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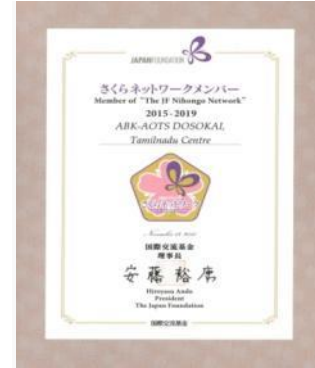


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The Hanabi and Matsuri Season

The 'Tsuyu' season in Japan will be preparing to say goodbye for this year and yield its way to a glorious summer by the time this edition is in your mail box. And bring about a weather that us 'Chennaiites' are so oppressed about. Say, 40 degrees Celsius? Aiyo!!!

Every summer day is a festival in Japan....The countless 'Hanabi' (Fire Work Festival) and 'Matsuris' (Local Community Festival) have always maintained their special place of pride in the culture amongst the people of Japan. Did you know that the most famous Hanabi of them all, The Sumida Gawa Hanabi dates back to 1732? Or that the King of Matsuris, 'The Gion Matsuri' held in Kyoto goes back even earlier to 869 A.D?

History tells us that many of the Hanabis were actually funded and organised by Shoguns to allow it to be a distraction to the people in terms of distress and famine. And that the Matsuris were actually a demonstration of faith to appease the Gods to increase the well-being of the population. Isn't this one more common thread that runs through our two wonderful countries?

Very recently, I had the good fortune of bumping into an old friend of mine. We were in college together and had lost touch over the many years that had passed since. Our conversations took us back, besides other things, about hometowns and this is when I stumbled upon some really surprising information. I was told that his hometown Haldia, is the only city in our country that has a 'Japan town', comprising of a strong Japanese community in a township called 'Sataku'. Interestingly, this Sataku has many Japanese restaurants, a theatre screening Japanese movies and even its own Japanese radio station! Honto?

Our centre remains proud of its many members and students who were invited to Japan, during the previous quarter, to attend workshops and training sessions. Do read more about this and many other fantastic 'nichiinkankei' activities that our teams put together.

Here's wishing you all much fun and frolic!

Harikumar B



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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".

Music Performance on 2nd April 2017



Waku Waku club activity in Progress



Veena recital during the Waku Waku Club



Singing Japanese songs during the Waku Waku Club



Waku Waku Club activity in progress



Waku Waku Club activity in progress



Waku Waku Club activity in progress



Kimono wearing during the Waku Waku club



Waku Waku Club - Speech Club

The Speech Club is formed to train the students to participate in the Japanese Language Speech Contest and speak Japanese fluently.

It was held on 5th April 2017, 12th April 2017, 10th May 2017.



Waku – Waku Club speech contest in progress



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Waku Waku Club - 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.

Theme on Sakura on 6th April 2017



Waku – Waku Club memento to the trainer



Waku – Waku Club coffee meet in progress



Waku – Waku Club coffee meet in progress

Theme on New Year on 20th April 2017



Waku – Waku Club coffee meet in progress



Waku – Waku Club coffee meet in progress

Theme on Kanji on 25th May 2017



Waku – Waku Club coffee meet in progress

**Ranen san, Managing Director
Okada san, HOD Consulting
Division & Pandian san Senior
HR consultant from Pasona's
Chennai Branch Visited our centre**

--- 03 April 2017 ---



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**Kaizen Competition
for Safety & Environment**

--- 13 May 2017 ---

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre conducted the Kaizen Competition for Safety & Environment on 13 May 2017 at our centre Mr. K.Kannan, Senior Vice President, Manufacturing & HR, ABI Showatech (India) Limited, Foundry Division inaugurated the Competition.

Mr. M. V. Sivakumaran , Vice President, Carborundum Universal Limited, Thiruvottiyur handed over the certificates & prizes. Totally 95 presentations were made from 40 companies. The best presentation was from M/s L & T Kobelco Machinery Pvt. Ltd, Kanchipuram, M/s. Terex India Pvt. Ltd, Hosur & M/s. Luk India Pvt. Ltd, Hosur were bestowed with Diamond Award.



Kaizen Competition for Safety & Environment – section of participants



Our Vice President Mr. K. Balasubramanian welcoming the participants during the Kaizen Competition for Safety and Environment



Group Photos taken with Chief Guest and Juries of the Kaizen Competition for Safety & Environment



Kaizen Competition for Safety & Environment – session in progress

Farewell dinner to Ms. Kyoko Ogawa, Japan Foundation

--- 14 May 2017 ---



Farewell Dinner to Ms. Kyoko Ogawa - session in progress



Kaizen Competition for Safety & Environment – section of participants



Group Photos taken during the Farewell Dinner to Ms. Kyoko Ogawa



Photos taken with winners of the Kaizen Competition for Safety & Environment

Origami Workshop

--- 19 May 2017 ---

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre organized the “**ORIGAMI WORKSHOP**” comprising of basic folding techniques, Boxes, Baskets, Balls, Greeting Cards, Birds, Animals, Flowers, & Bouquet, on 19th May 2017 between 10.00 am to 04.00pm



Origami Workshop - session in progress



Origami Workshop - session in progress



Group Photo taken during the Origami Workshop

Farewell Dinner to Ms. Shizu Akamatsu

--- 20 May 2017 ---



Farewell Dinner to Ms. Shizu Akamatsu in progress



Farewell Dinner to Ms. Shizu Akamatsu in progress



Farewell Dinner to Ms. Shizu Akamatsu in progress

Installed Video Conferencing system to bring Japanese Language learning to distant places from our Chennai ABK AOTS JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL HEAD QUARTERS.

ABK AOTS DOSOKAI Japanese Language School Bangalore Chapter

--- 29 May 2017 ---



Photograph taken during the MOU between Mrs. Uma Ramasubramanian the Director of ABK AOTS DOSOKAI, Japanese Language School, Bangalore Chapter with our Chairman

Ms. Shimada Megumi Head of the Culture and Information Affairs, Consulate General of Japan in Chennai

--- 13 June 2017 ---



Ms. Shimada Megumi, Head of the Culture and Information Affairs, Consulate General of Japan in Chennai visited our centre



Ms. Shimada Megumi, Head of the Culture and Information Affairs, Consulate General of Japan in Chennai has honoured with Shawl by Ms. Gayathri Jayaraman



Ms. Shimada Megumi, Head of the Culture and Information Affairs, Consulate General of Japan in Chennai received memento from our President Mr. G. Chandramohan

2nd Innovative QC competition

--- 17 & 18 June 2017 ---

As part of the yearlong activities Association for Quality Development (AfQC) a wing of ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre organised the 2nd Innovative QC Competition on 17th & 18th June 2017 at Kongunadu Educational Institution, Thottiam, Namakkal. Special addressed by Dr. PSK. R. Periyasamy, Chairman, Kongunadu Group of Institution & Inaugural addressed by Chief Guest Dr. S. Manivannan, Joint Managing Director, Kauvery Hospitals, Trichy.

The participant companies are from Automobile, Textile related companies practice Quality Control. i.e., Murugappan Group, Rane Group, TVS Group, Brakes India Group, L&T Rubber Processing. Totally 72 presentations were made from 38 companies

The competition was participated by more than 350 delegates from Medium & Large Scale Industries. Mr. R. A. Krishnakumar, Executive Director, Dalmia Cements (Bharat) Ltd was the Chief Guest who distributed the prizes.



2nd Innovative QC Competition – session of participants



2nd Innovative QC Competition – session in progress



Handing over the memento to Dr. R. Asokan, Principal
Kongunadu College of Engineering and Technology



Photograph taken with the winners of 2nd Innovative QC
Competition



Photograph taken with the winners of 2nd Innovative QC
Competition



2nd Innovative QC Competition – section of participants

Training Programme on Japanese Management Techniques

Training Program on Statistical Process Control (SPC) on 6th April 2017 at our centre, 13 participants from 5 companies participated in the training program.

Workshop on Identifying and Eliminating “NON VALUE ADDED WORK (NVA)” using “VALUE STREAM MAPPING on 22nd April 2017 at our centre, 26 participants from 12 companies participated in the training program.

Training Program on POKA-YOKE for achieving Zero Defect manufacturing on 27th May 2017 at our centre, 32 participants from 8 companies participated in the training program

Certificate Awarding Ceremony of Japanese Language School of our centre

--- 25 June 2017 ---



Group photo taken during Certificate Awarding Ceremony of Japanese Language School of our centre



Group photo taken during Certificate Awarding Ceremony of Japanese Language School of our centre



Certificate Awarding Ceremony of Japanese Language School of our centre in progress



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We are proud

Ms. Neerajaksh Sundarajan an perusing N4 level at our centre won the **NODOJIMAN** – the world, a music competition held in Japan for non – native singers. She was the first prize winner among the 20,000 applications received throughout the world on 13.05.2017 at Japan



ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI Thiruvanmiyur Chapter

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Thiruvanmiyur Chapter headed by Ms. Vaishnavi Kumar conducting the Japanese Language classes N5, N4 & N3 at Thiruvanmiyur.



Japanese Language classes conducted at Thiruvanmiyur Chapter – section of participants



Japanese Language classes conducted at Thiruvanmiyur Chapter – section of participants

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI Erode & Salem Chapter

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Erode Chapter headed by Mr. P. Kumar is conducted Japanese Language classes at Knowledge Institute of Technology, Salem, Kongu Engineering College, Erode from 2015 onwards around 220 students participated.



Group photo taken at Knowledge of Institute of Technology, Salem

Our Events for the Next Quarter July ~ August 2017

2nd July 2017

Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) Exam
Velammal Matri. Hr. Sec. School

22nd July 2017

Kaizen Competition for Support Function to be held at our centre

5th Aug 2017

Japan Higher Education Fair – 2017 organised by University of Tokyo, ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre support by The Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology in association with the Consulate General of Japan in Chennai to be held at our centre

3rd to 12th Aug 2017

21st Japan India Student Conference (JISC) to be held at Japan

19th Aug 2017

Talk Your way to Japan – Speech Contest in Tamil for Chennai & Government Hr Sec Schools students in Chennai to be held at our centre.

26th Aug 2017

Talk Your way to Japan – Speech contest in Tamil for Hr Sec School Students, Tamilnadu to be held at our centre

3rd Sep 2017

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

9th Sep 2017

Talk Your Way to Japan – Speech Contest in English for College students in Tamilnadu to be held at our centre.

16th Sep 2017

Prize distribution ceremony of **Talk Your Way to Japan – Speech Contest & Hiyoshi Environmental Awards** to be held at our centre