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Shinkansen in India – A Reality?

Isn't the Shinkansen so representative of everything Japanese – Ikigai, Seijaku, Datsuzoku, Jikan-Genshu, Kaizen..... ?

Recently, I was delighted to read updates on the proposed high-speed rail corridor between Mumbai and Ahmedabad indicative of the long standing impasse that this initiative had met with may finally be behind us.

It appears that both our countries have agreed to put a cap on the deliverables from Japan and that excesses will be funded by the Japanese counterparts. Wonderful indeed!!! With land acquisition issues sorted out and tenders for this project soon to be out, it does appear that a Shinkansen ride in our own land is not that far away. 2026?

Reading these updates took me on a ride of a different kind....a 'natsukashii' ride. Wonderful memories of Nozomis, Hikaris and Kodamas coloured most part of my day!! Having had the blessed opportunity to experience high-speed rail in many countries, my vote surely and confidently is for the Shinkansen. For many of us, it is not just a medium of transportation but an experience that is both culturally and socially enriching. Can't wait to see what happens in our own land!

Cut to something more sombre. It was heartening to know that our Prime Minister made time to be at the massive Nippon Budokan to pay final respects to his dear friend, an outstanding statesman and the former PM of Japan, Shinzo Abe.

The evident poignancy in the messages of PM Modi did tell a story about the remarkable rapport of not only our two countries but our leaders too. There is so much happening in the Asia Pacific region and the renewed resolve to further strengthen our strategic and global partnership is stirring.

Rest in Peace, Abe Sama.....Your vision for a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific region will hopefully be a reality soon and will certainly bring a smile of accomplishment on your face as you see what unfurls - from your heavenly abode, up there.

Meanwhile, It's the time for Matsuris and Diwali celebrations. Have a good time everyone!

Again, in 2023.

***Yoroshiku,
Harikumar B
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“Online Philatelic Exposition of Japanese Stamps” One Week One Theme for 50 weeks

In order to commemorate the **“70 Anniversary of India – Japan Diplomatic Relationship**, between India & Japan ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre, which has been a pioneer in organizing Japan related cultural events in this part of India. Conducted the “Online Philatelic Exposition of Japanese Stamps”. One Week One Theme for Next 50 weeks.

2nd April 2022

Postal History of Japan Post –Part I

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tgYW3JRAF3c>

9th April 2022

Postal History of Japan Post –Part II

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VpnMmLa8Tk8>

16th April 2022

MOUNT FUJI

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-FrQhnbEPJw>

23rd April 2022

JAPAN'S BRIDGES

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Kgp-wh-peE>

30th April 2022

Folk Tales

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8R_H4WhSBHE

7th May 2022

Japanese Railways

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OxP2a7XKCQs>

14th May 2022

20 Century Museum Series - Part A

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XMJprCe4cGE>

21st May 2022

20 Century Museum Series - Part B

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4T7bPKNJ8E>

28th May 2022

20 Century Museum Series - Part C

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTp8X16F3Jc>

4th June 2022

HORSES IN JAPANESE STAMPS

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lZaC4cq-zbc>

11th June 2022

LETTER WRITING DAY – PART A

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yDJh72sAzyI>

18th June 2022

LETTER WRITING DAY – PART B

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dP_vrTTa0I

25th June 2022

Japan and Its International relations – Part A

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9IAFWGEA-e8>

2nd July 2022

Japan and Its International relations – Part B

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xaki7zXatqM>

9th July 2022

Ships and Boats of Japan – PART A

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zIAXNg6Jih0>

16th July 2022

Ships and Boats of Japan – PART B

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WZFKLZ6qXOE>

22nd July 2022 - (Friday)

Cultural Leaders of Japan – Part A

<https://youtu.be/TwnO9JDJdZ8>

30th July 2022

Cultural Leaders of Japan – Part B

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8_H74rYNOU

6th August 2022

60th Anniversary – Part A

<https://youtu.be/YSI8BfvvkeA>

13 August 2022

60th Anniversary – Part B

<https://youtu.be/JrMFx4AHJBw>

20th August 2022

Japan and Sports - Part A

https://youtu.be/RX7Z_-vxmZE

27th August 2022

Japan and Sports - Part B

<https://youtu.be/WKjpUsakUAW>

3rd September 2022

Japan and Sports - Part C

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2opL-TxmPGg>

10th September 2022

Definitive's – A - 1871 to 1876

<https://youtu.be/BvP1BR9OWCs>

17th September 2022

Definitive's – B - 1899 to 1937

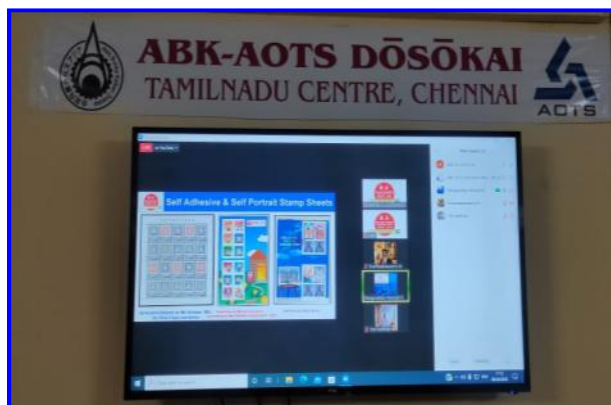
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wNr_dTCBq0o

24th September 2022

Showa Series – 1937 to 1945

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SwnX1b3_y8k

We are happy to inform that our ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI's philatelic presentations, "50 themes in 50 weeks" are shared in the ISJP, International Society of Japanese Philately, website <https://isjp.org/50-themes-of-japanese-philately-a/>



The Japanese Language "NAT EXAM" at Meenakshi Sundararajan Engineering College, Chennai

--- 3rd April 2022 & 12th June 2022
& 7th August 2022 ---

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 (Q1 to Q5) 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 Kyuiku, Japan have conducted the NAT TEST in Chennai held on 3rd April 2022, 12th June 2022 & 7th August 2022 at Meenakshi Sundararajan Engineering College, Chennai

We also wish to inform that all the COVID precautionary measures were undertaken.





Online Complimentary Seminar for SMEs from Japan, India, ICCJ & TACNITI members

Tamilnadu Chamber of Nippon India Trade and Industry (TACNITI) & The Indian Chamber of Commerce-Japan (ICCJ), Osaka jointly organized Free MONOZUKURI SEMINAR SERIES through online as follows:-

On 29th April 2022

KAIZEN for Higher Productivity By Mr. R. Mukundan,
Vice President, of our centre

On 27th May 2022

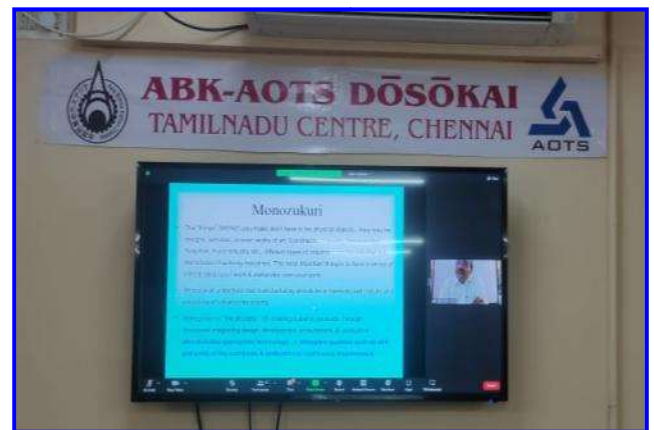
Use of 5S For Achieving Monozukuri" by
Dr.R. Balakrishnan, Program Director of our centre.

On 24th June 2022

"Improving Efficiency and Loss Reduction using TPM
As A Monozukuri Tool" by Mr. B. Palaniappan, ,
Director, Quality & Productivity Initiatives of our centre

On 29th July 2022

"Daily Work Management" by Mr. Sharath Chandra,
SR.Consultant – TQM,



**Ms. Ishana Malkani, India
Representative, Ritsumeikan
APU visited our centre**

--- 8th April 2022 ---



5TH KAIZEN COMPETITION through online and inperson

--- 26th April, 7th & 12th May 2022---

ABK- AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre organized the Online & Inperson 5th KAIZEN Competition on 26th April, 7th & 12th May 2022. Totally 125 presentations were made from 42 companies whose employees enthusiastically participated in the competition.



singing songs and dancing to traditional Japanese music these children have almost had a short trip to Japan and hence the name "FEEL JAPAN IN CHENNAI".

Mrs. Karen Uchiyama, wife of Consul General of Japan in Chennai was the Chief Guest during the valedictory Ceremony and she handed over the certificates to the young talents. It is the first time that such an event has ever happened in India. This is one more step closer to the development of relationship between India and Japan by kindling the interest to learn Japanese and the culture among young children.



Summer Camp

--- 2nd to 7th May 2022---

We are happy to inform that the Summer Camp for Kids - on theme Japan was completed very successfully. Great job was done by our teachers and also staff. We thank our customers THE KIDS and also their Parents for selecting to be a part of the summer camp.

ABK AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamil Nadu centre conducted **SUMMER CAMP "FEEL JAPAN IN CHENNAI"** from 2nd to 7th May 2022. From calligraphy Origami, bonsai, bento making to celebrating Japanese festivals like hinamatsuri, setsubun, obon, tanabata, koinobori,





**Mr. Hisashi Kanda, General
Manager, AOTS Newdelhi office
visited our centre**

--- 19 May 2022---



**Mr. Eiji Teshima, General
Manager, AOTS Newdelhi Office
visited our centre**

--- 21 June 2022---



5S Lead Assessor Course

--- 23 ~25 June 2022---

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5th POKE – YOKE Competition (2nd Online Competition)

--- 25th & 28th June 2022
& 7th July 2022 ---

ABK- AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre organized the Online & Inperson 5th POKE- YOKE Competition in person & 2nd Online Competition on 25th & 28th June 2022 & 7th July 2022. Totally 125 presentations were made from 42 companies whose employees enthusiastically participated in the competition.

Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) at Vellammal Matric. Hr. Sec. School, Chennai

---3rd July 2022---

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 on 3rd July 2022 at Vellammal Matriculation Hr. Sec.School, T. S. Krishnanagar, Chennai.

Japanese Language Teachers Meeting

--- 11th July 2022 ---

The Annual Japanese Language Teachers Meeting was held on 11th July 2022 at our centre.

Annual teachers meeting started off with paying respect to Late Mr.Shinzo Abe by observing silence for 1 min. It was followed by updates from languageschool side, updates from waku waku club, coffee meet, JIM and JEC, interaction with our alumni Aruloli san who recently completed his shikoku temple visit. Ended with high tea and socialising.

Thank you very much to all teachers who are the backbone of [ABK AOTS DOSOKAI Chennai](#) Japanese language school for all their commitment and hard work for keeping the ABK flag fly high.



Sharing of Good 5S Practices & Certificate / Award Giving Function

--- 15th July 2022 ---

As part of our yearlong activities we, in association with Carborundum Universal Limited, & Amara Raja Group conducted the Award Giving Ceremony & Seminar on 5S & Lean Management Practices at Ramada Plaza, Guindy, Chennai on Friday, 15th July 2022. The Seminar will include a key note address by an Eminent Expert and Panel Discussion among Senior Management, Front Line Operator and Presentation by award winning companies.

The seminar was attended by more than 300 delegates from Small, Medium & Large Scale Industries in this part of India. Award Giving Ceremony of ABK AOTS-CUMI 5S Competition for Medium & Small Scale Industries, & ABK – AOTS Amara Raja 5S Competition for Large Scale Industries was held on 15th July 2022 between 4.00pm ~6.00 p.m.

Mr. Odagawa Hajime, Consul, Consulate General of Japan in Chennai was the Chief Guest who distributed the prizes along with Mr. C. Narasimhulu Naidu, Chief operating officer, Amara Raja Batteries Ltd, Karakambadi & Mr. Bhaskharan Kannun, Head- HR, Carborundum Universal Ltd during the award giving ceremony.





MOSAI – Japanese Language Speech Contest for Southern Region 16th July 2022

The Consulate General of Japan at Chennai & ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, TAMILNADU CENTRE, in association with Mombusho Scholars Association of India (MOSAI) conducted “MOSAI – Japanese Language Speech Contest for Southern Region” on 16th July 2022 at the Kumugai Auditorium of ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre, 3rd Floor, Chateau D Ampa, New No. 37 Old No. 110, Nelson Manickam Road, Aminjikarai, Chennai – 29.

The Judges for the contest were Ms. Miyuki Inoue, Researcher/ Adviser Culture & Information Section, Consulate General of Japan, Chennai Ms. Mai Ishii, Japanese Language Faculty, Sathish Japanese Language Academy, Tirunelveli & Mr. Yasuhide Nagamatsu, Vice President – Business Promotion, M/s. Mizuho Bank Ltd, Chennai.

The following were the winners in Junior Category.

- 1st Prize : Ms. S. Krishnapriya, Soka Ikeda College of Arts & Science for women, Chennai
- 2nd Prize : Ms. R.Nandhini, Soka Ikeda College of Arts & Science for women, Chennai
- 3rd Prize : Ms. R.Vasudha, Soka Ikeda College of Arts & Science for women, Chennai

The following were the winners in Senior Category.

- 1st Prize : Mr. Pradeep Rajendran
ABK AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre, Chennai
- 2nd Prize : Mr. S. Gowtham Paramasivam
Surya Nihongo Gakko, Madurai
- 3rd Prize : Ms. Dasari Sowmya
ABK AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre, Chennai

The Prizes for the Winners were sponsored by The Consulate General of Japan in Chennai & ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre, The above prize winners are eligible to participate in the ALL INDIA JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST to be conducted at Newdelhi on 27th August 2022.



7th Quality Improvement Team 3rd Online COMPETITION

--- 20th & 22nd July 2022 ---

ABK- AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre organized the 7th Quality Improvement Team (3rd online competition on 20th & 22nd July 2022 .Totally 125 presentations were made from 42 companies whose employees enthusiastically participated in the competition.



The Art Exhibition

--- 31st Aug ~ 6th Sep 2022---

As part of the Year Long activities ABK AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre in association with our member Prof. Dhinakara Sundar – Painter & Print Maker is conducted an **ART EXHIBITION** from 31st August 2022 to 6th September 2022 at Lakshana Art Gallery,,Chennai,. Inaugural ceremony of the exhibition held on 31st August 2022.



His Excellency Mr. TAGA Masayuki – Consul General of Japan in Chennai Inaugurated the exhibition . Mrs. Revathi Ramachandran- Director- Kalakshetra Foundation, Chennai presided over and deliver presidential address.

Paintings displayed in the exhibition depicts the Japanese aesthetics and the timeless beauty and complexity of the natural world in a never-seen before manner. Prof Dhinakara Sundar has created visually stunning pieces which was a feast for the eyes of the visitors.



Japanese Night – Vol 10

---10th Sep 2022 ---

The Consulate-General of Japan in Chennai in association with ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI Tamilnadu Centre, Sethu Bhaskara Japanese Language Academy, Soka Ikeda College of Arts and Science for Women, Indo - Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Hayakawa Japanese Language School and Cultural Centre, Surya Nihongo Gakko and organized "JAPANESE NIGHT" on Saturday 10th September 2022 with various cultural events performed by the students learning Japanese language in Chennai.

This year the Japanese Night celebrates the Tenth meeting in Chennai. It is mainly organized for the Japanese language students and teachers in various language schools and people friendly to Japan in South India to interact among each other and improve their conversation skill and know more about the Japanese culture. The invitees for the event were forbidden to use any languages other than Japanese. India - Japan Fusion Dance, Song, Skit by students of our centre, and the students from our Franchise Thiruvanniyur and Tambaram were excellent and the visitors enthusiastically enjoyed a lots. His Excellency Mr. Taga Masayuki, Consul General of Japan inaugurated the Japanese Night at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, 10th September 2022 at Rani Seethai Hall, Chennai.



Foreign Minister's Commendation Certificate award ceremony

--- 16th September 2022 ---

Foreign Minister's Commendation Certificate handed over to our President Mr. G. Cahndramohan by His Excellency Mr. TAGA Masayuki – Consul General of Japan in Chennai at a Special function held on 16th September 2022 at the Official Residence of the Consul General of Japan in Chennai.

In recognition of His distinguished accomplishments to promote economic relations between Japan and India thereby contributing to the deepening of friendship and goodwill between two countries.



Our Planned Events for the Next Quarter Oct to Dec 2022

1st October 2022 : 70th Year of Japan India Diplomatic Relationship we are conducting the "Online Philatelic Exposition of Japanese Stamps" One Week One Theme for 50 weeks

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9th October 2022 : 7th Innovative QC Competition at RMK Engineering College, Gummidipoondi

15th October 2022 : 70th Year of Japan India Diplomatic Relationship we are conducting the "Online Philatelic Exposition of Japanese Stamps" One Week One Theme for 50 weeks

15th to 28th October 2022 : 70th anniversary of the Japan-India Diplomatic Relations, the Consulate-General of Japan in Chennai, The Japan Foundation and ABK-AOTS Dosokai, Tamilnadu Centre presents the traveling exhibition, "MANGA HOKUSAI MANGA" at Lalit Kala Akademi, Chennai

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11th & 12th November 2022 : Training cum Workshop on Food Technology organized by AOTS – Japan at Ramada Hotel, Chennai

12th November 2022 : Irodori Workshop organized by The Japan Foundation at ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre

12th November 2022 : 70th Year of Japan India Diplomatic Relationship we are conducting the "Online Philatelic Exposition of Japanese Stamps" One Week One Theme for 50 weeks

13th November 2022 : 5th National Convention on Innovative QC Teams (NCIQCT- 2022) will be held in Kinfra Hi – Tech Park, HMT Colony, Kochi, Kerala on the Sunday, 13th November 2022.

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