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Warmly Welcome to the
Prize Distribution Ceremony of
"Talk Your Way to Japan" Speech Contest - 2018
for School & College Students in Tamilnadu
Hiyoshi Environmental Awards - 2018

His Excellency Mr. K. Hiyama

Consul General of Japan, Chennai
will be the Guest of Honor at the Prize Distribution Ceremony.



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A Cultural, Technical & Trade Bridge Between Japan & India



Will Osaka continue to be Japanese?

But, isn't Osaka already as Japanese as it can get, a few of you may wonder! Will our friends from Kansai take offence to this strange question? Read on....

At the US Open recently, there was much to cheer and in equal measure, wonder, for many Japanese sports enthusiasts. Despite the excitement of Naomi Osaka winning the women's title in September many are still wondering if she will compete for Japan in the 2020 Olympics. For the uninitiated, Naomi Osaka has dual nationality – Japanese and American and under the law of Japan, must choose one by the time she turns 22, next year. Much to the delight of her countrymen, she is said to have expressed her intention to represent Japan in the next home edition of Olympics!

Will Osaka continue to be Japanese – we ask again.

Meanwhile, back home, India has found new support to its Swacch Bharat mission from none other than its Captain's good friend from across the seas...Prime Minister Abe.

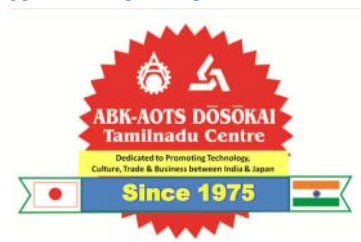


As the 'Clean India' movement is gathering progressive impetus, governments from across the world gathered in India for a conference to secure clean water and better sanitation across the world. India's efforts have been globally appreciated but the proverbial charity must begin at our homes. Through this newsletter, we call upon all of you to do our bit to make our Bharat really and consistently Swacch!

The arrival of the last quarter of the year is always exciting. A few of us bring out the 'inventor' in us to display newer and exciting themes for 'Golu' – our own South Indian 'Hina Matsuri'. A few of us are busy drawing up shopping lists for Diwali – and the new year's eve celebrations. And many of us poring through calendars for the long weekends that these holidays can create for us! Happy times ahead, folks!

Here's wishing all our readers a fun-filled quarter. Until the next, o genki de!

B.Harikumar Editor – Nihon Mon



Japanese Language School Orientation

--- 8 July 2018 ---

The Language School of our centre started fresh batches of Japanese language courses for different levels of Proficiency of The Japan Foundation Examinations commenced on the 8 July 2018. Well trained staff, easy accessibility, affordable Pricing, excellent infrastructure and well equipped Library, with a number of Audio, Video materials make this educational institution different from others.



Japanese Language Orientation Session



Japanese Language Orientation Session



Japanese Language class in progress



Japanese Language Orientation Session



Japanese Language class in progress



Japanese Language Orientation Session



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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".

ON 22nd July 2018 – About Japan Constitution by Mr. Hakozaiki Sakuji of American School, Chennai



Photo taken during the Waku waku club activity at our centre on 22nd July 2018 by Mr. Hakozaiki Sakuji of American School, Chennai about Japan Constitution



Photo taken during the Waku waku club activity at our centre on 22nd July 2018 by Mr. Hakozaiki Sakuji of American School, Chennai about Japan Constitution

ON 22nd July 2018 – about Japanese gestures by Mr. Takatoshi Masaki of our centre



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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 10, 17, 23, 26 Aug & 9, 12 Sep 2018



Speech Club activity in progress



Speech Club activity in progress



Speech Club activity 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 22nd August 2018 - Indian children's play



Coffee Meet activity in progress



Coffee Meet activity in progress



Coffee Meet activity in progress



Group photo taken during the Coffee Meet
On 20th September 2018 – Autumn



Photograph taken during the Meeting with Metro Computers, Japan
held at Meenakshi Sundararajan Engineering College, Chennai.



Coffee Meet activity in progress



Photograph taken during the Meeting with Metro Computers,
Japan at our centre

Metro Computers visit to our Centre and Meenakshi Sundararajan Engineering College

--- 6 ~ 7 July 2018---



Photograph taken during the Meeting with Metro Computers,
Japan and Ms. Babai, Principal,
Meenakshi Sundararajan Engineering College



Group Photo taken during the Meeting with Metro Computers,
Japan at our centre

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. 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 14th October 2018.

Dinner Meet with His Excellency Mr. Kojiro Uchiyama, Consul General of Japan in Chennai

--- 23 July 2018 ---



Group photo taken during the meeting with His Excellency Mr. Kojiro Uchiyama, Consul General of Japan in Chennai

Photographs taken at the Reception Party for 5 Japanese Teachers visiting India, on 6th August at His Excellency Ambassador of Japan's Residence.



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

--- 18 August 2018 ---

Talk Your Way to Japan Speech Contest in Tamil for Students of Chennai & Government Hr Sec Schools in Chennai was conducted on 18.08.2018. Out of 6 Schools 13 students participated in the Preliminary, 5 schools & 5 Students were selected for the finals. Ms. S. Logeswari – XII, Jaigopal Garodia Govt Girls Hr Sec School, Choolaimedu, Chennai, won first prize of the contest.



Talk Your Way to Japan – Tamil Speech Contest in Progress



Group Photo with Winners of Talk Your Way to Japan – Tamil Speech Contest

Talk Your way to Japan Speech Contest in Tamil for Hr. Sec. School in Tamilnadu

--- 25 August 2018 ---

“Talk Your Way to Japan” Speech Contest in Tamil for the Hr Sec Schools in Tamilnadu was conducted on 25.08.2018. Out of 26 Schools 42 students participated in the Preliminary, 6 schools 9 Students were selected for the finals Mr. J. Nagenthiran – XII, St. Marys Hr sec School, Dindigul – 624 001 won 1st Prize of the Contest.



Section of audience of Talk Your Way to Japan – Tamil Speech Contest



Group Photo with Winners of Talk Your Way to Japan - Japanese Speech Contest



Group Photo with Winners of Talk Your Way to Japan – Tamil Speech Contest

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

--- 8 September 2018 ---

“Talk Your Way to Japan” Speech Contest in English for College Students in Tamilnadu on 08.09.2018. Out of 37 colleges 45 students participated in the Preliminary, 8 colleges 8 Students were selected for the finals Ms. U.S.Anandhitha – 5th Year (Architecture) -MSAJ Acadamey of Architecture, Egathur, Chennai won first prize of the Contest.

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

--- 2 September 2018 ---

“Talk Your Way to Japan” Speech Contest held in Japanese for Nihongo Gakko – Japanese Language School of our franchise Centers at Thiruvannamiyur, Tambaram, New Perungalathur, Vadapalani, Nanganallur, Coimbatore, Erode, Salem, Karur & Bangalore on Sunday 02.09.2018 Out of 24 participants Ms. S. Aishwarya Lakshmi – N4, Tambaram Franchise, won the first prize of Contest.



Talk Your Way to Japan – Japanese Speech Contest in Progress



Mr. R. Sundaram, Secretary General, delivering the welcome address during Talk Your Way to Japan – English Speech Contest



Group photo with Winners of Talk Your Way to Japan – English Speech Contest

Annual General Meeting of “Federation of AOTS Alumni Association (FAAAI),

--- 4 September 2018 ---



Group photo taken during the Annual General Meeting of
“Federation of AOTS Alumni Association (FAAAI) on 4 September
2018 held at GOA

Signing of MOU between Metro Computer Service and ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre

--- 8 September 2018 ---

Japan to recruit 200,000 IT professionals from India to fill manpower gap. The Japanese government is also planning to issue Green Cards for highly skilled professionals as per BS Web Team Last Updated at March 9, 2018 13:30 IST (BUSINESS STANDARD). After a year of lay-offs by Indian IT companies, IT professionals now have a reason to cheer, as Japan is looking to hire about 200,000 professionals from India in the coming months. Currently there are around 920,000 IT professionals in the country and there is an immediate demand for more than 200,000 IT professionals from India, which is likely to further swell to 800,000 professionals by 2030," The Economic Times quoted Maeda, Executive Vice President at Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO) as saying.

Thanks for the efforts of JETRO, Metro Computer Service, Nagasaki & Tokyo and ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre have decided to forge a strategic alliance to work together towards IT Training and Japanese Language training with exposure in business communication, for skill development of young Indian IT engineers (Graduate engineers, IT, Sc, MCA) to meet the ever growing demand.



Metro Computer Services, CEO Takashi Kawasaki Sama and Mr. M.R. Ranganathan seen shaking hands at the happy moment of deciding to work together. Seen in the picture Sitting Ms. Honda Takiko, Director, and Sriram Vice President, ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, standing Ms. Takino JETRO, Mr. Ichiko, Planning Director, Mr. Hori, Marketing Manager and Mr. Osaki, Advisor, KTB Co. Ltd

Solving Human and Organizational Problems (SHOP) Under the WNF Program of AOTS in Dhaka

--- 13 & 14 September 2018 ---

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Our Chairman Mr. M. R. Ranganathan was a faculty for conducting 2-Day-long Exclusive International Training on Solving Human and Organizational Problems (SHOP) Under the WNF Program of AOTS in Dhaka organized by Bangladesh-Japan Training Institute (BJTI) an Enterprise of BAAS on 13th & 14th September 2018.

After the training he has also participated in the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Bangladesh AOTS Alumni Association (BAAS) held on 15th September 2018 at Dhaka. It was a wonderful gathering and the event was conducted by BAAS in a grand memorable manner.



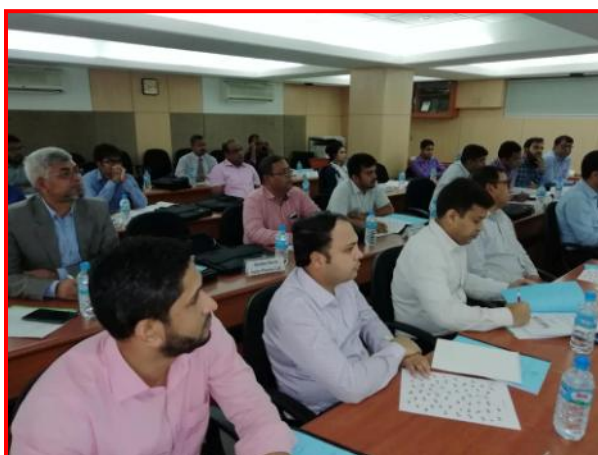
Group photo taken during the 2-Day-long Exclusive International Training on Solving Human and Organizational Problems (SHOP) Under the WNF Program of AOTS in Dhaka



2-Day-long Exclusive International Training on Solving Human and Organizational Problems (SHOP) in Progress



2-Day-long Exclusive International Training on Solving Human and Organizational Problems (SHOP) in Progress



2-Day-long Exclusive International Training on Solving Human and Organizational Problems (SHOP) - section of the participants.



3rd Innovative Quality Competition

--- 15~16 September 2018 ---

ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre - Association for Quality Development - AfQD organized 3rd AfQDIQCC (3rd Innovative Quality Competition) on 15th & 16th September 2018 at Mohammad Sathak Engineering College, Kilakarai, Ramanathapuram.

Dr.J. Abbas Mohaideen, Principal, Mohamed Sathak Engineering College, Kilakarai inaugurated the Competition & Mr. M. Muthupalaniappa, Vice President - Technical, Thiagarajar Mills. was the Chief Guest who distributed the prizes to the winners. Totally 47 presentations were made from 24 companies. The participant companies were from Automobile, Textile related companies practice Quality Control. i.e., TVS Group, Tube Production of India, Dalmia Cement. The competition was participated by more than 180 delegates from Medium & Large Scale Industries.



Inaugural address by Dr.J. Abbas Mohaideen, Principal, Mohamed Sathak Engineering College, Kilakarai



3rd Innovative QC Competition – section of participants



3rd Innovative QC Competition – section of the participants



3rd Innovative QC Competition – session in progress



Photograph taken with the winners of 3rd Innovative QC Competition



Photograph taken with the winners of 3rd Innovative QC Competition

Prize distribution ceremony of Talk Your way to Japan Speech Contest and Hiyoshi Environmental Award

--- 22 September 2018 ---

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu centre conducted the award giving ceremony of Talk Your Way to Japan Speech Contest & Hiyoshi Environmental Award. His Excellency **Mr. Kojiro Uchiyama**, Consul General of Japan in Chennai was the Chief Guest who distributed the prizes to the winners on 22 Sep 2018 at our centre.

Consulate General of Japan in Chennai, Hiyoshi Corporation in Japan, SKM Egg Products Export India Pvt. Ltd in Erode, Super Auto Forge in Chennai, Federation of AOTS Alumni Association of India (FAAAI), Diana World Travel Pvt. Ltd in Chennai, Mr. M. R. Ranganathan in Chennai, Ms. Shobana Ranganathan in USA are continuously supporting us as Cosponsors.



Section of the audience during Prize Awarding Ceremony



Address by Chief Guest His Excellency Mr. Kojiro Uchiyama, Consul General of Japan in Chennai



Group Photo with Talk Your way to Japan – Speech Contest winners



Group Photo with Hiyoshi Environmental awardees

Annual General Body Meeting

--- 24 September 2018 ---



Pre meeting with our Audit Team on 10.09.2018 to finalize the accounts of our centre



Annual General Body Meeting of ABK – AOTS DOSOKI, Tamilnadu Centre in progress



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Screening Japanese NHK World Japan TV's

The Consulate General of Japan in Chennai in association with ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre and Co-sponsored by NHK is Screening Japanese NHK World Japan TV on the second and fourth week of every month at Kumugai Auditorium, from 11th August 2018 at our centre.



Screening Japanese NHK World Japan TV's in Progress

OUR FRANCHISE CENTRES ACTIVITIES

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Bangalore Chapter

--- 5 August 2018 ---

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Bangalore Chapter entered into an agreement for teaching Japanese Language with Dayanand Sagar University in the presence of His Excellency Mr. Takayuki Kitagawa, Consul General of Japan in Bangalore.



ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Bangalore Chapter signing an agreement with Dayanand Sagar University for teaching Japanese Language



Photograph taken with His Excellency Mr. Takayuki Kitagawa, Consul General of Japan in Bangalore, during the agreement signing ceremony with Dayanand Sagar University

Seminar on 'Social inclusion through Cultural Exchange' by ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Coimbatore Chapter

--- 15 September 2018 ---

A special seminar on 'Social inclusion through cultural exchange' was conducted for children affected with Duchene muscular dystrophy (DMD) by ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI- The Japanese Language School, Coimbatore Chapter, in collaboration with Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Japan on 15th September 2018 at Radisson Blu, Coimbatore



Mr. C. Sriram, Vice President of ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre delivering the speech during the seminar



Social inclusion through cultural exchange' program in progress



Group Photo taken during the Social inclusion through cultural exchange' program

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Erode Chapter



Japanese Language classes at our Erode Chapter in Progress



Japanese Language classes at our Erode Chapter - section of the students.



Japanese Language classes at our Erode Chapter in Progress

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI Karaoke club:

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre conducted the Karaoke Club for the Japanese Language Students. In this meet the theme was Tokyo 2020!! The participants discussed and learned about the interesting facts and information about the Summer Olympics to be held at Tokyo, Japan in 2020.

In line with the theme, the song Tokyo Bon 東京盆踊り 2020 was chosen. This song was released to introduce tourist sites in Japan and traditional Japanese culture to foreigners who cannot understand Japanese! The song was taught and the students sang the song with a lot of interest and enthusiasm.. They also learned the famous steps of the song and tried to replicate it. It was indeed a very good learning experience along with all the fun.



Karoko club activity in progress

Japanese event conducted in Kendriya Vidyalaya



Japanese event conducted in Kendriya Vidyalaya and our Deputy Director Sowmini Sensei was invited to adjudicate the event.

AOTS Research Institute (ARI) Training Program at Japan

The AOTS Research Institute (ARI) plans and implements various Business Study Programs with the aim of promoting business exchanges between Japanese companies and foreign companies throughout the year.

Objectives

In the advent of globalization, it seems inescapable that we must work in harmony with people of different cultural backgrounds and thought patterns. There is a great need for human resources capable of flexibly adjusting and responding when they interact with someone whose cultural identities, business practices, and thought tendencies are all different from their own. This program is aimed for youths in southeast and south Asia etc., responsible for the future of the regions. The participants will improve their ability of multi-cultural understanding and communication, through experiences in Japan, a country of different culture from their own. This program will be useful for their global career development, regardless of the countries of their origin. We hope that they will benefit from the program, and serve as bridges between Japan and their home countries in the future.

2. Program period:

17th December (Mon) ~ 21st December (Fri), 2018

3. Venue (Training and Accommodation)

AOTS Tokyo Kenshu Center (TKC for Lectures & Accommodation)

4. Target Participants:

20-30 young persons from multiple countries. Target of age for this program: Between 15 and 25 years of age. Parental accompaniment are arranged for lower fee

Note. If we receive less than 15 applications, we may cancel the program.

5. Program Language:

English (Translator will accompany the participants)
Regarding the Japanese lesson, lesson will be conducted in Japanese only.
(Teacher will give you some handouts written in English and Japanese to the lesson.)

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Our Events for the Next Quarter Oct to Dec 2018

6th October 2018

Japan Education fair on "Higher Education & Research In Japan in coordination with Consulate General of Japan in Chennai & The University of Tokyo, Japan at our Centre

13th October 2018

One Day Training Program on Overall Office Efficiency at our Centre

14th October 2018

Screening the Japanese NHK World Japan TV's at our Centre

14th October 2018

Japanese Language – NAT TEST at Velammal Matri. Hr. Sec. School

27th & 28th October 2018

Japan Cultural Festival - Exhibition on Japanese Dolls, Origami, Bonsai, Nendo No Tetsukuri, in coordination with Consulate General of Japan at Chennai, & ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI Tamilnadu Centre, supported by Alumni

Association College of Engineering Guindy (AACEG) to be held at our Centre.

27 October 2018

Mini Marathon in commemoration of the forthcoming "Olympics and Paralympics TOKYO 2020" in coordination with Consulate General of Japan, supported by Alumni Association College of Engineering Guindy (AACEG). To be held at Anna University.

28 October 2018

Music, Song & Dance Performance in coordination with Consulate General of Japan & ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI Tamilnadu Centre supported by Alumni Association College of Engineering Guindy (AACEG) to be held at RR Sabha, Mylapore, Chennai.

11th November 2018

Screening the Japanese NHK World Japan TV's at our Centre

25th November 2018

Screening the Japanese NHK World Japan TV's at our Centre.

2 December 2018

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

5 to 11 December 2018

A photo Exhibition by inviting the Indians Living or lived in Japan and who had visited Japan to be held at our Centre.

9th December 2018

Screening the Japanese NHK World Japan TV's at our Centre.

15th December 2018

MOSAI Japanese Language Speech Contest for Southern Region at our Centre.

23rd December 2018

Screening the Japanese NHK World Japan TV's at our Centre.

24 to 26 December 2018

Comparative Cultural / Historical Study Through Multi - Coloured Indian & Japanese Stamps to be held at our Centre.