

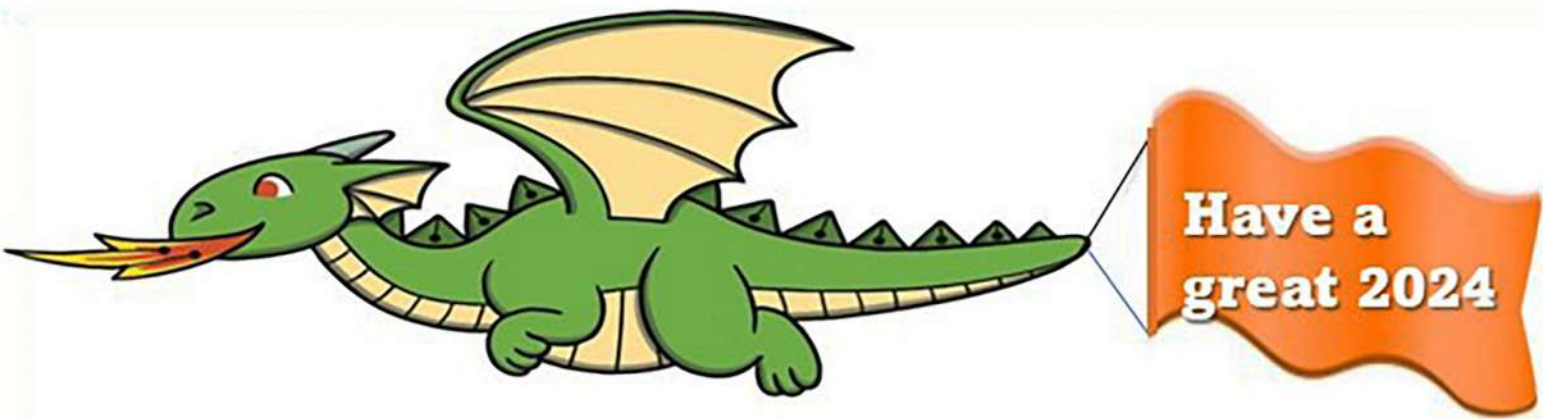


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A Cultural, Technical & Trade Bridge Between Japan & India



A Yakusoku at Yokosuka...

I was following with great interest, the meeting of our experts and policy makers during the recently held India-Japan @ 2030 conclave at New Delhi. The very title suggested that our two countries have a far-sighted vision on the avenues available to strengthen the already robust ties.

The tone of optimism set by all the participants of this conclave – ranging from our ministers to the representatives of Japanese high offices – is deemed to be significant as bilateral trade between us inches towards the INR 2 lakh crore mark.

Ofcourse, nothing could keep the discussions about an inclusive Indo-Pacific region out of the door, during this conclave. The Quad, being seen as a non-militaristic alliance, seeks to deal – amongst other things –the challenges posed by a dominant China! In this regard, our countries have been able to deepen defence cooperation in a significant way.

And.....that leads us to the title of this editorial page. Recently, the Indian Navy's Kadmatt antisubmarine ship arrived at Japan's maritime base in Kanagawa prefecture at Yokosuka, for a joint naval exercise.

Ah! You get it now?

Back to the many discussions during the mentioned conclave. It was commonly felt by the Japanese representatives at this forum that an important aspect of building the business ecosystem between Indian and Japan is to have more of us speaking the Japanese language. This, they felt, would enhance the people-to-people exchange at all levels of our collaboration.

Well, we at ABK-AOTS Dosokai, Tamilnadu centre feel privileged to be doing our bit in equipping more of our talent with Japanese language, culture and know-how. With all your support, we will continue to be an important bridge that will help bring more of Japan – our close and valued partner – to India!!!

A new year would have dawned by the time this edition of our quarterly newsletter is in your inbox. We hope that you have ended the year gone by with joyous celebrations and are looking to 2024 with renewed hope and vigour.

Shinnen Omedeto Gozimasu

Kotoshimo yoroshiku Onegai itashimasu.



Festember at National Institute of Technology, Trichy

--- 7 & 8th October 2023---

The team from ABK AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre, collaborated with the National Institute of Technology, Trichy, for their Mega cultural program named Festember. The event, themed around Japan, aimed to open new windows of opportunities for the rural Tamil Nadu region. Over 15,000 participants had the chance to immerse themselves in Japanese culture through various activities, including a Japanese stamp exhibition, photo exhibition, Ukiue block painting exhibition, Hinamatsuri doll exhibition, demonstration of the Tanabata festival, Yukata and Happi wearing experiences, calligraphy, playing Kendama, using chopsticks, and an orientation program on demand and opportunities in Japan.

Special thanks to NIT, Trichy, and The Consulate of Japan, Chennai, for providing us with this valuable opportunity.



Origami Competition organized by SBOA Matriculation Hr Sec School

--- 14th October 2023---

SBOA Matriculation Hr Sec School organized an inter-school Origami Competition in which over 75 students participated. Dr. K. Usha, Vasantha Gnanaseelan, and Nitin from ABK AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre, were invited as the Guest of Honour and Judges for this event. It was truly astonishing and inspiring to witness young children creating intricate Origami pieces and even incorporating Origami into science projects. The competition showcased the extensive creativity and deep interest of the children in Origami. Many thanks to SBOA for initiating such a commendable event and involving us in this rewarding experience.





The program continued with the singing of Karnatic songs and a special Japanese Hinamatsuri song. The highlight of the event was a lively Garba dance performance by children, which not only added vibrant energy to the atmosphere but also inspired everyone to join in the dance.



COFFEE MEET

On 16th October 2023

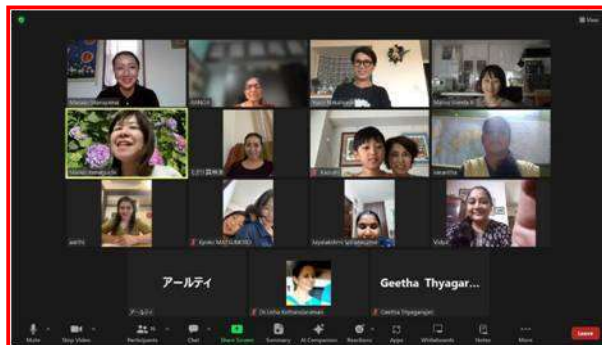
A delightful coffee meet took place at ABK AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre, featuring a new group of Japanese women residing in Chennai. Approximately 17 Japanese women participated and immersed themselves in the Hinamatsuri-Golu celebration. The event included discussions on how Golu is celebrated, the significance behind the celebration, regional variations in the way it is observed across India, insights into prasadam, tambdaam, a kolam demonstration, and a flower garland-making demonstration. The Japanese guests thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. Had a great day and interaction with the Japanese guests.



On 31st October 2023,

During the Halloween season, we decided to delve into the topic of ghosts in South India during our online coffee meet. We introduced participants to the reasons behind the belief in ghosts, the various types of ghosts believed to exist, methods to sense their presence, techniques for ghost driving, ways to interact with ghosts, and even explored the portrayal of ghosts in Tamil movies. The session proved to be both thrilling and interesting, sparking lively discussions where we shared our individual beliefs.

On a humorous note, we even found a way to incorporate ghosts into our learning process to enhance our Japanese skills.



On 22nd November 2023

Shirotama Dango making hosted by Coffee Meet Japanese women! Shirotama dango is made in Autumn and is also called as Tsukimi dango. Tsukimi dango is a chewy rice dumpling displayed and eaten during the Japanese mid-autumn festival when the moon is at its most beautiful. Coffee meet members had decorated the entire hall with kirigami and origami momiji leaves to bring the autumn atmosphere. Seasonal activities and dango making procedure were explained very nicely. 3 stoves and equipments and all arrangements were made very well. Our members thoroughly enjoyed making dango and enjoying it with kinako powder and anko (sweet red bean paste).



ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI Tamilnadu Centre - Empowers Women with 10 Pink Autos

--- 2nd November 2023 ---

In a remarkable initiative aimed at empowering underprivileged women and transforming their family lives, ABK-AOTS Dosokai Tamil Nadu Centre sponsored 10 Pink Auto Rickshaws for women auto drivers, providing training, licenses, and badges, thanks to the support of the Rotary Club. The official ceremony presenting the new autos took place on Thursday, 2nd November 2023, at the ABK-AOTS Dosokai Tamil Nadu Centre in Chennai.

The event was graced by the esteemed presence of His Excellency, Mr. Taga Masayuki, the Consul General of Japan in Chennai, who served as the Chief Guest. Mr. Masayuki handed over the keys and uniform coats to the Pink Auto women drivers, marking the beginning of their journey towards self-sufficiency.

Mr. G. Chandramohan, President of the Federation of AOTS Alumni Association of India (FAAAI), highlighted the pioneering nature of the Pink Auto Rickshaw Service, catering to women and children and operated by women drivers. The service is already operational in several cities across India, including Delhi, Surat, Mumbai, Jharkhand, Orissa, Assam, and Chennai, where the Rotary Club had previously presented over 100 pink autos to women. On 2nd November 2023, these autos aim to challenge gender stereotypes and excel in a predominantly male-dominated profession, promoting women's safety in transportation as a symbol of empowerment.

Speaking at the event, our Founder Chairman, Mr. M.R. Ranganathan, passionately emphasized the transformative significance of the Pink Auto sponsorship. This sponsorship elevates the status of these drivers to that of an owner, increasing their social responsibility and behavior towards their customers. He also highlighted the urgent need in Japan for skilled Indians with Japanese language proficiency, with slogans on the back of these autos encouraging people to study Japanese and avail themselves of the sponsor's services.

Our President, Mr. C. Sriram, received the symbolic key from Bajaj, handed over by General Manager Mr. Venkatesh of Kings Autos. Ms. Shanthi Selvam and Mr. Selvam, two Rotarians who assisted in selecting these drivers and the project, were thanked by ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI and each honored with a shawl. The Consul General, while wishing the individuals well when handing over their uniform coats and keys, encouraged them to drive safely with the aim of serving society with dedication. He also praised ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI for this initiative and commended the slogans encouraging people to study Japanese.

With a vote of thanks, the meeting concluded. The invitees, including His Excellency, Mr. Taga Masayuki, the Consul General of Japan Ms. Naoko Yuzawa, Consul, Consulate-General of Japan who accompanied the Consul General, moved to Car Parking Area for a group photo and both took rides in the new auto driven by women drivers.





Exhibition: "I Love Sushi"

--- 3rd ~16th November 2023---

The Japan Foundation's traveling exhibition, "I Love Sushi," supported by the Consulate General of Japan in Chennai and ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamil Nadu Centre, is organized at Lalit Kala Academy, Chennai.

The exhibition showcases a variety of sushi, ranging from traditional to modern styles, accompanied by ukiyo-e paintings depicting the history and origin of sushi. His Excellency Mr. Taga Masayuki, Consul General of Japan in Chennai, inaugurated the exhibition on 3rd November 2023. The exhibition, which offered a valuable learning experience and a visual treat!

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6TH NATIONAL CONVENTION ON “INNOVATIVE QC TEAMS”

--- 4th November 2023 ---

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre in association with **AOTS Alumni Society of Central India – Pune** supported by Federation of AOTS Alumni Associations of India (FAAAI), New Delhi, jointly organized the 6th National Convention on Innovative QC Teams (NCIQCT – 2022) on **Saturday the 4th November 2023 at PYC Hindu Gymkhana , Pune.**

A total of 34 teams from 24 organisations presented their case studies.

From ABK AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre brought in 20 teams from 11 organizations, AASCI Pune 12 teams from 10 organisations and AAWI Mumbai 2 teams from 1 organisation which participated most enthusiastically.

The Convention was inaugurated by Chief Guest Mr. Eiji Teshima, General Manager, AOTS New Delhi, while the keynote address was delivered by Mr. Ashwani Jotshi ex Director ACMA Western Region.

Mr G Chandramohan, President FAAA, was the Chief guest for the Valedictory ceremony and delivered the valedictory address and he along with Mr Eiji Teshima gave away the awards and prizes to the teams.

The Organisers thank Federation of AOTS Alumni Association of India (FAAAI) for disbursing the contribution of Rs.1,00,000/- for conducting this national competition.



Kanji Matsuri

--- 18th & 19th November 2023---

Kanji Matsuri was organized for the students of ABK AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamil Nadu Centre. Our Sensei Madhumithai devised exciting games to help students remember N4 kanji and their onyomi and kunyomi readings. Innovative methods for kanji memorization were introduced exclusively at ABK!

Engaging games and puzzles were used to thoroughly cover N5 and N4 kanjis, laying a strong foundation. The session was filled with fun and enjoyment. We are confident that the foundation laid today will sustain their motivation to learn until they reach the N1 level!



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Chennai Japan Expo

--- 25th November 2023---

The Chennai Japan Expo, organized by The Consulate General of Japan, Chennai, and ABK AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre, took place at VR Mall on 23rd November 2023. The stunning ambiance transported us into the world of Japan with Hinamatsuri arrangements, Bonsai decorations, and each Japanese school showcasing demonstrations of Japanese culture. Stalls by Kawasaki and Hapima added to the delight of the audience. Stage performances and seminars were the highlights, with Nitin San and team from ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI stealing the show with their impressive cosplay. The Shamisen and Guitar performance by Aruloli San was excellent! It truly felt like a mini Japan in Chennai.

Many thanks to The Consulate General of Japan, Chennai, for providing us with the opportunity to co-host this expo. Special appreciation goes to Vasantha Gnanaseelan Sensei and Madhumitha Kesavan Sensei for their enormous efforts in coordinating and making this event a grand success.



All are Welcome! Entry Free!

Chennai Japan Expo 2023

25th November 11:00a.m. - 8:00p.m.
Inauguration by Consul-General TAGA Masayuki at 11:00a.m.
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Organized by Consulate-General of Japan in Chennai & ABK-AOTS Dosokai, Tamilnadu Centre



29th November 2023

ABK AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre, Rotary Club, and Deyam Impact Initiatives (Deyam) jointly flagged off another four pink autos.

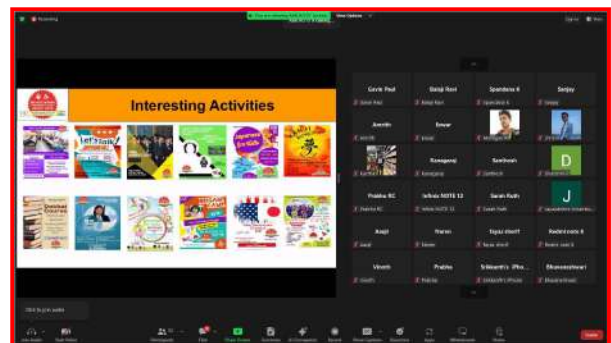
This event also commemorates the 100th pink auto sponsored by Rotary Club in Chennai and the 11th by ABK AOTS DOSOKAI.



Japanese Language Orientation program

---16th & 17th December 2023---

Japanese Language Orientation through online and inperson on “Why learn Japanese” was held on 16th & 17th December 2023 was conducted by Mrs. Geetha Thyagarajan, Deputy Director, Japanese Language School of our centre. Fresh batches of Script courses Level N5, N4, N3 & N2 and Conversation Courses (Basic / Intermediate /Advanced) commenced from 23rd December 2023.



Japan Job Fair in India

--- 19th December 2023 ---

Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) Government of Japan along with Pasona and ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre conducted a Mega Job fair in Chennai on 19th December 2023 at M weddings & Conventions, Vanagaram where nearly 20 Top Japanese companies Participated. 400+ students from various Colleges attended the Job fair and benefited. The crowd and rush of young aspiring students proved the growing interest of Indians in Japan ! It's time to look EAST!!



Work in Japan vs Work in India

--- 23rd December 2023 ---

Wonderful session by Ms. LN. Gayathri and Mr. Prakash Lakshminarayanan on Work in Japan vs Work in India on 23 December through Zoom. Great take away from both of you. Great motivation and inspiration. Students thoroughly enjoyed your session and had a great learning. Thank you so much for your time.

Bro & Sis Duo!!

L. Prakash & L.N. Gayathri
General Manager, Axa Life, Japan Management consultant at
 Accenture S&C Global Network

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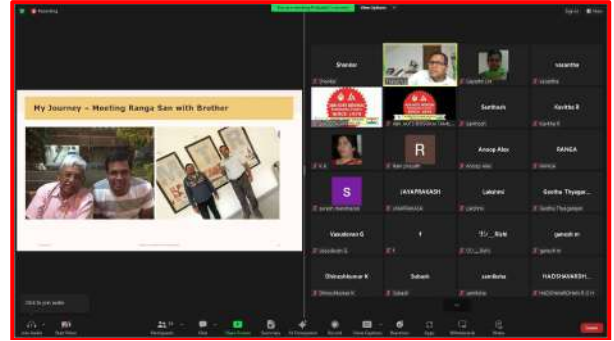
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Session on Interview Preparation & Resume Writing Workshop

--- 30th December 2023 ---

Interview preparation and resume writing session happened with 20 participants learning about how to prepare for interview, commonly asked questions, how to answer the questions, expectations from Japanese companies, dressing, body language, usage of words, resume writing technique and Mock interview session. Instant and constructive feedback was given and participants were corrected. One of a kind opportunity for ABK AOTS DOSOKAI, TAMILNADU CENTRE students to deliver their best performance in Interviews! Many thanks to Hosoi Yuta san for Generously accepting to do this workshop for us.





Japan-India Institute for Manufacturing (JIM)

--- December 2023 ---

The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships, Japan, executes and implements the promotion activities of the Japan-India Institute for Manufacturing (JIM) by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) of Japan.

From November 2022 onward ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamil Nadu Center as a Coordinator for JIM has been conducting Japanese Language Training, Japanese Management Training & Cross Cultural etiquettes to the participants of Mitsuba India Pvt. Ltd, Gummidipoondi from November 2022 to October 2023.



Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) at Vellammal Matriculation Hr. Sec. School

--- 3rd December 2023 ---

Since the year 2002, ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre has been designated by the Consulate General of Japan, Chennai, to coordinate and conduct the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT).

The JLPT exam was successfully administered on 3rd December 2023 for 3270 examinees in two sessions (Forenoon & Afternoon) at Vellammal Matriculation Hr. Sec. School, Chennai.

Some candidates took two levels, one in the forenoon and the other in the afternoon. The decision to conduct the JLPT Exam in two shifts (forenoon & afternoon) allowed examinees to take two tests on a single day, a feature that was highly appreciated by the participants, and some of them took advantage of this opportunity.

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

--- 15th October, 12th November &
10th December 2023 ---

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 Kyouiku, Japan have been conducted the NAT TEST in Chennai held on **15th October 12th November 10th December 2023** at Meenakshi Sundararajan Engineering College, Chennai

WE THANK THE JAPAN FOUNDATION

We thank to The Japan Foundation for accepting our request for Fiscal 2023-2024 The Japan Foundation Support Program for Organizations Providing Japanese-Language Education for Living and Working(Grants) and Grant a Sum of Rs. 2,99,944/- for Teaching Material Purchase Grant.

We are very thank to the Japan Foundation for accpetion our request for Grant Program for Organizations in Japanese-Language Education on Orientation Session on Improtance of Japanese Language Education and Need for Young Talents in Japan for Rs. 72,000/-



WE PROUDE

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WE THANK THE GOVERNOR OF KANAGAWA PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT

We thank His Excellency, **Governor of Kanagawa Prefectural Government, Japan** for selecting **Mr. Kumaraswamy Mtuthushankar** of our centre for the "2023 Kanagawa Prefectural Government Program for Overseas Technical Trainees" to be held between September 2023 and March 2024 at Japan

WE THANK TOKYO METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT

Mr. Mysore Ragunathan Rishi & Mr. Gnanadhas Yukesh are participated as an intern in the "FY 2023 Tokyo Metropolitan Government Overseas Advanced Human Resources Acquisition Support Project" Internship - Tokyo Internship, organized by the **Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Japan** from 23rd October 2023 to 21 December 2023



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Our Planned Events for the Next Quarter January to March 2024

7th January 2024 – Visit by Osaka Prefecture Government

7th January 2024 – Meeting with IMORI San, ffile Secretary – The Indian Chamber of Commerce-Japan at our Centre

9th January 2024 – Meeting with SAKAE Kazumi san , Overseas Expansion Support Group , Commerce, Industry and Labor Bureau, Prefectural Investment Promotion Division , Hiroshima Prefecture, , Japan.

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