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### Our Dolls' Days...

By the time you have read this edition of Nihon-mon, Dussera would be behind us!

So, how many of you celebrated Dussera with the traditional Golu? How many steps-worth was your display? Did you add to your bulging collection of Dolls? Did you step back and admire your own creativity?

Like any festival, Golu also has a significant connection with agricultural economy of ancient India. It is said that in order to encourage dredging and de-silting of irrigation canals and riverbeds, the Golu celebration was aimed at providing demand for the clay material got from such activities. There are many peculiar customs and beliefs in different parts of India that imbue sacred status to clay. Dissolving Ganesha dolls made of wet clay into the water system is one such belief. Another example is the Bengali tradition of using clay that has been tread upon by the most beautiful girl in the area to construct a doll of the Goddess Kali, the belief being that this would be the best way to approximate the perfect features of the Goddess.

Although distant by about six months, I often marvel at the similarity between our Golu and the Hina Matsuri celebrated in March throughout Japan. Did you know that Hinamatsuri traces its origins to an ancient Japanese custom called *hina-nagashi*

(lit. "doll floating"), in which straw hina dolls are set afloat on a boat and sent down a river to the sea, supposedly taking troubles or bad spirits with them?

The parallels between Japanese and Dravidian cultures, perhaps deserves a page on its own. And let me reserve this for another time!!!

The festive mood in every Indian home is probably at its best, with Diwali fast approaching...(ok ok...I can't resist thinking about hanabi taikai). Can there be anyone who not only revels in the modern day festivities but also recall fondly their childhood memories of celebrating this festival with their parents, siblingset al...

Looking back at the Diwali over the years, it has gone through marked changes. Times have changed because societies have changed. People have become more health conscious and environmentally sensitive, extended families are not as common, relatives are dispersed far and wide and so it is not always easy to get together these days. Ah, the good ol' days!!!

On behalf of our executive committee and on my own too, I wish all our readers a great festive season ahead. May your happiness reach newer heights!

Kisetsu no aisatsu,

Harikumar B

## Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) Exam

--- 7 July 2013 ---

The New Japanese Language Proficiency Test, (JLPT) is being 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.



Meeting with the staff of Japan Foundation, Japan prior to the JLPT 2013 (July) – Proctors Meeting



JLPT 2013 (July) – Proctors Meeting in Progress



Photograph of the coordinating team for the successful conduct of the JLPT Exam- 2013 July

**Mr. Yoshihiro Yamasaki, Japan Excel Management Consulting Company Ltd, (JEMCO) Japan, Mr. Hiroki Kobayashi, Mr. Kenji Takeuchi, Mr. Kyouusuki Tanaka, Supervisor, Marketing Section of M/s. Takagi Co, Japan visited our centre**

--- 21 July 2013 ---



Mr. Yoshihiro Yamasaki, JEMCO, Japan, Mr. Hiroki Kobayashi, Mr. Kenji Takeuchi, Mr. Kyouusuki Tanaka, Supervisor, Marketing Section of M/s. Takagi Co visited our centre and interacted with our students



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## Farewell Dinner hosted to Mr. Shinya Fujii, Director General - JETRO, Chennai

--- 23 July 2013 ---



Photographs taken along with the outgoing & incoming Director General of JETRO Chennai during the farewell dinner hosted to Mr. Shinya Fujii, Director General of JETRO, Chennai. Mr. Hidehiro Ishiura, the new Director General of JETRO Chennai also present.



Group photo taken with Ms. Sayeko Miyasaka, volunteer Japanese Language Teacher IFCEA, Japan of our centre along with our Japanese Language Teachers

## Japanese Language Quiz Competition for N5 ~ N3 Students of our Centre

--- 15 August 2013 ---

From this year onwards we are conducting the Japanese Language Kanji & Grammar Quiz competition for N5, N4 & N3 students of our Japanese language school conducted on 15 August 2013. 33 students participated and first, second and third prize winners were selected respectively. This again was started as part of our Japanese Language School and Waku Waku club.

The program was coordinated by Mrs. P. Anuradha, Mrs. J. Sowmini, Mrs. Vaishnavi Kumar, Mrs. Gayathri Jeyaraman, Mr. Mahendara Varman and supported by Mrs. Nirmala Bhaskar Director, Japanese Language School.

## Welcome Meeting for Ms. Sayeko Miyasaka Volunteer Japanese Language Teacher

--- 3 August 2013 ---

We thank International Friendship Cultural Exchange Association, (IFCEA) Japan in dispatching Ms. Saeko Miyasaka for teaching Japanese Language Course at our centre on volunteer basis for one year. We also thank sensei for Coming to our center to help us on a Voluntary basis.



Welcome Meeting to Ms. Sayeko Miyasaka, volunteer Japanese Language Teacher of our centre



Japanese Language Quiz contest in Progress held on 15 Aug 2013





Japanese Language Quiz contest in Progress held on 15 Aug 2013



Section of audience of Talk Your Way to Japan – Tamil Speech contest held on 17 August 2013



Japanese Language Quiz contest in Progress held on 15 Aug 2013



Winners of Talk Your Way to Japan – Tamil Speech contest held on 17 August 2013 – Preliminary Round



Photographs taken along with winners of Japanese Language Quiz contest held on 15 August 2013



Talk Your Way to Japan – Tamil Speech Contest in Progress

## “Talk Your way to Japan” Speech Contest in Tamil for Chennai & Government Hr Sec Schools students in Chennai

--- 17 August 2013 ---

“Talk Your Way to Japan” Speech Contest in Tamil for the Students of Chennai and Government Higher Secondary Schools in Chennai was conducted on 17.08.2013. Out of 50 students from 22 Schools participated in the Preliminary, 10 Students from 10 schools were selected for the finals. Ms. R. Puratchi Tamil – XII std, Chennai Girls Hr. Sec. School, Saidapet, Chennai – 15 won first prize of the contest.



Photographs taken along with winners of Talk Your Way to Japan – Tamil Speech Contest

## **“Talk Your way to Japan” Speech Contest in Tamil for Hr Sec School Students in Tamilnadu**

--- 24 August 2013 ---

“Talk Your Way to Japan” Speech Contest in Tamil for the Higher Secondary Schools in Tamilnadu was conducted on 24.08.2013. Out of 55 students from 33 Schools participated in the Preliminary, 10 Students from 9 schools were selected for the finals. Mr. H. Lokesh – XII std of St. Marys AI Hr. Sec. School, Chennai won 1<sup>st</sup> Prize of the Contest.



Talk Your Way to Japan Tamil Speech Contest in Progress



Photographs taken along with winners of Talk Your Way to Japan Tamil Speech Contest held for Hr. Sec. School Student in Tamilnadu

## **“TAMIL THROUGH JAPANESE PICTIONARY”**

Tamil Through Japanese Pictionary 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 had training with “SHIGERU JOHO SYSTEMS”, Osaka through AOTS. The Japanese Companies in Chennai will find this book a Great communication tool for their Japanese Staff. The book can be purchased from ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI.

## **17<sup>th</sup> Japan India Student Conference (JISC) in coordination with Tamilnadu Chamber of Nippon India Trade & Industry (TACNITI)**

--- 27 August ~ 3 September 2013 ---

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 as detailed below

Education – Artificial intelligence, chronological  
Society – Identity caste, immigration  
Culture – westernization, media  
Economics – global economy, from the viewpoints of local and global

On the other hand on every fourth years students from India are invited to Japan for the Japan India Students conference in Japan.

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre in coordination with TACNITI organized the 17<sup>th</sup> Japan India Students Conference in Chennai, India from 26<sup>th</sup> August 2013 to 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2013 in which 9 students from different Universities of Japan participated).

During the course of the conference the students were taken for sightseeing to Mahabalipuram (shore temple), Marina beach and shopping at malls like, Skywalk, City Centre, etc., Visits to an I. T. Company M/s. Nihon Technology Pvt. Ltd and to a factory M/s. Tractors and Farm Equipment Limited were organized where they had group discussions with the employees.

Home stay was also arranged for all the JISC participants to know more about Indian culture, tradition, cookery, etc.,

All the JISC participants were overwhelmed with joy by their participation in the Japanese Night – Vol. 3 (organized exclusively for the Japanese Speaking persons) jointly organized by ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Center and Consulate General of Japan at Chennai in association with M/s. Nihon Technology Pvt. Ltd which made them to mingle, interact with the native Japanese community residing in Chennai. Japanese Obento sponsored by M/s. Nihon Technology Pvt. Ltd, Chennai. The JISC also had an opportunity to attend the South Indian wedding and understood more about Indian culture, religious rituals, etc.,



During the valedictory ceremony certificates were awarded to the JISC participants. The JISC participants enjoyed and relished the taste of the Chennai food. Some of our teachers like Ms. Vedha Narayanaswamy, Mr. Mahendara Varman, Ms. N. Monika, Mr. T.V. Bharath, Ms. Balarupini, & Mr. Srikanth coordinated in the successful conduct of the 17<sup>th</sup> Japan India Student Conference.

Though the 17<sup>th</sup> Japan India Student Conference is over the unforgettable sweet memories behold us forever.



17<sup>th</sup> JISC Team visited Chennai from 27 August to 3 September 2013 – Inaugural Ceremony



17<sup>th</sup> JISC Team visited TAFE, Chennai



17<sup>th</sup> JISC team had Group discussion with Loyola College Students



7<sup>th</sup> JISC Team perform during the Japanese Night Vol 3



7<sup>th</sup> JISC Team had discussion with our Japanese Language Students



Group photo taken during the valedictory ceremony of 17<sup>th</sup> JISC Team



17<sup>th</sup> JISC Team has visited the South Indian Marriage and witnessed the conduct of wedding and also relished the wedding lunch





17<sup>th</sup> JISC Team visited Mahabalipuram



Students of our Nihongo Gakko( Japanese Language School )  
performing during the Japanese Night – Vol 3

## Japanese Night – Vol. 3

--- 31 August 2013 ---

ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre and The Consulate General of Japan at Chennai jointly organized the "JAPANESE NIGHT VOL. 3" at 5.00 p.m. on Saturday, 31 August 2013 at PRCC Centenary Hall, T.Nagar, Chennai-17. The medium of Communication during the programme was Japanese Language and the following events were performed Japanese Speech & Haiku, Origami Demonstration, Drama, Comic Show, Dance, Karaoke Performance, Japanese Music Performance, Live Performance by CKB (Chennai Karaoke Band)., Our Japanese Language School students participated in the event. The event was cosponsored by M/s. Nihon Technology Pvt. Ltd, Chennai, Japan & Germany.



Students of our Nihongo Gakko( Japanese Language School )  
performing during the Japanese Night – Vol 3



Japanese Night - Vol. 3 Inaugural Ceremony



Performance of the students of our Nihongo Gakko ( Japanese  
Language School ) during the Japanese Night – Vol 3 in progress



Japanese Night – Vol 3 – Section of the audience



CKB Band performance during the Japanese Night – Vol 3



## **“Talk Your Way to Japan” Speech Contest in English for College students in Tamilnadu**

--- 7 September 2013 ---

“Talk Your Way to Japan” Speech Contest in English for College Students in Tamilnadu on 07.09.2013. Out of 37 college 58 students participated in the Preliminary, 9 Students were selected for the finals.

Mr. C. Sai Prasanth, Misrimal Navajee Munoth Jain Engineering College, Chennai-97 won first prize of the Contest.



Talk Your way to Japan English Speech Contest Judges sharing their views about the contest



Photographs taken along with the winners of Talk Your Way to Japan English Speech Contest for college students in Tamilnadu

## **Hiyoshi International Internship Program**

Hiyoshi and ABK AOTS DOSOKAI announce 2 months Summer Internship at Hiyoshi Corporation, Japan for students of 3<sup>rd</sup> year Bachelor's degree in BioTech, Chemical, and Environmental Engineering or 1 year Master's Degree in the above areas. Last date 30 November 2013.

## **“Talk Your way to Japan” Speech contest in Japanese for the students of our centre**

--- 8 September 2013 ---

Talk Your Way to Japan” Speech Contest in Japanese for Nihongo Gakko – Japanese Language School of our centre on Sunday 08.09.2013 Out of 18 participants Ms. N. Monika – N2 won the first prize of Contest.



Talk Your Way to Japan -Japanese Speech Contest in Progress



Talk Your way to Japan -Japanese Speech Contest Judges sharing their views about the contest



Photographs taken along with the winners of Talk Your Way to Japan – Japanese Speech Contest

**Prize Distribution Ceremony of  
“Talk Your Way To Japan  
Speech Contest 2013  
&  
Hiyoshi Environmental Awards &  
Drawing Competition on the Theme  
“JAPAN IN THE EYES OF INDIAN  
CHILD”- 2013  
&  
Japanese Language Quiz  
Competition**

--- 14 September 2013 ---

As part of the year long activities ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu centre has conducted the following events and the award giving ceremony of the same was held at our centre between 04.30 p.m. and 05.30 p.m. on Saturday, 14th September 2013.

**His Excellency Mr. Masanori Nakano, Consul General of Japan at Chennai** was Chief Guest who distributed the prizes to the winners



Our Chairman Mr. M. R. Ranganathan released the first copy of the book on Japanese Folk stories in Tamil written by Ms. Chitra Sivakumar of our centre during the Prize Awarding Ceremony



Madam Nakano San, w/o. H. E. Mr. Masanori Nakano, Consul General of Japan at Chennai received the first copy of Japanese Folk Stories book in Tamil written by Ms. Chitra Sivakumar of our centre



Mr. Shunkei Ko, Director, Hiyoshi India Ecological Services Pvt. Ltd. delivering special address during the Prize Awarding Ceremony

**TALK YOUR WAY TO JAPAN-SPEECH CONTEST**

From the year 1995 years onwards for past 18 years, we, with the sponsoring of Hiyoshi Corporation, are organizing “Talk Your Way to Japan” Speech Contest for the students in Tamilnadu. The Theme for our “Talk Your Way to Japan” – Speech Contest always centers on Ecology and Environmental issues.

This year being the 19<sup>th</sup> year the topic was **WHAT ANSWER MANKIND HAS FOR PLANTS STARVING WITHOUT WATER?**

The four first prize winner of the competition will be sent to Japan on a Two Week totally free Study cum Cultural Exchange Trip winner of this contest is



The four First Prize winners of Talk Your Way to Japan - Speech Contest with H.E Mr. Masanori Nakano, Consul General of Japan at Chennai

**HIYOSHI ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD – 2013**

From the year 2007 onwards Hiyoshi Corporation, Japan in association with ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre have introduced “Hiyoshi Environmental Award” to recognize the outstanding contribution and progress in research and application in Environmental conservation and protection. 100 application were received and three prizes are being award. 1. Hiyoshi Environmental Award. 2. Hiyoshi Young Leaf Award. 3. Hiyoshi Think of Ecology

**Hiyoshi Environmental Awarded**

Dr.C.Subrahmanyam, IIT, Hyderabad

**Hiyoshi Think of Ecology Awarded**

Dr.Sellappa Kanmani, Anna University, Chennai

**Hiyoshi Young Leaf Awarded**

Dr.P.C.Abhilash, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi





Mr. Shunkei Ko, Director, Hiyoishi India Ecological Services Pvt. Ltd. distributed the **HIYOSHI THINK OF ECOLOGY AWARD** to Dr. Sellappa Kanmani, Anna University, Chennai

### **DRAWING COMPETITION ON THE THEME JAPAN - FROM THE EYES OF INDIAN CHILD**

From the year 2009 onwards ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre conducting a Drawing competition among the school students studying between 6th and 12th Standard in Tamilnadu on the Theme “**JAPAN FROM THE EYES OF INDIAN CHILD**”. For the current year we receive 613 drawings received from 45 Schools, out of which 27 drawings were selected as prize winners.



Winners of Drawing Competition on the Theme Japan from the Eyes of Indian child



Winners of Drawing Competition on the Theme Japan from the Eyes of Indian child

### **JAPANESE LANGUAGE QUIZ COMPETITION FOR N5, N4 & N3 STUDENTS**

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Winners of Japanese Language Quiz Competition for held N5~N3 Students of our centre



Winners of Japanese Language Quiz Competition for held N5~N3 Students of our centre

Consulate General of Japan, at Chennai, Hiyoshi Corporation, Japan, Lucas TVS Ltd, Chennai, Nihon Technology Pvt. Ltd., Japan, Nihon Technology Pvt. Ltd., Germany, Nihon Technology Pvt. Ltd., Chennai, Diana World Travel Pvt. Ltd, Chennai, M/s. Classic Moulds & Dies, Chennai, M/s. Sundaram Fastener Ltd, Chennai, Mr. Chellappa Sriram, Japan, Mr. T. Muthuvelan, Japan, Mr. R. Sathish, Japan, Mr. V.S. Sridhar, Chennai, Mr. S. Prashanth, Chennai are continuously supporting us as Cosponsors.

We wish to thank the following Judges who have been our Pillars of Strength in our "Talk Your Way to Japan" Programme year after Year"

- Dr. Bala Agarwal, Assistant Professor, Quaid-EMillath, Govt College Trained classical dance.
- Dr. R. Anuradha, Ph.d in Tamil literature, University of Madras – NSS coordinator.
- Mr. Tatsuo Yoshizu, Working at Nihon Technology Pvt. Ltd.
- Mr. A. Vellapandian, Retd. Divisional Manager, (HR) Brakes India Ltd, Chennai,
- Mr. K. Rangarajan, Senior Mechanical Engineer, ( Retd.) at ICF
- Mr. M. Tholkappian, Retd. Vice President (T&S), Tubes Product of India,
- Mr. R. Viswanathan, Retd. Vice President, Brakes India Ltd, Chennai,
- Mr. Raja Chidambaram, Director, URS, Productively, , Chennai
- Mr. S.R.G. Sundaram, Writer, Winner of National Award,
- Mr. T. K. Ramkumar, Advocate
- Mr. T. V. Hariharan, President of CDISSIA
- Mr. V. Bhaskaran, Chairman & Managing, Director of Golden India Logistics Group
- Ms. Vasanthi Ranganathan, Director – Genius Education & Learning Systems (P) Ltd (GELS),
- Prof. R. Chocklingam, Tamil Professor in Thiagaraja Engineering College
- Pulavar Pandiamalai, Retd. Tamil Teacher, Shri Chakravarthy International Matriculation Academy, Chennai ,
- Dr. Ramki Ramakrishnan, Country Director for Programmes and Research at SAAATHI (Solidarity and Action against the HIV infection in India).
- Mr. Hubert, Director, Shabnam Resources (Regd.), Charitable Trust, Chennai – 24
- Mr. K. Balasubramanian, Managing Director, Precision Machine & Auto Components (P) Ltd, Chennai, President TACNITI.
- Mr. M. Damodarswamy, Member , ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre.
- Mr. P. Marthanda Kadavul, President – Tamizhaga Kalai Ilakiya Sangam.
- Mr. P. S. Venkatasubramanian, Environment & ISO Consultant for ISO 9000 & 14,000 and BS-7799.

- Mr. U. P. Prakasham, Managing Director - P. B. S. C. Spectacular Solutions pvt. Ltd
- Mr. Yasuhiro Fukushima, Working at Mitsuba Sical India Limited, Chennai Plant as a Technical Advisor
- Mr. Yuzo Ogawa, Working as a Teacher, Japanese School Educational Trust of Chennai
- Ms. Naina Shah, Vice President, Exnora International, Chennai

## Congratulatory message to Opening of HIDA India Office

ABK AOTS DOSOKAI Tamilnadu Center Congratulates HIDA for Opening the India Office in New Delhi on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2013. Wish the new office all the best and assure our support.



## Waku Waku Club

--- 15 September 2013 ---

Waku Waku club a club for the active interaction of Japanese Teachers and Students on various Interesting areas of learning and sharing ideas other than what is taught in the Class room is a part of our Japanese Language School. Mr. Yuzo Ogawa, Teacher, Japanese Language Educational Trust at Chennai gave demonstration on Japanese Calligraphy on 15 September 2013.



Our Japanese Language Students had hands on experience on Japanese Calligraphy under the guidance of Ogawa Sensei





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## Training Programme on Japanese Management Techniques conducted at our centre

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.

One Day Training Programme on 5S Best Practices Bench Marking was held at our center on 13 July 2013. 35 participants from 10 companies participated in the training program.

One Day Workshop on "OFFICE KAIZEN" was held at our centre on 10 August 2013. 9 participants from 6 companies participated in the training program.

One Day Training Program on Total Productive Maintenance (TPM) was held at our centre on 28 September 2013. 13 participants from 9 companies participated in the training program.

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Group photo of training program participants along with Dr. R. Balakrishnan, Program Director

ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI Tamilnadu Center is Happy to welcome in our midst Ms. Sachiyo Tatebe, 2013 intern from HIDA, Japan

## 10<sup>th</sup> SAFAAS Convention & 3rd Youth Leadership Workshop (YLW)

--- 27~29 September 2013 ---

The following members of our center are participated the **10<sup>th</sup> South Asia Federation of AOTS Alumni Society (SAFAAS) Convention 2013** organized by HIDA –AOTS Japan & Chattagram AOTS – HIDA Alumni Society (CAAS), Bangladesh on 27 & 29 September 2013.

1. Mr. G.CHANDRAMOHAN, President of our centre
2. Mr. & Mrs. R. MUKUNDAN, Vice President of our Centre
3. Mr. & Mrs. K. JAGADEESAN, Treasurer of our centre and
4. Mr. Chelladurai Meril Jenson Raja of Saranya Spinning Mills, Namakkal present the Success Story of Best Japanese Style Management and his presentation is awarded First Runner up.

Mr. R. Bhoopalan, Assistant Manager of our center is participated in the WNF 3<sup>rd</sup> Youth Leadership Workshop (YLW) during the SAFAAS Convention on 26 & 27 September 2013.



Member participate in the 10<sup>th</sup> SAFAAS Convention and 3<sup>rd</sup> YLW at Cox Bazzar, Bangladesh



3<sup>rd</sup> YLW session in Progress

## Five Japanese Words You Need to Know Before Traveling to Japan

Here are five words and phrases that will help you a great deal in Japan.

### 1-Sumimasen

If there's one multipurpose Japanese word that gets you a lot of mileage it's Sumimasen. It can be used to: say excuse me call the staff in a restaurant or shop an intro to ask someone a question ("pardon me") say thank you

### 2-Doko

Doko means where. When you're travelling you'll end up using this word a great deal. A few examples:  
doko (where?) / ~ wa doko desu ka (where is ~?)  
eki wa doko desu ka (where is the station?)

### 3-ii

ii means good. It's often used to ask/indicate whether something is okay.  
ii desu ka (is it ok?) / ii desu (it is ok)

### 4-Nani

Nani means what.  
nani (what?) / nan ji desu ka (what time?)

### 5- Gomennasai

I'm sorry. If you're worried you have offended someone this is the best word to use.

## Our Events for the Next Quarter Oct ~ Dec 2013

### 5 October 2013

Quiz on Japan for School Children of Chennai City - Preliminary

### 5 October 2013

Japanese Language Teachers Training Program by Yumi Watanabe San

### 12 October 2013

Quiz on Japan for School Children of Chennai City - Semifinals

### 15 October to 3 November 2013

The Spirit of BUDO the exhibition of Japan's Martial Arts at Lalit Kala Akademi in association at Consulate General of Japan at Chennai, The Japan Foundation and Lalit Kala Akademi, Chennai.

### 19 October 2013

Quiz on Japan for School Children of Chennai City - Finals and prize distribution ceremony

### 19 October 2013

Navarathiri Festival Celebration in coordination with by Waku Waku Club at our centre.

### 19 October 2013

Inauguration of ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre Erode Chapter.

### 7 November 2013

Sanin India Association, Japan visited our centre

### 23 November 2013

MOSAI Japanese Language Speech Contest for Southern Region

### 1 December 2013

Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) Exam

### 15 December 2013

Starting New Japanese Language Classes.