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A Cultural, Technical & Trade Bridge Between Japan & India



Land of the rising son?

No, that's no spelling error! Japan – has its proud and famous sobriquet as 'The Land of the Rising Sun'. And it shall remain that way forever!

However, a recent report about the growing number of 'The Sons of India' being employed across the Japanese countryside made for some compelling reading. Indian workforce in Japan is usually associated with IT, Engineering, Management Finance and Scientific research. However, a new slice of Indian diaspora is attracting attention – Farm Labour!

An aging population in Japan has meant that there are fewer of them working as agriculturists in the wide and beautiful Japanese countryside and its farms. Although traditional replacements consisted mainly from Vietnam and China, skilled Indian labour has now found favour and are amongst those heading to Japan, thanks to a memorandum of understanding between the governments of our two countries under the National Skill Development Corporation. May our 'Sons of the soil' find their Ikigai as they set about seeding, planting and harvesting their ways into the heart of Japan.....and their people!

Yours truly had an opportunity to visit his favourite country (Japan, ofcourse!) earlier this year. It was my first visit after the destructive trail left by the pandemic. So many things had changed....yet nothing seemed to have changed! Tourism is restored and the busy streets, shopping areas and crowded trains dropped no sign of a country that was only months earlier, completely closed to the rest of the world. If nothing, there was just more 'teinei', more 'shiwase' and more 'gijitsu' welcoming you at every corner of the country!

This quarter, let's keep a keen eye on the several geo-political developments happening in the Asia-Pacific region. These developments are further signs of the deep respect and understanding that our countries have for one another as well and does augur well for this region. Ofcourse, these are happening several thousands of miles away.....away from the hot summer that is around the corner and the IPL mania that is sure to grip us for the next few weeks...

Take care everyone...support your favourite team without any restraint.....but do make sure that team is the one that wears a yellow jersey as they step on to the field of action!

Minasan, Whistle Podu !

Harikumar B
Editor – eNihon Mon





“Online Philatelic Exposition of Japanese Stamps” One Week One Theme for 50 weeks

To commemorate the “70 Anniversary of India – Japan Diplomatic Relationship”, between India & Japan ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre, is conducting the “Online Philatelic Exposition of Japanese Stamps”. One Week One Theme for 50 weeks from 12 February 2022 onwards. This online Zoom Lecture Series is being conducted by M.R.Ranganathan our Chairman and Member of International society for Japanese Philately & South Indian Philatelic Association. These presentations can be viewed in YouTube also-

7th January 2023

Japan Heritage Series 1

<https://youtu.be/23DJWu-bQZs>

14th January 2023

Japan Heritage Series 2

https://youtu.be/fB0P-3t_PNQ

21st January 2023

Castles of Japan

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pEpJfScq0oI>

Valedictory Ceremony of 70th Year of Japan India Diplomatic Relationship we are conducting the “Online Philatelic Exposition of Japanese Stamps” One Week One Theme for 50 weeks- on 21st January 2023

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/>



1st Manufacturing Excellence Competition through online & inperson

--- 6th & 23rd January 2023 ---

ABK- AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre organized the 1st Manufacturing Excellence Competition through online and inperson competition on 6th & 23rd January 2023 at premises of ABK AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre.

Totally 41 teams from 18 organisations presented their successful case studies.



Farewell to Ms. Miyuki Inoue , Researcher/ Advisor, Culture & Information Section, Consulate General of Japan in Chennai

--- 12th January 2023 ---

Bidding Farewell to Ms. Miyuki Inoue San ,
**Researcher / Advisor, Culture & Information
Section, Consulate General of Japan in Chennai.**
We at ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre work
very closely with the Consulate General of Japan in
Chennai and Miyuki san has been associating with us
for past 3 years in everything that we do. Due to the
pandemic first 2 years of her period in Chennai were
unfortunately in lockdown but she wrapped up
everything in the last 6 months. Consulate General of
Japan had conducted many events in order to celebrate
70 years of India Japan Relationship in 2022 for which
ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre was
fortunate to work with most of events. She executed the
events very well and has played a big role in spreading
Japan and it's culture in Chennai last year.

We at ABK AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre
wholeheartedly wish her a very Healthy life and Great
Future!



Participating in the Chennai International Book Fair at YMCA, Chennai

--- 16th, 17th 18th January 2023 ---

The Consulate General of Japan in Chennai and ABK –
AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre has hosted a stall
in the Chennai International Book fair organised by
TamilNadu Government from 16th to 18th January 2023
at YMCA, Chennai

Our stall was inaugurated by the Honourable Minister
for School Education, Government of Tamilnadu
Mr. Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi on 16th January 2023.

We were really honoured by the visit of His Excellency
Mr. Suzuki Hiroshi , Ambassador, Embassy of Japan in
India on 18th January 2023 to our stall. Our President
Mr.G. Chandramohan, welcomed him with a bouquet,
our Chairman Mr.M.R.Ranganathan, honoured him with
a shawl. Our teacher Mr. KCOP. Aruloli shared about
his trip to 88 temples in Shikoku prefecture and also
was honoured to receive The Ambassador's signature
in his certificate. Dr.K. Usha, Origami expert showed
and demonstrated Origami. Mrs. R. Anuradha, Director
of the Japanese Language School explained him
quickly about our school and showed him our
homemade books on Japanese learning . Every one
who visited the fair got enlightened about various
opportunity in Japan.







TACNITI & ICCJ, Osaka jointly organizing the Online Japan India Seminar Series – 2023

--- 27th January 2023 ---

Tamilnadu Chamber of Nippon India Trade Industry (TACNITI) & The Indian Chamber of Commerce Japan (ICCJ), Osaka are jointly organizing the Online Japan India Seminar Series – 2023. "TRENDS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN AGRICULTURE" By Mr. Hideo Futashima, Advisor, Chale Ventures, Japan.

Around 52 participants are joined the online Japan India Seminar Series.



Mr. Mohammed Feroz Shah, Adviser, Chattagram AOTS Alumni Society, Bangladesh visited our centre

--- 10th February 2023 ---



Certificate of Appreciation Awarded to our Chairman Mr. M. R. Ranganathan by Kancheepuram Nippon Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KNCCI),

--- 11th February 2023 ---

Certificate of Appreciation Awarded by Kancheepuram Nippon Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KNCCI), Chennai to our Chairman Mr. M. R. Ranganathan for his 50 years of outstanding and commendable service in promoting bilateral relationship between Indian and Japan on 11th February 2023 at the Music Academy, Chennai





1st Six Sigma Competition through online & inperson

--- 21st February 2023 ---

ABK- AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre organized the 1st Six Sigma Competition through online and inperson competition at premises of ABK AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre on online competition through team on 21st February 2023

Totally 15 teams from 9 organisations are presented their successful case studies. Totally 37 members attended



Japanese Language Teacher Training Program

---20th Feb to 4th March , 2023---

3 of our teachers Mrs. J. [Sowmini Jeyaprakash](#) Ms. [Padmaja Jayanthi](#) and Mr. Kavin Kamaraj took part in the 84 hours intensive Japanese language teacher training program conducted by Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India and Embassy of Japan , Govt of Japan supported by Delhi University and Japan Foundation at Delhi University premises, New Delhi from 20th February 2023 to 4th March 2023 and underwent training in various fields like Translation, Interpretation techniques, Kyouan writing and interactive training methodologies. The intense two week course was very effective and our teachers are all energetic to impart their knowledge gained to other teachers and students of [ABK- AOTS DOSOKAI , Tamilnadu Centre](#) .



MOSAI Japanese Language Speech Contest for South Zone

--- 4th March 2023 ---

The Consulate General of Japan in Chennai & ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre, in association with Mombusho Scholars Association of India (MOSAI) conducted “MOSAI – Japanese Language Speech Contest for South Zone” on 4th March 2023 at the Kumugai Auditorium of ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre,

The Judges for the contest were Ms. Teraoka Mami – Researcher / Advisor, Culture & information Section, Consulate General of Japan , Chennai, Mr. Jota Sugimura – Hino Motor India Pvt Ltd , Chennai & Mr. Minoru Hoshino – Kikuwa India Pvt Ltd , Sri City

The following were the winners of the Junior Category.

1st Prize -Mr.Nendra Namgyel Wang Chuk

SRM Institute of Science and Technology,
Kattankulathur

2nd Prize - Ms.E. Priyadharshini

Soka Ikeda College of Arts And Science For Women
Ambattur Chennai

3rd Prize - Mr. S. Vighesh

ABK AOTS DOSOKAI Tamilnadu Centre, Chennai

The following were the winners of the Senior Category.

1st Prize - Mrs.K. S. Sowmya Shree

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2nd Prize Ms.R. C. Darshani

ABK AOTS DOSOKAI Tambaram Chapter, Chennai

3rd Prize - Mr.G. Yukesh .

ABK AOTS DOSOKAI Tamilnadu Centre, Chennai

The Cash Prizes for the Winners & the certificates were sponsored by ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre, Chennai .



“DOLL FESTIVAL” (an event exhibiting India Japan Cultural Fusion)

--- 5th March 2023 ---

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre organized “DOLL FESTIVAL” (an event exhibiting India Japan Cultural Fusion) to discover the Indian Doll Festival and to find out the Folk Tales, Customs and Rituals and the Similarities with Japanese Hinamatsuri on Sunday, 5th March 2023 at our centre. And the highlights of our celebrations were explanations in Japanese, sing Indian and Japanese songs & Traditional activities.

Ms. Teraoka Mami, Reasearcher & Advisor the Consulate General of Japan in Chennai & Ms. Hiroko Nagahama President for the Japan India Student Conference (JISC), Japan jointly inaugurated the Dolls Festival .



27th Japan India Student Conference (JISC)

--- 5th to 9th March 2023 ---

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre, Chennai , India had been identified by the Indo Japan Chamber , Tokyo / Japan for conducting the Japan India Student Conference in Chennai / India from the year 2009 onwards to discuss and exchange views / opinions on varied topics related to Education , Society , Culture & Economics from the viewpoints of local and global.

The 27th Japan India Students Conference in Chennai was held from 5th to 9th March 2023 in which we had 6 students from different universities of Japan headed by Ms. Hiroko Nagahama, President , Japan India Student Conference (JISC), Japan.

The participants of JISC had a comfortable stay at Iris Hotel, Chennai. The event was supported by Consulate General of Japan in Chennai, Kankay Bert Pvt. Ltd, Chennai and Academic Institutions like Meenakshi Sundararajan Engineering College, The New College & also the Tamilnadu Guidance Bureau where they discussed SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals).

During the Valedictory ceremony certificates were awarded to the JISC participants. The JISC participants enjoyed the Chennai foods as well as the Japanese Obento organized by our centre. The participants of JISC demonstrated the Ikebana during the valedictory ceremony.



Our students coordinated in the successful conduct of the 27th Japan India Student Conference. Though the 27th Japan India Student Conference is over the sweet memories behold us forever.



5th Safety, Health & Environment Competition (SHEC)

--- 11th & 13th March 2023 ---

ABK- AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre organized the 5th **Safety, Health & Environment Competition (SHEC)** through online and inperson competition at the premises of ABK AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre on 11th & 13th March 2023.

Totally 41 teams from 22 organisations presented their successful case studies.





**Piano Recital by Yukiko
Kusunoki,
--- 20th March 2023 ---**

ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre in association with the Consulate-General of Japan in Chennai supported by Musee Musical organized a "Piano Recital" by Ms. Yukiko Kusunoki on 20 March 2023 at the Music Academy, Yukiko Kusunoki graduated from Kunitachi College of Music, Department of Instrumental Music, majoring in piano. She studied piano under Satoru Takahashi, Mikio Ikezawa, Gen Matsuyama, Klaus Kaufmann, Diane Andersen, Eugene Pridonov, and Thomas Boeckler, and chamber music and song accompaniment under Gen Matsuyama and Michio Kobayashi. Music lovers enjoyed the mesmerizing tunes recited by Yukiko Kusunoki enthralling the audience with vibrant music played by her in the Grand Piano.



Meeting with His Excellency Mr. Taga Masayuki, Consul General of Japan in Chennai by A Team of our Japanese Language teachers who are on a 10 days visit to Japan

--- 22nd March 2023 ---

A team of 20 Japanese Language teachers of our centre who were on a 10 days visit to Japan will be Enjoying Beautiful Japan during Sakura. They visited AOTS Japan, 3A Corporation, Japan Foundation, Kansai and also had a meeting with our Alumni students. We were very much honoured and overwhelmed by the kind gesture of the Consul General of Japan in Chennai for hosting a send off party at his residence and handing over the Blazers and caps to our teachers on 22nd March 2023



A Team of Japanese Language teachers visit to Japan

---24th March to 3rd April 2023---

A team of 20 Japanese Language teachers of our centre who were on a 10 days visit to Japan will be Enjoying Beautiful Japan during Sakura. They visited AOTS Japan and underwent a session on Genba no Nihongo, 3A Corporation interacted with Tanaka Yone san, one of the authors of Minna no Nihongo and asked her various doubts and clarifications, Japan Foundation, Kansai attended a session on online teaching methods Bonjinsha Co. Ltd, Japan, Kasaoka International Exchange Association had cultural exchange session Teams lab Digital art museum at Odaiba, Sumida river boating, Kamakura, Enoshima, Arashiyama bamboo forest, Fushimi inari shrine, Kiyomizudera, Kinkakuji. and also had a meeting with our Alumni students.

This trip which will lead to many more opportunities and open many more windows for the students of our centre.





**Our Planned Events for the Next
Quarter April to June 2023**

- 3rd April 2023** - A Team of Japanese Language teachers visit to Japan Back to India
- 18th April 2023** - 5th Maintenance Competition For The Unsung Heroes (The Maintenance Personnel)
- 23rd April 2023** - Japanese Language NAT Exam
- 11th June 2023** - Japanese Language NAT Exam

**Participating in the Symposium
by Meenakshi Sundararajan
Engineering College, Chennai**

---24th March 2023---

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre participated in the Symposium “ASTHRA 2023” conducted by Meenakshi Sundararajan Engineering college, Chennai on 24th March 2023.

*Thank
you*

