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## Kinga Shinnen!

# 謹賀新年

Let us defeat the old feelings by the new one is the sole motive of mankind when ushering in each new year and may this be our feeling too as we bid good bye to 2010 and welcome 2011.

It has been a busy quarter for our centre (as always, may we add?) and besides the customary bout of activities, our centre initiated two activities which were a first of its kind in many ways. At the Dinamalar Smart Shoppe Expo, we organized a Japan Pavillion to showcase many of their cultural facets like Ikebana, Stamps, Dolls etc and created yet another avenue to reach the local population with the many splendors of Japan. And, for the first time, a Kokuji Art exhibition was brought to Chennai and our centre is very happy to have played an important part in this.

Of late, our new President Gopal's eyes have been sparkling with responsibility. In the AGM of our centre held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November 2010, Gopal was elected the President of ABK-AOTS Dosokai, Tamilnadu centre and we wish him every success in this year at the helm of affairs. Mr. G. Chandramohan hands the rein of presidentship to Mr. S. Gopal after yet another successful year, to accept the responsibility of being the President of TACNITI. The editorial team thanks all office bearers for their tireless efforts of the past year and wishes them every success in the year to come.

As a topical subject, we thought it might appeal to our readers to read about the New Year celebrations in Japan. So here goes:

**Oseibo**, marks the beginning of the New Year when people exchange gifts as a token of love and for any special assistance rendered.

The Japanese believe that sending a greeting on a New Year day brings good luck for their loved ones. **Nenga-jo** cards are posted before the New Year and the post offices collect all these cards and send it to the addressees on the New Year Day.

**Omisoka**, is the New Year's Eve in Japan. People start cleaning their houses many days before the festival as they believe it to be the best way to get rid off all the dirt of last year.

On a New Year's Eve, Toshikoshi-soba (year-end soba as it is popularly known) is eaten at night. Midnight prayers to the chimes of the temple bell follow. According to the Japanese, the sound of the 108 chimes drives away all the sins and gives birth to new life.

**Shogatsu**, the New Year's Day is celebrated in great zest and splendor. Offices, streets and houses are decorated with Shimekezari which is a made up of fern leaves and other propitious items like oranges, paper fans etc. It is the time to be spent with the loved ones. A traditional meal may include Toso (sweet cake), Zoni (a soup) and Osechi-ryori (a rice cake).

**Otoshidama**, is a good time for young children. They get special allowance called Otoshidama from their parents and relatives.

Once again, we wish all our readers a wonderful year ahead and do keep writing to us at [rangaots@gmail.com](mailto:rangaots@gmail.com)!

Minasama no gokenko o oinori moshigemasu,  
Kotoshi mo yoroshiku onegaitashimasu!

Hari & Paddy  
Editors-in-Chief

## Events of this Quarter

### Cultural and Historical Study of Japan through Japanese Stamps

---7 to 9 October 2010---

ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre & South India Philatelists Association jointly organized "CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL STUDY OF JAPAN THROUGH JAPANESE STAMPS" (to Commemorate the Philatelic week of Japan) held from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at our Centre. The Exhibition was inaugurated by Mr. Kazuo Minagawa, Consul General of Japan at Chennai at 10.00 a.m. on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2010. Mr. M.S. Ramanujan, Post Master General, Chennai City Region, Chennai presided over and delivered Presidential address.

For the last 8 Years ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre has been conducting this annual Philatelic Exhibition to coincide with the Philatelic week of Japan, in collaboration with South India Philatelists' Association. Each stamp has a story, Background and a History behind the stamp and efforts have been made to introduce these elements with the available information, which makes this exhibition different and World's first postage stamp was issued in May 1840 in Brittan. Japan issued the first postal stamp 31 years after that in April 1871 and they were the smallest Japanese Stamps ever issued. They were called as the Dragon Mon Stamps.

The first multi colour stamp appeared in 1951 and today Japanese Stamps are known all over the world for the excellent design, colour, and themes. Japan brought out the 1<sup>st</sup> stamp commemorating the philatelic week in November 1947. However from 1958 onwards Japan shifted its Philatelic Week Celebration around 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> April.

ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre, an voluntary organization formed by the Japan returned trainees organized the First Japanese Stamp Exhibition during the yearlong celebrations in commemoration of "50<sup>th</sup> Year of India ~Japan Diplomatic Relationship"-2002. The South India Philatelists Association is our partners of the Exhibition and who are readily guiding us on exhibiting these stamps and also actively participating in this exhibition.

More than 10,000 stamps are exhibited this year and these are stamps released not only by Japan but also by other countries to commemorate various Events that took place in Japan. The themes are A to Z of Japan, Philatelic Week of Japan, Imperial Family,

International Letter Writing Day, Letter Writing Week, 400 years of Tokugawa Shogunate, the Regional Stamps, Railways, Bridges, Aviation, Stamps on Children, Engineering Achievements, Japan Heritage, Sports, Culture, Nature, Japan Medical Sciences, Japan & its Industrial Relations, Latest Science and Animation Series, Japan Legal System, War & Peace, Japanese Art – Ukiyo-e, Theatre, Cinema etc.

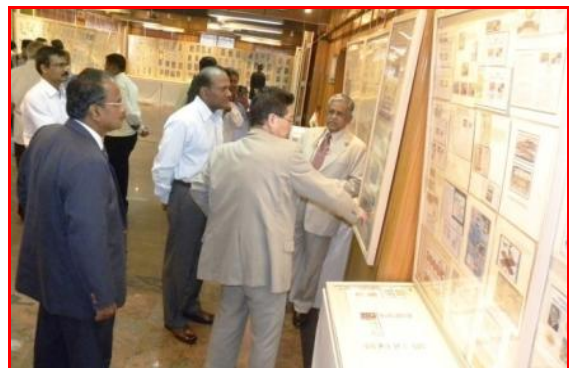
A special feature of Japanese Stamps is seen in the interlining self-adhesive and Metallic Engraved Stamp First Day Covers.



Mr. Kazuo Minagawa, Consul General of Japan at Chennai inaugurated the Cultural and Historical Study of Japan through Japanese Stamps



The exhibition being enjoyed by Mr. Kazuo Minagawa, Consul General of Japan at Chennai



The exhibition being enjoyed by Mr. Kazuo Minagawa, Consul General of Japan at Chennai

### Ayudha Pooja Celebration of our Centre

---15 October 2010---



Ayudha Pooja Celebrated at our centre



### Visit by Dr. Ken Sasaki, Hiroko Nakano San & Toshiyuki San of Hiroshima University Guest to our Centre

---11<sup>th</sup> October 2010---



Meeting with Dr. Ken Sasaki , Hiroko Nakano San & Toshiyuki San of Hiroshima University Guest and Dr. M.K. Padmanabhan, Vice Chancellor & Dr. P. K. Sreedharan Advisor of Dr MGR University at our centre with our Committee Members



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### “Unit Asia – JAZZ Concert 2010 in Chennai”

---12 November 2010---

The Consulate-General of Japan at Chennai, the Japan Foundation and the ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre are organizing “Unit Asia – JAZZ Concert 2010 in Chennai”, on 12 November 2010 at the **Narada Gana Sabha**, Chennai.

**Unit asia** is a multinational jazz unit consisting of five top jazz musicians from three Asian countries; Japan, Thailand and Malaysia. Sharing mutual trust and strong bonds, driven by each member’s unsurpassed performance skills and commitment to **unit asia**, the five musicians—Isao “Sankichi” Miyoshi (Guitar / Japan), Koh Mr. Saxman (Saxophone /Thailand), Hiroyuki Noritake (Drums/Japan), Tay Cher Siang (Piano/Malaysia), and Shigeki Ippon (Bass/Japan), created an outstanding musical sensation as one. **unit Asia**, led by **Isao Miyoshi**, features various types of original tunes presented by each member. The five musicians masterly infused these jazz-based tunes with their musical sensitivities and inspirations as well as elements of diverse music domains such as rock, pop, folk and traditional to create unique and energetic music (jazz) that transcends frameworks of nation, culture and musical genre.



The five musicians of Unit Asia – JAZZ Concert 2010 thrilled the audience in Chennai



Visitors enjoying the Unit Asia – JAZZ Concert 2010



The five musicians of Unit Asia – JAZZ Concert 2010



### Japanese Management Techniques

---13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> November 2010---

Various training modules on Japanese Management Techniques, and Japanese business etiquette and Cross Cultural communication are being conducted at our centre and other Industrial establishments by Dr. R. Balakrishnan, Director – Training of our centre and our team of Consultants. For any need please contact us.



Dr. R. Balakrishnan – Program Director is seen during a Japanese Management Training Program at our centre



Participants of the Japanese Management Training Program



### Mr. Takayuki Kido of AOTS – Japan Visit to our Centre

---19 November 2010---



Meeting with Mr. Naoharu Shudou & Mr. Takayuki Kido of AOTS Japan visit to our centre



### One Day Seminar on BEST TPM & 5S PRACTICES By ABK –AOTS CUMI 5S Award, ABK AOTS N. Damotharan 5S Trophy & ABK AOTS TPM Award winning companies

---20 November 2010---

As part of our yearlong activities we, in association with, AOTS Alumni 5S Forum of India conducted the One Day Seminar on Best TPM & 5S Practices at The Breeze Hotel Limited, Chennai on 20 November 2010 covering the “Best TPM & “5S” Practices of the Award Winning Companies” and also included excellent Case Studies from a few “ BEST IN CLASS” companies. The seminar was attended by more than 200 delegates from Tiny, Small, and Medium & Large Scale Industries. The Award giving ceremony was held between 4.30 p.m~5.30 p.m. on 20th November 2010

Mr. Tomonori Minowa, Consul, Consulate General of Japan at Chennai, the Chief Guest of the function distributed the prizes along with the Special Guest Mr. V. Ramesh, Sr. Vice-President & CFO (Corporate), Carborundum Universal Limited, Chennai.

#### ABOUT 5S ANNUAL AWARD

“5S” techniques help in reduction of Non value adding and wasteful practices in organizations apart from improving good housekeeping. Considering the importance of “5S”, ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu centre has organized the first ever International Convention in March 2001, which was attended by more than 150 delegates from India,

Srilanka, Nepal, Egypt, Bangladesh, & Bulgaria. Experts from India and other countries, shared their experiences in the implementation of “5S” in their respective organizations. At the end of the seminar, ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre in joint efforts with Carborundum Universal Ltd (Part of MURUGAPPA GROUP) came forward to announce “**ABK AOTS – CUMI “5S” Annual Award** among Large, Medium & Small Scale Industries of Tamilnadu to recognize the Best “5S” Practices.

From the year 2004 onwards ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre & Chennai District Small Scale Industries Association have jointly announced the award for the Tiny Industries named “**ABK AOTS – CDISSIA 5S Annual Award**” in which the Tiny Industries are very eagerly participating annually.

In 2005, ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre and PRECOT Group, Coimbatore have jointly announced an exclusive “5S” Competition among Textile Industries and titled as “**ABK AOTS – N. DAMOTHARAN 5S TROPHY**”. Late Shri N. Damotharan was the main architect who shaped the growth & development of Precot Mills Ltd and his pioneering ideas have served greatly for the growth of spinning industry in South India

**ABOUT TPM ANNUAL AWARD**

From the year 2005 onwards our centre has come forward to announce awards for the best TPM Maintained Companies among Small, Medium & Large Scale Industries. Total Productive Maintenance (TPM) is now being widely used in industries to improve the Overall Equipment Effectiveness and reduce the waste and Non- Value Adding Activities.

TPM is one of the important Tools for improving Productivity, Quality & Reliability of Products & Services. Considering the importance of TPM, ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI Tamilnadu Centre, Chennai, is organizing the Annual Competition among the Small & Medium Scale Industries to promote the techniques. The award is being constituted as **ABK AOTS – TPM Annual Award**.

**9<sup>th</sup> ABK AOTS CUMI – 5S AWARD WINNERS**

Category	Prize	Name of Company
Large Scale Manufacturing Category	1st Prize	Molex India Pvt Ltd, Bangalore
	2nd Prize	Exide Industries Limited , Krishnagiri District
	3rd Prize	Mando India Limited, Chennai
	Sustenance award	Vemagiri Power Generation, Bangalore
Large Scale Process Industrial Category	1st Prize	Coromandel International Limited, Kakinada
	2nd Prize	SRF Limited, Gummidipoondi
	3rd Prize	Coromandel International Limited, Chennai – 57
Medium Scale Industries	1st Prize	Taegutec India P Ltd, Bangalore
	2nd Prize	Covanta Samalpatti Operation (P) Ltd, Krisnagiri Dist

	2nd Prize	Amara Raja Power Systems Ltd, Karambadi
	Merit Award	Precision Equipments (Chennai) Pvt Ltd, Kancheepuram Dist
	Merit Award	Coromandel International Limited, Ranipet
Small Scale Industries	1st Prize	Formulated Polymers Limited, Chennai
	Sustenance award	Pentagon Lubricants, Chennai

**7<sup>th</sup> ABK AOTS CDISSIA 5S AWARD WINNER**

Category	Prize	Name of Company
Tiny Scale Category	1st Prize	Rising Star Electronics Instruments (P) Ltd, Tuticorin
	2nd Prize	Bharath Engineering Works, Vaniyambadi
	3rd prize	Srinivasa Enterprises, Chennai

**6<sup>th</sup> ABK AOTS TPM AWARD WINNERS**

Category	Prize	Name of Company
TPM Annual Award	1st Prize	Amara Raja Batteries Ltd, Karakambadi

**4<sup>th</sup> ABK – AOTS N. DAMOTHARAN 5S TROPHY FOR TEXTILES RELATED INDUSTRIES WINNERS**

Category	Prize	Name of Company
Textile Related Category	5S Model Company	Shri Ramalinga Mills Limited - "B" Unit, Aruppukottai
Textile Related Category	Overall Winner	Shahi Exports Pvt Ltd - Unit 12 , Bangalore
Textile Related Spinning Category	1st Prize	Shri Govindaraja Textiles (P) Ltd - Unit – I, Pulivendula Taluk, Kadappa District
	2nd Prize	Arun Textiles (P) Ltd , Gobichettipalayam
Textile Related Garment Category	1st Prize	Shahi Exports Pvt Ltd - Unit 20, Bangalore
	Sustenance award	Shahi Exports Pvt Ltd, Tirupur
Textile Related Knitting Category	1st Prize	Valli Textiles Mills -(Unit of Loyal Textile Mills Ltd ) , Sattur Taluk



Mr. Takayuki Kido, Innovation Project Group & Division, and NGC Group & Division, AOTS – Japan, lighting the Kuthuvilaku during the inaugural ceremony of the Seminar



Mr. M. R. Ranganathan, Chairman of our Centre explaining our activities during the Seminar



Mr. R. Mukundan, Vice President of our Centre explaining in detail about the Awards



Section of delegates during the Seminar



Mr. Tomonori Minowa, Consul, Consulate General of Japan at Chennai distributed the prizes to the winners



Case study presentation by the Award winners during the Seminar



Mr. Tomonori Minowa, Consul, Consulate General of Japan at Chennai Distributed the prizes to the winners



Section of delegates during the Seminar



Display of 5s Awards & Certificates

**Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) Mock Test for our Nihongo Gakko Japanese Language School of our centre**  
---21<sup>st</sup> November 2010---



Section of the students taking the JLPT mock test



Section of the students taking the JLPT mock test

**Annual General Body Meeting of our Centre**

---24<sup>th</sup> November 2010---

The Annual General Body Meeting was held at 6.30 p.m. on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at our centre, The New Office bearers took over after the elections and following are the New Executive Committee Members for Fy 2010 - 2011

No.	Position	Name
1.	Chairman	Mr. M. R. Ranganathan
2.	President	Mr. S. Gopal
3.	Immediate Past President & President TACNITI	Mr. G. Chandramohan
4.	Vice President – Publications -& Vice Chairman TACNITI	Mr. K. Balasubramanian
5.	Chairman- TACNITI	Mr. M. Ponnuswamy
6.	Vice President - WNF / AOTS Scholarship / "5S" Activities	Mr. R. Mukundan
7.	Vice President – Cultural Programmes	Mr. J. Paneerselvam
8.	Vice President – Corporate Membership	Mr. P. P. Sukumaran
9.	Vice President – Quiz on Japan / Talk Your Way to Japan	Mr. S. Sivakumar
10.	Vice President – JLPT	Mr. S. Sukumar
11.	Vice President – Industrial Consultancy	Mr. R. Viswanathan

12.	Vice President - Public Relations	Ms. K.S.Babai
13.	Secretary General	Mr. R. Sundaram
14.	Joint Secretary General	Dr. M. S. Ravi
15.	Secretary – Cultural Programmes	Mr. C. S. Somu
16.	Joint Secretary – Cultural Programmes	Ms. S. Neela
17.	Treasurer	Mr. K. Jagadeesan
18.	Joint Treasurer & Treasurer TACNITI	Mr. M. Muthaiah
19.	Director – Japanese Language School	Ms. Nirmala Bhaskar
20.	Deputy Director – Japanese Language School	Ms. S. K. Anuroopa
21.	Secretary – Quiz on Japan / Talk Your Way to Japan	Mr. M. Damodaraswamy
22.	Secretary – Industrial Consultancy / Director – Training	Mr. R. Balakrishnan
23.	Secretary – JLPT	Mr. B. Harikumar
24.	Editor – Nihon Mon	Mr. P. R. Padmanaban
25.	Assistant Editor – Nihon Mon	Mr. J. Srinivasan
26.	Member In charge of Exhibitions	Mr. Dinakara Sundar
27.	Member In charge of Industrial Consultancy	Mr. B. Palaniappan
28.	Member In charge of Japanese Language Promotion	Mr. M. Arunkumar
29.	Committee Member	Mr. B. Jayachandran
30.	Committee Member	Mr. M. R. Selvaraj
31.	Committee Member	Mr. C. V. Gopinath
32.	Committee Member & Secretary General TACNITI	Mr. D. Ravi
33.	Committee Member	Mr. K. C. Raghavan
34.	Committee Member	Mr. A. K. Viswanathan
35.	Committee Member	Mr. S.S. Karikalan
36.	Committee Member	Mr. S. Muthuswamy
37.	Committee Member	Mr. K. S. Jeyaraman
38.	Committee Member	Mr. Mahendraverman
39.	Committee Member	Mr. Bharathy Shankar
40.	Committee Member	Ms. Gayathri ChandraSekaran



Section of the Annual General Body Meeting



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### Visit by Kyoko Horiuchi San, General Manager & Nicholas McNeill San of 3A Corporation visit our Centre

---27<sup>th</sup> November 2010---



Meeting with Kyoko Horiuchi San- General Manager & Nicholas McNeill San of 3A Corporation with our Committee Members



Group photo taken with Kyoko Horiuchi San, General Manager & Nicholas McNeill San of 3A Corporation during their visit to our centre

### Hiyoshi “Talk Your Way to Japan” Speech Contest winners to Japan

---16<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2010---

The Four winners of Talk Your Way to Japan – Speech Contest 2010 visited the places of importance & interest in Tokyo and traveled by Shinkansen (Bullet Train), visited the technical entertainment world of Universal Studios and Disney Land and they were provided with accommodation & training at Hiyoshi Corporation (which includes Water Quality Management, Environment Atmosphere Analysis, Visit to water works institution , garbage collection experience and environmental safeguard business experience) during October 2010.



Talk Your Way to Japan -2010 winners in Japan alongwith Kou San of Hiyoshi Corporation Japan

### Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) Exam Proctors Meeting

---4<sup>th</sup> December 2010---

The New Japanese Language Proficiency Test, (JLPT) will be held twice a year on the first Sunday of July & December Annually. Our centre has been identified for conducting the Japanese Language Proficiency Test for N1, N2 , N3, N4 & N5 for entire South India on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2010.



JLPT 2010 (December) – Proctors Meeting in Progress



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### Mr. Naoharu Shudou & Mr. Takayuki Kido of AOTS Japan visit to our centre

---8<sup>th</sup> December 2010---



Meeting with Mr. Naoharu Shudou & Mr. Takayuki Kido of AOTS Japan during their visit to our centre



Group Photo with Mr. Naoharu Shudou & Mr. Takayuki Kido of AOTS Japan during their visit to our centre

### Visit by Mr. J. Jun Ebisawa, Consultant, The Japan Research Institute, Ltd. Japan Visit to our Centre

---16<sup>th</sup> December 2010---



Meeting with Mr. J. Jun Ebisawa, Consultant, and With the General manager of Medical Healthcare Innovation and Consulting Group Society & Industry Design Research & Consulting Division, The Japan Research Institute, Ltd. Japan

### Visit by Mr. Mitsumasa Kusakabe, Vice President, Global Sales & Marketing, Kusakabe India Pvt. Ltd, Japan visit to our Centre

---16<sup>th</sup> December 2010---



Meeting with Mr. Mitsumasa Kusakabe, Vice President, Global Sales & Marketing, Kusakabe India Pvt. Ltd, Japan



Mr. Mitsumasa Kusakabe, Vice President, Global Sales & Marketing, Kusakabe India Pvt. Ltd, Japan

### Japan Day Celebrations at “Gateway the Complete School”

---16<sup>th</sup> December 2010---



Section of exhibits during the Japan day celebrations at the Gateway the Complete School supported by ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI

## Reception Dinner hosted in honour of Kokuji Art Team from Japan

---16<sup>th</sup> December 2010---



Mr. Kazuo Minagawa, Consul General of Japan at Chennai gracing the occasion during the Reception Dinner hosted in honour of the Members of the Japan Kokuji Art Association ,Japan .



Dignitaries from various Consulates in Chennai gracing the occasion during the Reception Dinner hosted in honour of the Members of the Japan Kokuji Art Association ,Japan



Dignitaries from various Consulates in Chennai viewing the Kokuji Art exhibits displayed at our centre

## Kokuji Art Exhibition (from Japan)

---17 to 19 December 2010---

This is the first time that an art Exhibition called 'KOKUJI ART' is being held at Chennai. This rare chance materialized to see light at Chennai, thanks to the efforts of Mr. Takase of The Japan Kokuji Art Association, Japan, Mr. T. Muthuvelan of Tamilnadu Chamber of Nippon India Trade & Industry ( TACNITI), Osaka & ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre besides many others. The Exhibition is being inaugurated by Mr. Kazuo Minagawa, Consul General of Japan at Chennai at 10.00 a.m. on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

As an art from Japan practiced by Individuals to write and carve them is brought here to get introduced. This art involves an initial caring out the character on a slate etc and then passed through the stages of writing with Indian (or Chinese) ink using what is called 'FUDE' or brush invented in China which later spread to Japan. In Japan originally this art has developed at selected places before spreading world over.

This is an art involving the process of an individual carving out what is written by himself, then adding color and then foiling. It is not complete at the stage it is written but that is only the starting point for character engraving and along various processes it passes through different hands before it becomes 3D (or solid) and then colored. More over this art is construed as a great art manifesting an expression of an artist who shows an "One up-man ship"

At this juncture it is hoped that a large cross section of people will enjoy & come to know that there is this field in the writing genre.

Also it is thought that this "KOKUJI ART" will catch up in India as a beginning and will add strength to open a new chapter (VISTA) towards the cultural exchange between the two great countries India & Japan



Mr. Kazuo Minagawa, Consul General of Japan at Chennai lighting the Kuthuvilakku during the inaugural ceremony of Kokuji Art Exhibition





Mr. Tousei Usuda, Chairman of Japan Kokuji Art Association lighting the Kuthuvilakku during the inaugural ceremony of Kokuji Art Exhibition



Section of exhibits during the Kokuji Art Exhibition



Demonstration of Kokuji Art being enjoyed by Visitors



Demonstration of Kokuji Art being enjoyed by Visitors

## Dinamalar Smart Shoppers Expo 2010

---23 ~ 27 December 2010---

In association with Dinamalar, the organizers of the Smart Shoppers Expo - 2010 we have displayed Ikebana by Sogetsu Study Circle of Chennai alongwith the Japanese Dolls, Japanese Stamps & Japanese Woodblock prints ( Ukiyo-e) of our centre at the "Japan Pavillion" of the Smart Shoppers Expo-2010 at YMCA , Royapettah from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> December 2010.



Section of the exhibits in the Japan Pavilion at Dinamalar Smart Shoppers Expo 2010

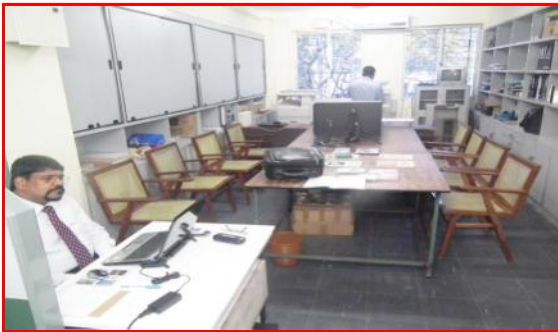


Section of the visitors thronging to view the exhibits in the Japan Pavilion at Dinamalar Smart Shoppers Expo 2010



Section of the visitors thronging to view the exhibits in the Japan Pavilion at Dinamalar Smart Shoppers Expo 2010

## New Look of our Office Premises after Renovation



We made a New layout of our office and bought an additional Dell server and made all our class rooms WIFI so that the Teachers and Students can download material from the Net to support them. We also bought two new Video Projectors for the Classrooms and Fully Air-conditioned our Copy center.

Modernizing our center and bringing in Technology support for our Language school was our 2010 target which was achieved thanks to the efforts of our staff and support of all our members.

## Japanese Language School of our Centre

Fresh classes for different levels of Japan Foundation Japanese Language Proficiency Test (N5 ~ N1) has commenced in the Language School of our centre. Our School is centrally located, easily accessible by Rail & Road with well trained staff, affordable pricing, excellent infrastructure along with well equipped library consisting of numerous course materials including audio, video materials which make this educational institution different from others

## Our Events for the Next Quarter January ~ March 2011

### 1<sup>st</sup> Week of January 2011

Announcement of 'Hiyoshi Internship Training Application & Hiyoshi Environment Award at our Centre

### 8<sup>th</sup> January 2011

Rehearsal for MOSAI Japanese Language Speech Contest for the participants of our Centre

### 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011

World Network of Friendship (WNF) Program on Best Business Practices for Global Competitiveness Shanghai, China organized by our Centre

### 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> January 2011

Mr. Etsujiro Yokota, the main lecturer of DDMI, along with Mr. T. Bando, researcher of Japan Research Institute and Mr. T. Hiroi of Japan Association of Tooling Machine Industry, visiting Chennai

### 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2011

Mr. Mitsumasa Kusakabe, Vice President, Global Sales & Marketing, Kusakabe India Pvt. Ltd, Japan visiting Chennai.

### 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2011

ONE DAY Training Program on 5S to LEAN Practices

### 29<sup>th</sup> January 2011

Organizing MOSAI Japanese Language Speech Contest for South India at KRS auditorium, Meenakshi College for Women, Kodambakkam, Chennai

### 1<sup>st</sup> Week of February 2011

Organizing the Exhibition for Senior Citizen at Dignity Foundation

### 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2011

INPM Follow up Program by Prof. Norio Suzuki organized by FAAAI at The Accord Metropolitan Hotel, Chennai

**4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> February:**

**Expected Visit to Chennai by Mr. Kazuo Kaneko  
President of AOTS (Japan)**

**5<sup>th</sup> February 2011**

ONE DAY Training Programme on Profitability through Employee Involvement in Using "GEMBA KAIZEN"

**8<sup>th</sup> February ~ 19<sup>th</sup> February 2011**

Cosponsor of the Japanese Dolls Exhibition "The Dolls of Japan", organized by the Consulate General of Japan at Chennai in association with The Japan Foundation .

**12<sup>th</sup> February :**

**Visit of Mr. Yutaka Fukushima**, General Manager, TOA Corporation, Sri Lanka will be visiting our centre. We wish to thank TOA Corporation, which, during the years 1972 to 1980s accepted more than 10 trainees from our center for Training Port Construction.

**19<sup>th</sup> February 2011**

ONE DAY Training Programme on Removing Wasteful Activities thro "LEAN" Manufacturing Process

**27<sup>th</sup> February 2011**

Last date for receiving **Hiyoshi internship Training application** from Colleges

**Last week of February 2011**

**Dispatching of 'Quiz on Japan' CDs** to all the schools in Chennai so that the students can prepare during the summer vacation.

**Last week of February 2011**

**Announcement of Drawing Competition** on the Theme "JAPAN IN THE EYES OF INDIAN CHILD"

**5<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

ONE DAY Training Programme on FAILURE MODES AND EFFECTS ANALYSIS (FMEA)

**19<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

ONE DAY Training Programme on "OFFICE KAIZEN"

**25<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

Finalization of Candidates for Hiyoshi **Internship Training** at Japan

**31<sup>st</sup> March 2011**

Last date for receiving **Hiyoshi Environment Award applications**

**Congratulations to Hiyoshi Corporation and Hiyoshi India Ecological services Private Limited**

We are happy to inform Hiyoshi Corporation have registered their India Operations office in Chennai, thus bringing the number of Japanese Companies in Tamilnadu increased by one more number.

The New Company will be known as "Hiyoshi India Ecological Services Private Limited". Our best wishes To Hiyoshi Corporation and To Hiyoshi India Ecological services Private Limited.

2010 has come to an end and In the New year we wish to thank everyone who has been behind our Growth and Motivation.

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We want to say "Iro Iro Osewani narimashita. Kotoshi mo Yoroshiku Onegai Itashimasu.

Mina san no Okage de Kore kara mo ganbaritai to omoimasu"