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60th Anniversary: 2019

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The 10th World Convention of the AOTS Alumni Societies



1-2 August 2019, Tokyo, Japan
Tokyo Kenshu Center



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Hagibis, you spoil sport....

The typhoons are at it again in Japan. Causing misery not only to the common man but also rugby aficionados. Typhoon Hagibis has left a trail of destruction of human lives and property and all of us at our centre stand in solidarity with our friends from Japan with the confidence that this too shall pass.

For the first time at a Rugby world cup, games have been cancelled. Japan, the only Asian city to host these games have, as prudently as ever, ensured that safety was paramount and did not think twice about cancelling a few of the games. And to the joy of so many of them and at the time of filing this editorial, Japan has had a very good tournament. Here's wishing 'The Brave Blossoms' a fantastic result!

'Happy to assist' is a tweet that is now going viral. This was our Prime Minister's message conveying solidarity with Japan during their troubled times with Hagibis in yet another 'Nihon no Indo dōhō-dan' moment. India has already sent two warships to the waters of Japan to help in relief operations. Once again, a great affirmation of the close ties between our two nations!

In India, the next few months are brimming with festive spirit. With the just concluded Dussera and the much awaited Diwali later in the month of October, we are sure that all our members and their families are making merry.

Here's wishing all of you a season of happiness and good health!

As we bring to you another edition of e-Nihon Mon, we want to thank all our members for their unstinted support offered to our activities. You will be able to read about our efforts in bringing the best of our nations to each other. Let's raise a toast to all the hard work done!

Taihenosewaninarimashita,



Japanese Language Proficiency Test (July 2019) Proctors Meeting

--- 5th July 2019 ---

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 by the Japan Foundation through the Consulate General of Japan in Chennai for conducting the Japanese Language Proficiency Test for N1 ~ N5 for entire South India on 5 July 2019 at Vellammal Matriculation Hr. Sec.School, T. S. Krishnanagar, Chennai.



Photograph taken during the Japanese language orientation



Japanese Language Proficiency Test – proctors meeting in progress



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Japanese Language Proficiency Test – proctors meeting in progress



Photograph taken during handing over the course completion certificate in the Japanese language orientation

Orientation of Japanese Language class

--- 14th July 2019 ---

Orientation for the new batch of N5, N4, N3 Students was held on 14th July 2019. Details regarding the History of our school, our infrastructure, facilities, class room activities, extracurricular club activities, success stories were shared with the students.



Photograph taken during handing over the course completion certificate in the Japanese language orientation

Mr. Ken Sobajima, Coordinator JICA Volunteer Program Visited our centre

--- 17th July 2019 ---



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60th AOTS Anniversary events and the 10th World Convention of AOTS Alumni Societies

--- 31st July & 1st Aug 2019 ---

AOTS, Japan celebrated its 60th anniversary on 31st July 2019. The year of the 60th anniversary is associated with reaching the age of 60, at which point one completes a full cycle of the twelve-pronged zodiac calendar. As per AOTS concept of “Live in Harmony Together, Grow Together,” while reaffirming the commitment they made at the time of establishment. Thus allowing AOTS to consider how to put the AOTS on the right path for future generations and the prospects for international cooperation.

The presentations and panel discussions explored how Japanese and foreign people can jointly build a new global community and identify the desired state of a world that realizes the concept of “Live in Harmony Together, Grow Together.”

Commemorative Symposium on 31st July on “A Future Outlook of Co-creation and Co-existence between Japanese and Foreign People”

M.R. Ranganathan, Sriram Chellappa and Gopal .s Participated from our center. During the symposium they were able to meet the past leaders of AOTS, who had set the foundation for AOTS activities and Current leaders who had sowed the passion to create and participate in Alumni activity in Ex alumni.

All the past distinguished leaders of AOTS were honoured with Persons of Merit awards and this was followed by an interactive reception. During the reception, we were able to meet members from the other Alumni associations and also many old friends. A great opportunity.

On 1st August 2019, we had an opening ceremony followed by a General assembly and then followed by Group discussions under 4 themes.

Group A : Improvement of AAS management and activities

Group B : Strengthening of cooperation among AASs

Group C : Strengthening of future cooperation for the AOTS's existing initiatives, such as training (with or without subsidy) in Japan and abroad, business promotion, and internship.

Group D : New joint initiatives by the AOTS and AASs (based on proposals from both parties)

Our Chairman M.R. Ranganathan was the chairperson of Group A

Mr. C. Sriram, Vice President of our centre participated in the Group C on theme “Strengthening of future cooperation for the AOTS's existing initiatives, such as training (with or without subsidy) in Japan and abroad, business promotion and internship

Mr. S. Gopal, Vice President of our centre participated in the Group D on Theme “New Joint initiative by the AOTS and AASs (based on proposals from both parties)”



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Waku Waku Club

--- 18th August 2019 ---

As part of our Waku Waku Club activity Mr. Yasuyuki Tommitsu – General Manager, ANA, Chennai delivered a Lecture Session in connection with the direct flight announcement from Chennai ~ Tokyo on & from 27th October 2019.



Photograph taken during the 60th AOTS Anniversary events and the 10th World Convention of AOTS Alumni Societies.



Mr. Yasuyuki Tommitsu – General Manager - ANA, Chennai delivered a Lecture Session during the Waku Waku Club



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Photograph taken during the 5S Lead Assessor Course at our centre

5S Lead Assessor Course

--- 22 ~ 24 August 2019 ---

The 5S LEAD ASSESSOR course was conducted from 22 to 24 August 2019 at our centre unit. 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 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. 20 participants from 12 companies are participants in this program



Photograph taken during the 5S Lead Assessor Course – factory visit



Photograph taken during the 5S Lead Assessor Course – factory visit



Photograph taken during the 5S Lead Assessor Course at our centre



Group Photo taken during the 5S Lead Assessor Course

JAPANESE LANGUAGE NAT Test

--- 25th August 2019 ---

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 Publishing Pvt. Ltd Japan have been conducted the NAT TEST in Chennai. On 25th August 2019 the NAT TEST was conducted for 2Q to 5Q.



NAT TEST – Proctors Meeting at our centre

4th Quality Improvement Team Competition (QITC)

--- 28th August 2019 ---

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre - Association for Quality Development - AfQD organized 4th Quality Improvement team Annual Competition "AfQD - QITC 2019" on Wednesday, 28th August 2019 at Hotel Radha Regent, 171 Jawaharlal Nehru Salai, Arumbakkam, Chennai – 600 106.

Totally 29 presentations were made from 16 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. The competition was participated by more than 100 delegates from Medium & Large Scale Industries. Our President Mr. G. Chandramohan, ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre inaugurated the Competition & Mr. R. Karunakaran, Vice President – HR, Wheels India Limited was the Chief Guest who distributed the prizes to the winners.



4th Quality Improvement team Annual Competition in progress



4th Quality Improvement team Annual Competition section of participants



Photograph taken during the prize awarding ceremony of 4th Quality Improvement team Annual Competition

ASIAN CLASSICAL CROSSROADS - INDIA JOINS JAPAN IN MUSIC, SONG & DRAMA

ON 4TH SEPTEMBER 2019 at COFFEE MEET

Fantastic explanation by TM Hoffmann san about the instrument Koto and fusion!! His Mesmerising performance made our day along with our Aarthi Sensei's singing. The fusion of Karnatic Geetham and Japanese Koto was out of the world!! Our Japanese

coffee meet members were also excited to hear something totally new!! Thanks Tim San!!



Explanation by TM Hoffmann san about the instrument Koto and fusion during the coffee meet



Asian Classical Crossroads - India Joins Japan In Music, Song & Drama in progress



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ON 5TH SEPTEMBER 2019 AT BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN, MYLAPORE

As part of the yearlong activities ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre organized the concert on **Asian Classical Crossroads India joins Japan in Music, Song & Drama** at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Mylapore on 5 September 2019 at 6.00 pm. The Programme was inaugurated by His Excellency Mr. Kenjiro Mori, Acting Consul General of Japan, Consulate General of Japan in Chennai at 6.00 pm.

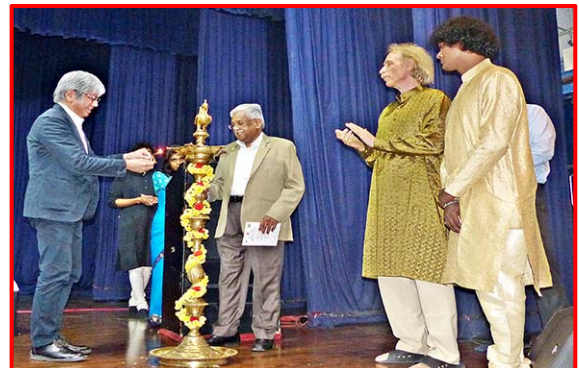
The following were the performance items of the day. **Raga & more on instruments of Japan & India Japanese songs performed by Indian singer Masked dance-drama “Konkichi” World folk music medley.**

The concert was performed by Mr. T.M. Hoffman – ethnomusicologist born in USA performs Indian, Japanese and Asian Crossover Music in Concerts, Broadcasts, Festivals throughout Asia and USA. Mr. T.M. Hoffman is a music director and he also performs Shakuhachi, Koto and Vocal. Mr. T.M. Hoffman is being supported by Mr. Chandrajith Durairaj (Son of Music Director Late K. Durairaj) with tabla, dholak, percussion and he has accompanied with top artists including sitarist Shahid Parvez, Kadri Gopalnath, Shashank, Shankar Mahadevan, Bombay Jayashree etc. Ms. Megha Bhargavi – Semi Finalist in Nodojiman held in Japan October 2017, and Japanese Language Student of ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre performed Japanese songs during the concert.

The Konkichi masked drama is translated and adapted as dance drama by Mr. T.M. Hoffman was enacted by the students of our centre. The play is about a fox who becomes human and so on. Mr. Ram Prasad performed Hindustani vocal.



Our Chairman Mr. M. R. Ranganathan, welcome the audience during Asian Classical Crossroads - India Joins Japan In Music, Song & Drama



His Excellency Mr. Kenjiro Mori, Acting Consul General of Japan, Consulate General of Japan in Chennai lighting the kuthuvilakku during inaugural ceremony of Asian Classical Crossroads - India Joins Japan In Music, Song & Drama



Asian Classical Crossroads - India Joins Japan In Music, Song & Drama in progress



Group photo taken during Asian Classical Crossroads - India Joins Japan In Music



Ms. Megha Bhargavi – Semi Finalist in Nodojiman performed along with Mr. Tim Hoffman during Asian Classical Crossroads - India Joins Japan In Music, Song & Drama in progress



Asian Classical Crossroads - India Joins Japan In Music, Song & Drama in progress

TALK YOUR WAY TO JAPAN SPEECH CONTEST - 2019

HIYOSHI CORPORATION:

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TALK YOUR WAY TO JAPAN – SPEECH CONTEST

From the year 1995 onwards for past 24 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 centers on Ecology and Environmental issues. This year being the 25th year.

25th Year TALK YOUR WAY TO JAPAN - SPEECH CONTEST

Talk Your Way To Japan Speech Contest in Tamil for the Students of Chennai & Government Hr. Sec Schools In Chennai

--- 14th September 2019 ---

Held in Tamil for the Students of Chennai and Government Higher Secondary Schools in Chennai on 14.09.2019 Out of 17 Schools 37 students participated in the Preliminary, 4 schools 6 Students were selected for the finals. The following students are the winners of the above said Speech Contest.

1st Prize - Ms. K. Priya – XI Std, Chennai Girls Hr. Sec. School, M. H. Road, Perambur, Chennai

2nd Prize - Ms. H. Hafeeza – XI Std, Chennai Girls Hr. Sec. School, M. H. Road, Perambur, Chennai

3rd Prize - Mr. S. Rajkumar – XII Std, Chennai Higher Secondary School, Koyambedu, Chennai



Talk Your Way to Japan – Tamil Speech Contest in Progress



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



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



Winners of Tamil Speech Contest



Preliminary Round Winners of Tamil Speech Contest

Talk your way to Japan Speech Contest in Tamil for Hr. Sec. School students in Tamilnadu on

--- 21st September 2019 ---

Held in Tamil for Hr. Sec. School Students in Tamilnadu on 21.09.2019. 40 students from 26 schools are participated in the Preliminary Round., **5 schools 8 Students were selected for the finals.** The following students are the winners of the above said Speech Contest.

1st Prize - Mr. R. Hariharan – XI Std, St. Marys Hr sec School, Dindigul – 624 001

2nd Prize - Ms. Afrin Banu – XII Std, Velammal Matric Hr Sec School, T,S. Krishna Nagar, Mogapair East

3rd Prize - Ms. S. Keerthisri – XII Std, K. C. Sankaralinga Nadar Hr. Sec. School, Old Washermentpet, Chennai



Talk Your Way to Japan – Tamil Speech Contest in Progress



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



Winners of Tamil Speech Contest

Talk Your Way to Japan – Speech Contest in Japanese for Nihongo Gakko – Japanese Language School of our Franchise Center's

--- 22nd September 2019 ---

Held in Japanese for Nihongo Gakko – Japanese Language School of our franchise Centers at Thiruvanmiyur, Tambaram, New Perungalathur, Vadapalani, Nanganallur, Coimbatore, Erode, Salem, Karur & Bangalore on Sunday 22.09.2019 Out of 31

participants the following are the winners of the above Speech Contest.

1ST Prize - Mr. M. Venkatesan – N2 - ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre

2nd Prize - Mr. Anna Vinayagam – N4 - ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Thiruvanmiyur Centre

3rd Prize - Ms. M. Yamini Harika – N3 - ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre



Talk Your Way to Japan – Japanese Speech Contest in Progress



Section of audience of Talk Your Way to Japan – Japanese Speech contest



Winners of Japanese Language Speech Contest



Reading Club activity

--- 24th September 2019 ---



Photo taken during the Reading Club activity conducted at ABK AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre on 24.09.2019



Photo taken during the Reading Club activity conducted at ABK AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre on 24.09.2019

Talk Your Way To Japan Speech Contest in English for College Students in Tamilnadu

--- 28th September 2019 ---

Held in English for College Students in Tamilnadu on 28.09.2019. Out of 43 college 54 students participated in the Preliminary, 8 college 10 Students were selected for the finals. The following are the winners of the above Speech Contest.

1st Prize - Mr. Vivek Singh
Vellore Institute of Technology, Kelambakkam, Chennai

2nd Prize - Ms. Anna Elizabeth Mathew
Stella Maris College, Poes Garden, Gopalapuram, Chennai

3rd Prize - Mr. S. Deepak Eshvar
Saveetha School of Law, Velappanchavadi, Chennai



Talk Your Way to Japan – English Speech Contest in Progress



Section of audience of Talk Your Way to Japan – English Speech contest



Preliminary Round Winners of English Speech Contest



Talk Your Way to Japan – English Speech Contest in Progress



Winners of English Speech Contest



Japanese Language Speech & Haiku Contest in progress

Participation in the Japanese Language Speech & Haiku Contest, organized by The Consulate General of Japan in Chennai

---15th & 29th September 2019 ---

Japanese Language Speech & Haiku contest was organized by The Consulate - General of Japan in Chennai on 15th September 2019 (Preliminary) at Anna University, Chennai & 29th September 2019 (Finals) at our centre, Chennai.

Chairman, President, Committee Members & Faculties of ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre Congratulate the following Prize winners who participated in the Japanese Language Speech Contest

Basic Category

2nd Prize : Ms. Yamini Harika (ABK-AOTS Dosokai)

Intermediate Category

1st Prize: Ms. Aishwarya Lakshmi (ABK-AOTS Dosokai)

2nd Prize : Ms. Tanmaya (ABK-AOTS Dosokai)

3rd Prize : Mr. Vaishnav Kumar (ABK-AOTS Dosokai)



Japanese Language Speech & Haiku Contest in progress



Winners of Japanese Language Speech & Haiku Contest, organized by The Consulate General of Japan in Chennai



Japanese Language Speech & Haiku Contest in progress

Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of our centre --- 29th September 2019 ---



Annual General Body Meeting in progress



Annual General Body Meeting in progress



Annual General Body Meeting in progress



Group Photo of Annual General Body Meeting held on 29 September 2019 at our centre

Our Planned Events for the Next Quarter October to December 2019

5th October 2019

Prize Awarding Ceremony of Talk Your way to Japan – Speech Contest and Hiyoshi Environment Award Our Centre

11 to 22 October 2019

Travelling exhibition, “CONTEMPORARY WOOD-CARVED NETSUKE”, organized by the Consulate-

General of Japan in Chennai, the Japan Foundation, and ABK-AOTS Dosokai, Tamilnadu Centre at Lalit Kala Akademi

20th October 2019

Japanese Language - NAT TEST at Velammal Matriculation Hr. Sec. School

3rd November 2019

Screening the NHK World JAPAN Video on Legendary Giant Tree of Yakushima at our centre

10th November 2019

Screening the NHK World JAPAN Video on Symbols of Revival: Tohoku's Cherry Trees at our centre

17th November 2019

Fourth QC Convention at Jeppiaar Institute of Technology,,Sunguvarchatram,

17th November 2019

Screening the NHK World JAPAN Video on 10 Years with Hayao Miyazaki Part 1~4 at our centre

24th November 2019

Screening the NHK World JAPAN Video on Home Sweet Tokyo Season 2 at our centre

1st December 2019

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

7th December 2019

MOSAI Japanese Language Speech Contest for South Zone at Our Centre

8th December 2019

Japanese Language - NAT TEST at Velammal Matriculation Hr. Sec. School

8th December 2019

Japan Sports Meets & Mini Marathon in organized by the Consulate-General of Japan in Chennai, the Japan Foundation, and ABK-AOTS Dosokai, Tamilnadu Centre.

15th December 2019

Screening the NHK World JAPAN Video on Eiheiji - Inside Dogen's Zen Monastery at our centre

22nd December 2019

Screening the NHK World JAPAN Video on Japan from Above - Land of Prayers at our centre

29th December 2019

Screening the NHK World JAPAN Video on Kimono Revolution at our centre