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**A Cultural, Technical & Trade Bridge Between Japan & India**





### Winning Hearts is important. SPASIBO.

As we were putting together this edition of e-Nihon Mon, a rather inspiring but unsurprising tit-bit was flooding the media space and social interaction platforms. As true friends of Japan, our hearts too swelled with pride to read about the high social competency that Japan exhibited at the ongoing FIFA World Cup in Russia.

Despite a heart-wrenching loss to Belgium, conceding a goal in the dying minutes of the game, the Japanese football team and its followers earned great praise and commendation by their graceful exit. The fans cleaned up the stadium and the players their dressing room before leaving.... the team even leaving a note that read 'Spasibo' in Russian... translating in to 'Thank you' in English. It must have been a really 'nebusoku' time in Japan thanks to not only the performance of the Blue Samurais but also due to the time difference!!!

Staying with sport, support for India's planned bid for the 2032 Olympic Games came from unexpected quarters. The diplomatic community of Japan has expressed their confidence about India's ability to achieve many goals in the years to come and their solidarity with our efforts.

The strategic partnership between our two countries has had another interesting result. The interest of Indian students in securing admission into the various Japanese universities rather than traditional hubs like UK and USA has been on the rise. The multifarious courses, the quality of education and student living and the generous scholarships being made available have all helped in stirring student interest and this is validated by the increasing number of Indian students in Japan. Our centre can help in providing information to aspiring undergraduate and graduate students!!!

As you read about the activities of the past quarter in this issue, let us all feel happy and privileged for being able to form alliances that have contributed significantly in touching the lives of many of us.

O genki de,



## The 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. The tests are separated by difficulty (five levels) and general ability is measured in three categories: Grammar / Vocabulary, Listening and Reading Comprehension. The format of the exam and the types of questions are equivalent to those that appear on the Japanese Language Ability Test (JLPT). NAT Test is being held six times a year.

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre in association with Senmon Kyouiku, Japan have been conducted the NAT TEST in Chennai during April & June 2018 and the forthcoming NAT TEST is scheduled to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018.



## 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 on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018 & 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018.



Speech Club activity on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018 in progress



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Karoke Club activity on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 in progress



Speech Club activity on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018 in progress



Karoke Club activity on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 in progress



Speech Club activity on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018 in progress





Speech Club activity on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018 in progress



Speech Club activity on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 in progress



Speech Club activity on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 in progress



## 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.

### On 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Kanji Games (making sentences)



Coffee meet activity on Kanji Games (making sentences) in progress



Coffee meet activity on Kanji Games (making sentences) in progress

### On 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Beat the Summer (food, beauty & health tips)



Coffee meet activity on Beat the Summer in progress

## WE THANK THE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP CULTURAL EXCHANGE ASSOCIATION

We are thankful to you and **International Friendship Cultural Exchange Association**, Japan for deputing **Mr. MASAKI TAKATOSHI** as a volunteer teacher for the Japanese Language School of our centre from June 2018.





Coffee meet activity on Beat the Summer in progress

23<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2018 – SUMMER IN JAPAN



Coffee meet activity on summer in Japan in progress



Coffee meet activity on Beat the Summer in progress



Coffee meet activity on summer in Japan in progress



Coffee meet activity on Beat the Summer in progress



Coffee meet activity on summer in Japan in progress



Coffee meet activity on Beat the Summer in progress



Coffee meet activity on summer in Japan in progress



**ON 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018 – THEME ABOUT MANGO**



Coffee meet activity on Theme of Mango in progress



Coffee meet activity on Theme of Mango in progress



Coffee meet activity on Theme of Mango in progress

**WE THANK THE SHIZUOKA  
UNIVERSITY ABP PROGRAM**

We thank Shizuoka University ABP Program, for selecting **Ms. GOWRIPRIYA** (final year Engineering @ MKCE Karur) and student of ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Karur Chapter has been selected to do her Masters (M.E.) at Shizuoka University through ABP scholarship with full tuition fee waiver and stipend.



**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".

**ON 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018 – ORIGAMI DEMONSTRATION**



Waku Waku club activity on Origami Demonstration in progress



Waku Waku club activity on Origami Demonstration in progress

**Screening of Japanese Classic Movie  
& Japanese Animation Movie**

As part of the year long activity, ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre, Chennai is organized the Screening of Japanese Classic Movie - Otoko Wa Tsurai Yo Series on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018 & Japanese ANIMATION MOVIE "PRINCESS MONONOKE" on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at our Kumugai Auditorium.

## Japanese Management Training Program

One Day Training Programme on **ANALYTICAL THINKING IN PROBLEM SOLVING** was held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018. 19 participants from 6 companies participated in the training program.

One Day Training Programme on '**POKA-YOKE FOR ACHIEVING ZERO DEFECT MANUFACTURING**' was held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018. 24 participants from 7 companies participated in the training program.

One day training programme on **Best Kaizen Practices Case Studies** from production floor was held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018. 17 participants from 7 companies participated in the training program.

One day Training Program on **Best Shop Floor Practices for Manufacturing Excellence** was held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018. 22 participants from 6 companies participated in the training program.

**On 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018**



Training Programme on Analytical Thinking in Problem Solving on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – in progress



Group photo taken during the Training Programme on Analytical Thinking in Problem Solving on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018



Training Program on Best Shop Floor Practices for Manufacturing Excellence on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018 in progress

## 5S Lead Assessor Course

--- 7 ~ 9 June 2018 ---

The 5S LEAD ASSESSOR course have from 7 to 9 June 2016 at our centre unit. It is a certificate course to developing 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. 24 participants from 18 companies are participants in this program



5S Lead Assessor Course in progress





Group photo taken during the 5S Lead Assessor Course



5S Lead Assessor Course in progress

Totally 59 presentations were made from 28 companies. The participant companies were from Automobile, Textile related companies practice Quality Control. i.e, Rane Group, TVS Group, Brakes India Group, Royal Enfield, Tube Production of India, Dalmia Cement. The competition was participated by more than 180 delegates from Medium & Large Scale Industries.

Mr. M. R. Ranganathan, Chairman, ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre inaugurated the Competition & Mr. M. Gajendran - AGM - QA & TQM, Ashok Leyland Limited was the Chief Guest who distributed the prizes to the winners.



Lighting of kuthuvilakku during the inaugural ceremony of 3<sup>rd</sup> QIT Competition



Handing over the certificate to the participants of 5S Lead Assessor Course



3<sup>rd</sup> QIT Competition - section of the participants

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quality Improvement Team Competition (QITC)

--- 20 June 2018---

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre - Association for Quality Development - AfQD organized 3rd Quality Improvement team Annual Competition "AfQD - QITC 2018" on Wednesday, 20th June 2018 at Hotel Radha Regent, 171 Jawaharlal Nehru Salai, Arumbakkam, Chennai – 600 106.



3<sup>rd</sup> QIT Competition in progress





Mr. M. Gajendran - AGM - QA & TQM, Ashok Leyland Limited address the participants during the prize awarding ceremony



3<sup>rd</sup> QIT Competition - section of the participants



3<sup>rd</sup> QIT Competition - Prize distribution

## WE THANK THE GOVERNOR OF KANAGAWA PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT

We thank His Excellency, **Governor of Kanagawa Prefectural Government, Japan** for selecting **Mr. VCKP. ARULOLI** of our centre for the "2018 Kanagawa Prefectural Government Program for Overseas Technical Trainees" to be held between September 2018 and March 2019 at Japan

## Our Events for the Next Quarter July to Sep 2018

**1<sup>st</sup> July 2018**

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

**8<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

Starting New **Japanese Language Classes** at our Centre

**9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018**

Screening of Japanese Classic Movie & Japanese Animation Movie at our centre

**11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

Screening of Japanese Classic Movie & Japanese Animation Movie at our centre

**18<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

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

**25 August 2018**

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

**2 September 2018**

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

**8<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

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

**8<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Screening of Japanese Classic Movie & Japanese Animation Movie

**15 September 2018**

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

**29<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) at our centre