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A Cultural, Technical & Trade Bridge Between Japan & India



The Nippon Tenjiku connection...

After a somber beginning to our previous newsletter, we are happy to be able to offer this quarter's edition with a touch of relief about the happenings in The Land of the Rising Sun.

As always, we have had the good opportunity to welcome many guests from Japan to our centre who have always been our source of inspiration and support. Among the many of our guests was His Excellency Mr. Masanori Takano, Consul General of Japan at Chennai . We are very grateful to him for prioritizing this visit amidst a horde of more pressing activities soon after his arrival to Chennai.

The team at our centre is busy preparing for the July 2011 JLPT exams and we cannot help but marvel at the level of precision that the team has achieved after having been through this for the past few years. Through this newsletter, we would like to once again congratulate all our team members for displaying a positive 'Been here done that' perfection in conducting these prestigious examinations.

We would also like to share with our readers the cultural exchanges between India and Japan that began early in the 6th century with the introduction of Buddhism to Japan from India. The Indian monk, 'Bodhisena' arrived in Japan in 736 AD to spread Buddhism and this has had a great impact on Japanese culture that is still felt today and has thus resulted in a natural sense of amicability between our two nations.

Buddhist monks from India had been visiting Japan from the 8th century and ancient records from the Nalanda University mentions Japanese students who attended this university. One of the most famous of the Japanese travelers who attended Nalanda was 'Tenjiku Tokubei' named after Tenjiku (Heavenly abode), the ancient Japanese name for India.

Modern popular culture based upon folklore such as works of fantasy fiction in 'manga' and 'anime' bear references to common Indian deities (deva), demons (asura) and other philosophical concepts. The Indian goddess Saraswati, for example, is known as 'Benzaiten' in Japan, Brahma as 'Bonten' and Yama as 'Enma' are also part of traditional Japanese Buddhist pantheon.

In addition to common Buddhist influence on the two societies, Shintoism, being an animist religion is similar to the animist strands of Hinduism, which is in contrast to the religions of the rest of the world. Sanskrit, a classical language is still used by some ancient priests of Japan and the 'Siddham' script is still written to this day. It is also thought that the 'torii' gateway at Japanese temples are related to the 'torana' gateways of Indian temples.

These exchanges have continued through the ages of our Independence movement and the World Wars. Our strong modern day relationship has had a foundation that was laid many centuries ago.

Our members do take great pride in being able to play- a modest part in this ever growing relationship

Yours,
Hari & Paddy
Editors-in-Chief
Winners all the way!

Events of this Quarter

Farewell Meeting with Mr. Tomonori Minowa, Consul, Consulate General of Japan at Chennai

--- 08 April 2011---



Group photo taken during the farewell meeting with
Mr. Tomonori Minowa, Consul, Consulate General of Japan at
Chennai on 08.04.2011

Dinakaran Education Expo 2011

--- 16 & 17 April 2011---



Our participation in the Dinakaran Education Expo 2011 at
Chennai Trade Centre on 16 & 17 July 2011



Visitors at Our stall in the Dinakaran Education Expo 2011 at
Chennai Trade Centre on 16 & 17 July 2011



Managing Director of Dinakaran visiting Our stall in the
Dinakaran Education Expo 2011 at Chennai Trade Centre
on 16 & 17 July 2011

Visit by Japan Foundation Delegates to our centre

--- 24 April 2011---



Delegates from Japan Foundation visited our centre on 24.04.2011



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Visit by Atsuhito Sakazaki San President of Sakazaki Engraving Industry Co., Ltd to our centre

--- 03 May 2011---



Atsuhito Sakazaki San President & Agarwal Sumi San Overseas
Division of Sakazaki Engraving Industry Co.,
visited our centre on 03.05.2011

Visit by H. E. Mr. Masanori Nakano, Consul General of Japan, Chennai to our centre

---15 May 2011---



H. E. Mr. Masanori Nakano, Consul General of Japan at Chennai
interacting with students of our Japanese Language School during
his visit to our centre

Visit by Mr. Masaya Nakano, Research Director & Ms. Mihoko Saito, International Strategy Research Group International Research Centre Mitsubishi Research Institute, INC to our centre

--- 11 May 2011---



Mr. Masaya Nakano, Research Director & Ms. Mihoko Saito,
International Strategy Research Group International Research
Centre Mitsubishi Research Institute, INC,
visited our centre on 11.05.2011



H. E. Mr. Masanori Nakano, Consul General of Japan at Chennai
interacting with students of our Japanese Language School during
his visit to our centre



H. E. Mr. Masanori Nakano, Consul General of Japan at Chennai
inaugurated the Japanese Language Audio Video lab of our centre
during his visit to our centre on 15 May 2011



H. E. Mr. Masanori Nakano, Consul General of Japan, Chennai at our Japanese Language Audio Video Lab of our centre during his visit to our centre



H. E. Mr. Masanori Nakano, Consul General of Japan at Chennai and Ms. Furukawa, Consul Cultural affairs at our Japanese Language Audio Video Lab of our centre during his visit to our centre

Visit by Mori San & Kono San from Hitashi Solution to our centre

--- 08 June 2011 ---



Mori San & Kono San from Hitashi Solution visited our centre on 08.06.2011

Visit by Mr. Shingo Ikeda, Manager, Expert Dispatch Department Japan Overseas Development Corporation (JODC) to our centre

--- 09 June 2011 ---



Mr. Shingo Ikeda, Manager, Expert Dispatch, Department Japan Overseas Development Corporation (JODC) visited our centre on 09.06.2011

Exhibition of “ASUNO APA PAINTING”

---17 ~ 23 June 2011 ---

ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre is organized an “**Exhibition of ASUNO APA PAINTINGS**” of Mr. Dhinkara Sundar & Shaptha Academy of Arts, Chennai from 17 to 23 June 2011 at Lakshna Art Gallery, Chennai – 4.

The Exhibition was Inaugurated at 6.00 p.m. by Mrs. Kayoko Furukawa, Consul, Consulate General of Japan, Chennai & Mr. S. Gopalakrishnan, Deputy General Manager, Central Bank of India, Chennai & Dr. Alphonso Aruldoss, Former Principal, Government College of Fine Arts, Chennai presided over the function.

There were around 30 paintings depicting various factors of which the lotus leaf stuck on a canvas and painted by Mr. S. Dhinkara Sundar undoubtedly stole the show. On the whole the exhibition was a feast for the eyes of the people in and around Chennai. The artist Mr. S. Dhinakara Sundar has under gone the Japanese Government “BUNKACHO” fellowship by the Agency of Cultural Affairs Tokyo, Japan on 2001, and participated in various International Exhibitions at Japan, Spain, USA Taiwan, & Australia.



Mrs. Kayoko Furukawa, Consul, Consulate General of Japan at Chennai inaugurated the Exhibition for "Asuno Apa Painting"



Mrs. Kayoko Furukawa, Consul, Consulate General of Japan at Chennai going around the Exhibition for "Asuno Apa Painting"



Section of the visitors for "Asuno Apa Painting" Exhibition



Section of the visitors for "Asuno Apa Painting" Exhibition

Exhibition & Demonstration of "NENDO NO TETSUKURI" (Clay Handicraft)

---24 ~ 26 June 2011---

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre organized the Exhibition & Demonstration of "NENDO NO TETSUKURI" (Clay Handicraft) by one of our member Ms. Jenifer Rajkumar of CLEO, Clay Craft Academy, Chennai affiliated with DECO Clay craft academy (Kotu Ku, Japan). Nendo clay art is designing and making with Hand colorful and everlasting life-like flowers, Bouquets, ornaments, accessories, dolls, wall hangings and other decorative objects in clay.

Exhibition was Inaugurated by Mrs. Kayoko Furukawa, Consul, Consulate General of Japan Chennai on Friday, 24th June 2011, 10.00 a.m. at Kumagai Auditorium of ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre, Chennai – 29. The Exhibition was open to public from 24th to 26th June 2011, between 10.00 a.m. ~ 7.00 p.m. Demonstration at 11.00 a.m. & 3.00 p.m. were held on all above dates.



Mrs. Kayoko Furukawa, Consul, Consulate General of Japan at Chennai inaugurate the Exhibition of Nendo No Tetsukuri



Section of the visitors for Nendo No Tetsukuri
(Clay & Handicraft) Exhibition



Section of the visitors for the Nendo No Tetsukuri
(Clay Handicraft) Exhibition



Mrs. Jenifer Rajkumar gave demonstration on Nendo No
Tetsukuri (Clay Handicraft)



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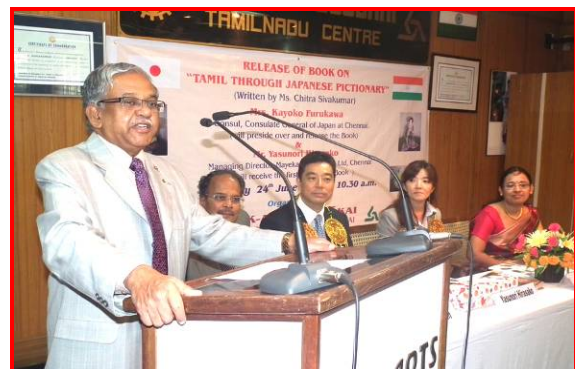
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Tetsukuri (Clay Handicraft)

RELEASE OF BOOK ON “TAMIL THROUGH JAPANESE PICTIONARY” Written by Ms. Chitra Sivakumar & Ms. Shalini

---24 June 2011---

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre also organized the **Release of a book “TAMIL THROUGH JAPANESE PICTONARY”** written with appropriate illustrations and pictures which would be of great use for the Japanese expert community in Chennai, by Ms. Chitra Sivakumar, Member of our Alumni Association. She holds a Master Degree in Computer Science. She had training with “SHIGERU JOHO SYSTEMS”, Osaka through AOTS & presently living in Hongkong. Ms. Shalini has co-authored the above book. She is basically a Mechanical Engineer and has Mastered in Japanese Language & presently living in Hongkong.

Mrs. Kayoko Furukawa, Consul, Consulate General of Japan at Chennai, presided over and released the book. Mr. Yasunori Hirasako, Managing Director, Mayekawa India Pvt. Ltd, Chennai, received the first copy of the book on Friday, 24th June 2011 at 10.30 a.m. at Nagaaki Yamamoto – Seminar Hall of ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre, Chennai.



Welcome address by Mr. M. R. Ranganathan, Chairman,
ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre during the book
release function



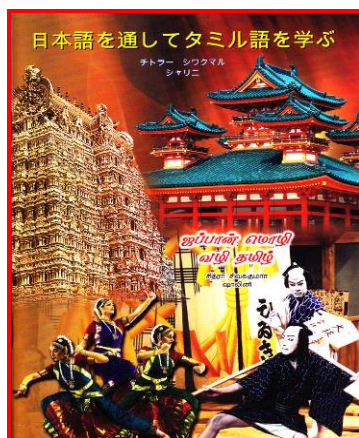
Ms. Chitra Sivakumar, author of book "Tamil Through Japanese Pictionary"



Mrs. Kayoko Furukawa, Consul, Consulate General of Japan at Chennai, releasing the first copy of the book.



Mr. Yasunori Hirasako, Managing Director, Mayekawa India Pvt. Ltd, Chennai, receiving the first copy of the book



Front page of Book on Tamil through Japanese Pictionary

Reception Dinner to H. E. Mr. Masanori Nakano Consul General of Japan at Chennai

---28 May 2011---

ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI, Taminadu Centre organized the Reception Dinner to H. E. Mr. Masanori Nakano, Consul General of Japan, Chennai at Hotel Accord Metropolitan, T. Nagar, Chennai.



H.E. Mr. Masanori Nakano, Consul General of Japan at Chennai



Section of the participants during reception dinner to H. E. Mr. Masanori Nakano, Consul General of Japan at Chennai

Visit by Mr. Yuji Hara & Mr. Hiroyuki Iwata of Japan India Association to our centre

---30 June 2011---



Mr. Yuji Hara & Mr. Hiroyuki Iwata of Japan India Association visited our centre on 30.06.2011



Mr. Yuji Hara & Mr. Hiroyuki Iwata of Japan India Association visited our centre on 30.06.2011

One Day Training Programme on Japanese Management Techniques



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

7 May 2011

One Day Training Programme on “**TPM**” (**Total Productive Maintenance**) facilitators held at our centre, 23 participants from 12 companies.

21 May 2011

One Day Training Programme **WORKPLACE SAFETY** IN Tamil held at our centre, 28 participants from 12 companies.

11 June 2011

One Day Training Programme **Toyota Production Systems (TPS)** to improve the operations held at our centre, 27 participants from 7 companies.

CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

With deepest grief We came to understand that our Close friend & globally remarkable alumni member Mr. Ian Dias Abeysinghe (founder member of Japan Srilanka Technical & Cultural Association - JASTECA) has reached the heavenly abode. We pray the almighty to give all strength to his family and JASTECA members to with stand this great loss. We will miss him a lot and it is a great loss to all the alumni worldwide.

JAPAN TSUNAMI FUND

In Continuation of our efforts in collecting funds for the Tsunami hit areas in Japan, we have already sent Rs. 1,50,000/- through the **Embassy of Japan (Relief Fund for Japanese People)** at New Delhi and we have recently sent Rs. 50,000/- as our second payment towards the noble cause. Following are the additional contributors apart from the previous list published already .

So far we have collected Rs. 50,000/-. The funds collected has been transferred to **Embassy of Japan (Relief Fund for Japanese People)** on 10th June 2011.

No.	Name of the Donors	Amount in Rs.
1.	Mr. R. Mukundan , ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI	10000
2.	Mr. R. Balakrishnan ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI	10000
3.	Mr. S. Chandramohan, Mitsuba Sical India Ltd	6000
4.	Staff Members of Sudharshan Technologies	5382
5.	Mr. C.S. Somu, ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI	5000
6.	Mr. Padmarajulu	5000
7.	Mr. Ashok Balakrishnan, ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI	5000
8.	Mr. R.K. Narasimhan Universal World Peace Divine Empire	5000
9.	Mr. R. Siva Subramanian	3000
10.	Rotary Club of Chennai Golden Star Charitable Trust	2500
11.	Ms. Ooviya ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI	2000
12.	Mr. T. Vijayarasan ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI	1001
13.	Mr. Vinaya ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI	1001
14.	Mr.Malani Saravana ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI	1000
15.	Mr. K. Dhamodaran ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI	1000
16.	Mr. G. Selvamuthu Kumarappan Sarana Stocks Pvt. Ltd	1000
17.	Shree Plasto Tech	300

Japan India Students Conference (JISC) at Japan

10 ~ 20 September 2011

Japan India Students Conference (JISC) is a Non-Profit Organization in Japan to promote goodwill & understanding between India and Japan through Students of both the Countries interacting face to face discussing on various topics of mutual interest. JISC mission is to promote mutual understanding and build friendship between India and Japan. JISC believes that the long term value of mutual understanding friendship through Cross Cultural exchange in Student run conferences, which will contribute to build a more peaceful world.

The 15th JISC is to be held in Tokyo - Japan and the University Students from India (3 from Chennai, 3 from Delhi and 4 from Calcutta) are being invited to attend the above Conference in Japan.

The two way airfare between Chennai and Tokyo and the approximate expenses of 30,000 Japanese Yens towards food, travel and accommodation has to be borne by the participating students. The Schedule of the 15th JISC to be held in Tokyo - Japan is as detailed below:-

Sep 10th (Sat)	Arrival in Tokyo
11th (Sun)	Opening ceremony, Cultural program, Reception party
12th (Mon)	Group 1 Formation, Company visits
13th (Tue)	Group 2 Formation, NGO Visit
14th (Wed)	FREE DAY
15th (Thu)	Group 3 Formation
16th (Fri)	Company visits
17th (Sat)	Sight Seeing, Home stay
18th (Sun)	Open Seminar
19th (Mon)	Sight Seeing, Cultural activities, Party and closing Ceremony
20th (Tue)	Departure from Tokyo

Interested students may please contact

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Our Events for the Next Quarter July ~ September 2011

3rd July 2011

Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) – 2011
July at Meenakshi College for Women, Chennai

28th July 2011

Last date for receiving the entries for the Drawing Competition on the Theme "JAPAN IN THE EYES OF INDIAN CHILD" for school students in Chennai at our centre

1st August 2011

Announcement of results for the Drawing Competition on the Theme "JAPAN IN THE EYES OF INDIAN CHILD" at our centre

6 ~ 11 August 2011

RENU'S GOURMET TEAM visit to Chennai in coordination with ICONASIA Ltd

6 ~ 8 August 2011

SME Team visit to Chennai in coordination with ICONASIA Ltd

13th August 2011

Talk Your way to Japan – Speech Contest – Tamil – I for Corporation & Government Higher Secondary Schools in Chennai at our centre

20th August 2011

Talk Your way to Japan – Speech contest – Tamil – II for Higher Secondary School Student in Tamilnadu at our centre

21st August 2011

Talk Your way to Japan – Speech contest – Japanese of Nihongo Gakko at our centre

27th August 2011

"Talk Your Way to Japan " Speech Contest – English for College in Tamilnadu & Prize distribution ceremony of Talk Your Way to Japan – Speech Contest, Hiyoshi Environmental Awards – 2011, & Drawing Competition on the Theme "JAPAN IN THE EYES OF INDIAN CHILD" at our centre.