 18 participants from 7 companies participated in the training program

Training Program on Complete Awareness on Quality Management Systems (QMS) was held on 5th November 2016 at our centre. 12 participants from 4 companies participated in the training program

Training Program on Problem solving Process (PSP) The Toyota Way was held on 15th November 2016 at our centre. 33 participants from 9 companies participated in the training program

Training with Group Discussion Improving competency level By using “KAIZEN CASE STUDIES” for office & service personal was held on 22nd November 2016 at our centre. 10 participants from 4 companies participated in the training program.



Japanese Management Training program - section of participants



Group photo taken during the training Program on Problem solving Process (PSP) The Toyota Way on 15th November 2016

The Dolls of Japan - Exhibition

--- 14 ~26 Nov 2016 ---

The Consulate-General of Japan in Chennai, The Japan Foundation, Lalit Kala Akademi - Regional Centre, Chennai, and ABK-AOTS Dosokai, Tamilnadu Centre organized a Japanese Dolls Exhibition, "THE DOLLS OF JAPAN", from 14 to 26 November 2016 at Lalit Kala Akademi - Regional Centre, Chennai.

Japan enjoys a rich culture of doll making. Each doll has its own distinct meaning and purpose, and is deeply connected to daily life in Japan and the aspirations of Japan's people. Japanese ancient traditions like "Hina Matsuri" (Girls' Festival) and "Gogatsu Ningyo" (Boy's Day dolls) have fostered this unique culture of dolls. This traditional appreciation for dolls has resulted in the belief that dolls are not only children's toys but also works of art to be displayed and admired.

Japanese dolls reflect the customs of Japan and the aspirations of its people, possess distinctive regional attributes, and over the centuries have developed in many diversified forms. The Dolls of Japan displayed in this exhibition showcases the exquisite traditional craftsmanship and unique cultural heritage of Japan. You will surely enjoy the beauty of these dolls and take a piece of this beauty in your heart.

His Excellency Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul-General of Japan in Chennai inaugurated the Exhibition at 11:00 a.m. on 14 November 2016 at Lalit Kala Akademi - Regional Centre.



The Doll of Japan Exhibition – Section of visitors



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His Excellency Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul General of Japan addressing the audience during the Dolls of Japan Exhibition



His Excellency Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul General of Japan explaining about the exhibits during the Doll of Japan Exhibition

Mr. Kaoru Miyamoto and Mr. Kousuke Noguchi from Japan Foundation visited our centre

--- 18 November 2016 ---



Mr. Kaoru Miyamoto and Mr. Kousuke Noguchi from Japan Foundation visited our centre



Group photo taken during the visit of Mr. Kaoru Miyamoto and Mr. Kousuke Noguchi from Japan Foundation to our centre



Photos taken with winners of the Poka – Yoke Competition

2nd POKO- YOKE COMPETITION --- 19 November 2016 ---

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre conducted the "POKO – YOKE COMPETITION" on 19 November 2016 at our centre. Mr. E. Balaji, General Manager, Rane Engine Valves Ltd inaugurated the Competition. Mr. A. Makesh, Vice President, Rane (Madras) Limited, Varanavasi handed over the certificates & prizes.

Totally 51 presentations were made from 22 companies. The best presentation was from M/s. L & T Kobelco, Kanchipuram, M/s. Rane Brake Lining Ltd, Pondicherry & Wonjin Auto parts India Pvt. Ltd. MMM Nagar was awarded Diamond Award.



2nd Poka – Yoke Competition – Session in Progress



Section of participants of "2nd Poka – Yoke Competition"

Japanese language Teachers Meeting

--- 10 December 2016 ---

The Japanese Language Teachers Meeting of our centre was held on 10.12.2016 at our centre to discuss about the Fresh Classes for Level N5 ~ N1. More than 25 teachers were present and they expressed their suggestions and ideas for improving the teaching methodology to make the classes more informative & interesting.



Japanese Language teachers meeting in progress



Group photo taken during the Japanese Language teachers meeting

Mr. Junichi Mori, Development Consultant / PhD Candidate

--- 14 December 2016 ---

Mr. Junichi Mori, Development Consultant / PhD Candidate, Cardiff School of Social Science Cardiff University conducted research on the Pro – Japan Human Network in India under the Joint research program by the National Graduate Institute of Policy Studies (GRIPS) and the Asia Pacific Institute of Research (APIR) entitled ‘Strategic Network Development of Pro – Japan Human Resources in Asia’. Mr. Junichi Mori visited our centre on 14 December 2016



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Survey for identifying ITI & Engineering college

--- 20~23 December 2016 ---

Our Centre along with a Japanese firm PASONA was involved in a survey in identifying suitable Industrial Training Institute and Engineering colleges for setting up a “Japan-India Institute of Manufacturing (JIM) in Chennai region. This is part of Japanese Government’s skill development program for manufacturing initiative in India.



Photographs taken During survey in identifying suitable Industrial Training Institute and Engineering colleges



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1st Quality Improvement Team (QIT) Competition

--- 21 December 2016 ---

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre & Association for Quality Development (AfQD) is organized 1st Quality Improvement Team Competition on 21st December 2016 at Hotel Radha Regent, Chennai

The participant companies were 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 100 delegates from Medium & Large Scale Industries. Mr. Natarajan, Ashok Leyland, Chennai was the Chief Guest who distributed the prizes to the winners.



1st Quality Improvement Team competition – section of participants



1st Quality Improvement Team competition – session in progress



1st Quality Improvement Team competition – winners

Our Events for the Next Quarter Jan ~ March 2017

7th January 2017

One Day Training Program on **AUTONOMOUS MAINTENANCE (AM)** at our centre

8th January 2017

Commencement of Fresh Japanese Classes for the Academic Year 2017

10th January 2017

Mr. Shinya Kuwayama, President, HIDA – Japan visit to our centre

18th January 2017

Visit of Yamamoto San of Yokohama City – Mumbai office.

23rd January 2017

One Day Seminar on **Best 5S Practices** & Awarding Giving Ceremony of ABK AOTS CUMI 5S Annual competition & ABK AOTS PSK Group 5S Annual Competition for Textile industries at Crowne Plaza Chennai Adyar Park.

11th February 2017

One Day Training Program on **7 Steps to Improve MTRR & MTBF** in the Equipment / Machines. at our centre

23rd February 2017

1st NATIONAL LEVEL **QUALITY IMPROVEMENT TEAM** at New Delhi with support of AfQD

26th February 2017

1st NATIONAL LEVEL **QUALITY IMPROVEMENT TEAM** at New Delhi with support of AfQD

March 2017

Japan Cultural Festival - Exhibition on Japanese Dolls, Origami, Bonsai, Nendo No Tetsukuri , Prize Awarding Ceremony of the Drawing Competition on the Theme "JAPAN IN THE EYES OF INDIAN CHILD" in coordination with The Consulate General of Japan, & The Japan Foundation. at our centre

March 2017

MINI MARATHON in commemoration of the forthcoming "Olympics and Paralympics TOKYO 2020" in coordination with The Consulate General of Japan, & The Japan Foundation at Marina Beach

11th March 2017

One Day Training Program on **LEAN DAILY WORK MANAGEMENT (LDWM) PRACTICES** at our centre

16 ~ 18 March 2017

Comparative Cultural / Historical Study Through **Multi-Colored Indian & Japanese Stamps (in Commemoration of 60th Year of Japan – India Friendship Year)** at our centre

25th March 2017

One Day Training Program on 7 Steps to improve the "**OVERALL OFFICE EFFICIENCY**" at our centre