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A Cultural, Technical & Trade Bridge Between Japan & India



The winter in Japan has come to an end and Sakura had started blooming in the end of March.

Chennai also saw a change. His Excellency Mr. Masanori Nakano, Consul General of Japan at Chennai left back to Japan after a long and very wonderful stint in Chennai, and His Excellency Mr. Koji Sugiyama, Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of Japan at Chennai took over as Acting Consul General.

Chennai offered a very warm welcome to our New Consul General of Japan, His Excellency Mr. Seiji Baba.

March had also been an active month for us, with Second Mini Marathon for showing our keen support for the TOKYO Olympics 2020. His Excellency Mr. Koji Sugiyama Inaugurated the Run on 15th March 2015. On 22nd March 2015, we in association with the Consulate General of Japan at Chennai, and The Sports Authority of

Tamilnadu, Government of Tamilnadu organized a Rugby and Football Match between Tamilnadu Teams and the Local Japanese Expat Rugby and Football Teams,

Sponsored by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce in Chennai. This was the first Great Bilateral Cooperation event, His Excellency Mr. Seiji Baba presided over this event and Inaugurated the event by Kicking off the Ball.

We hope 2015 and the years to come will see a growth in our activities with the kind support and cooperation of the Consulate General of Japan, under the leadership of His Excellency Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul General of Japan at Chennai.

Yours,

Harikumar B
Editor-in-Chief

**Mr. Yoshina, Hiroshi
Director, The University of
Tokyo India Office , Bangalore
visited our centre**

--- 2 January 2015 ---



Mr. Yoshina, Hiroshi, Director, The University of Tokyo India Office , Bangalore visited our centre

**Mr. Takahiro Sato, Professor
Research Institute for
Economics & Business
Administration (RIEB)
Kobe University, Japan visited
our centre**

--- 3 January 2015 ---



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**One Day Seminar on
Best TPM & 5S Practices**

--- 12 January 2015 ---

As part of our yearlong activities we, in association with Tamilnadu Chamber of Nippon India Trade & Industry (TACNITI) conducted the **One Day Seminar on TPM & 5S Practices** at ITC Sherton Park Hotel & Towers, Chennai on 12 January 2015. The Seminar included key note address by an Eminent Expert and Panel Discussion among Senior Management, Front Line Operator and Presentation by award winning companies

The seminar was attended by more than 200 delegates from Tiny, Small, Medium & Large Scale Industries.



Section of delegates during the One Day Seminar on TPM & 5S Practices



Section of delegates during the One Day Seminar on TPM & 5S Practices

Award Giving Ceremony of 13th ABK AOTS – CUMI 5S Competition, 11th ABK – AOTS CDISSIA 5S Competition , 8th ABK – AOTS PSK 5S Competition for Textile Related Industry & 10th Annual Award for Good TPM Practices was held on 12 January 2015 at ITC Sherton Park Hotel & Towers, Chennai between 4.30pm ~5.30 p.m.

His Excellency Mr. Masanori Nakano, Consul General of Japan at Chennai the Chief Guest who distributed the prizes along with Mr. K. Srinivasan, Managing Director, Carborundum Universal Limited, Chennai, & Mr. P. Ashokkumar, Managing Director, PSK Group, Namakkal, has kindly accepted to be present as special guest.



Section of delegates during the One Day Seminar on TPM & 5S Practices



His Excellency Mr. Masanori Nakano, Consul General of Japan at Chennai distributed the prizes to the winners



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Mr. Takayoshi Inoue, Yu Language Academy, Japan visited our centre

--- 13 January 2015 ---



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Japanese Language Teachers Training Program

--- 19 ~ 24 January 2015 ---



Japanese Language Teachers training program in progress conducted by Ms. Kayoko Ogawa, Advisor, Japan Foundation



Ms. Shimo Sugiyama, Global HRD Group – HIDA, Japan Visited our centre

--- 19 January 2015 ---



Ms. Shimo Sugiyama, Global HRD Group – HIDA, Japan
interacting with the intern Mr. Hirofumi Tsubokawa & our
Chairman



Photo taken during the visit of Ms. Shimo Sugiyama, Global HRD
Group – HIDA, Japan to our centre



Coffee Meet

--- 29 January 2015 ---

Waku Waku Club takes this opportunity to arrange an interaction with the Japanese women along with a cup of coffee twice a month. Each of these coffee meets will be for 2 hours and topic of discussion can be anything of interest to both the sides.

The Third Coffee meet was conducted on 29th January 2015 on the theme of Pongal Festival



Coffee meet with Japanese – session in progress



Group Photo taken during the Coffee meet

--- 12 February 2015 ---

The Fourth Coffee meet was conducted on 12 February 2015 on Demonstration of Japanese Food Cooking



Coffee meet with Japanese – session in progress



Coffee meet with Japanese – session in progress

--- 12 March 2015 ---

The Fifth Coffee meet was conducted on 12 March 2015 on the theme of Foods and life style of Indian and home visit to our faculty Ms. J. Padmaja



Coffee meet with Japanese – session in progress



Group Photo taken during the Coffee meet



Waku Waku Club

--- 01 February 2015 ---

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. Orientation and brief about the Japanese Body language by Mr. Hirofumi Tsubokawa, Interns from HIDA, Japan on 1st February 2015



Waku Waku Club about the Japanese body language in progress



Waku Waku Club about the Japanese body language in progress

--- 22 March 2015 ---

Origami Demonstration by Mrs. Nirmala Bhaskar & Dr. K. Usha of our centre on n 22nd March 2015



Waku Waku Club Origami demonstration in progress



Waku Waku Club Origami demonstration in progress

WNF Program on Concepts & Practices of Total Productive Maintenance (TPM)

--- 2 to 7 February 2015 ---

WNF program on Study Tour to Chennai, India for Conceptual Understanding of TPM and visits to TPM implementing and JIPM certified factories were organized by ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre. This event was conducted from 1 to 7 February 2015 at Chennai. 7 participants from AOTS Alumni Society, Egypt attended this program.

The objectives of the programs;-

1. To understand the TPM practices in the World Class companies
2. To update the knowledge on TPM

The Methodology of the training course comprised of

1. Visits to Best-in-Class companies in and around Chennai

The participants arrived on 1st February 2015 and after checking into the hotel, a brief presentation was made to explain the administrative procedure of the program. In the evening, reception dinner was hosted at ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre with the Executive Committee Members.

Visit were undertaken to the following world class companies in Chennai

1. M/s. Carborundum Universal Ltd, Sriperumbudur Plant
2. M/s. Carborundum Universal Ltd, Maraimalai Nagar Plant
3. M/s. Rane (Madras) Limited, Pondicherry
4. M/s. Brakes India Limited, Padi, Chennai
5. M/s. Lucas TVS Limited , Padi Chennai
6. M/s. Hindustan Coca Cola Beverage Pvt. Ltd, Chennai

The delegates were able to get a clear picture of TPM and implementation steps.

The Valedictory Ceremony was conducted on 6th February 2015 The Chief Guest His Excellency Mr. Masanori Nakano, Consul General of Japan at Chennai distributed the certificates to all the participants.

This program under WNF activity gave a unique opportunity to the participants from the developing countries to come close to gain knowledge from each other and promote friendship and cooperation for mutual benefit to each other.



Group photo taken during the WNF Program on Concepts & Practices of TPM



Group photo taken during factory visit to Carborundum Universal Ltd by WNF Program on Concepts & Practices of TPM



Group photo taken during factory visit to Rane (Madras) Ltd, Pondicherry by WNF Program on Concepts & Practices of TPM

Farewell Dinner to Consul General of Japan at Chennai

--- 6 February 2015 ---



His Excellency Mr. Masanori Nakano, Consul General of Japan at Chennai & Madam Keiko Nakano being honored with a shawl during the farewell dinner



Pleasant Memories of the events participated by the His Excellency Mr. Masanori Nakano, Consul General of Japan at Chennai & Madam Keiko Nakano made into a album and handed over to him



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Photographs taken during the farewell dinner hosted in honour of His Excellency Mr. Masanori Nakano, Consul General of Japan at Chennai & Madam Keiko Nakano



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Kaizen Competition for Service Department

--- 21 February 2015 ---

As part of our yearlong activities on Japanese Management Techniques, ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, conducted the "KAIZEN" competition for Service Department on 21 February 2015 at our centre.

We thank the judges for adjudicating, Totally 68 Kaizen presentations were presented from 27 companies. The best Kaizen presentation was from M/s. Apollo Specialty Hospital, M/s. Carborundum Universal Limited, & M/s. Sri Jayajothi Limited was awarded Diamond Award.



Mr. R. Viswanathan, Vice President of our centre address the participants during the Kaizen Competition



Kaizen Competition in Progress



Section of delegates during the Kaizen Competition

Japanese Language Teachers Meeting

--- 21 February 2015 ---

The Japanese Language Teachers Meeting of our centre was held on 21.02.2015 at 11.00a.m. at our centre to discuss about the Fresh Classes for Level N5 ~ N1. More than 25 teachers were present and they expressed their suggestions and ideas for improving the teaching methodology to make the classes more informative & interesting.



Interactive Session during of the Japanese Language Teachers Meeting



Group Photo taken during the Japanese Language Teachers Meeting

Farewell Dinner to HIDA Interns

--- 23 February 2015 ---



Group photo taken during the farewell dinner to HIDA Interns



Group photo taken during the farewell dinner to HIDA Interns

Japanese Language Speech contest

--- 07 March 2015 ---

The Consulate General of Japan at Chennai organized a "Japanese Speech Contest" on 7th March 2015 at the Official residence of the Consul General of Japan at Chennai.

The following students from our centre participated in the above contest

Basic Category : Beginner

Mr. B. Ajatshatru

Advanced Category: Upper Intermediate/Teacher

Ms. R. Durga

Ms. C. Indumathi

Mr. S. Parthasarathi

The following are winners of the contest

Advanced / Teacher Category

First Prize - Ms. R. Durga

Second Prize - Ms. C. Indumathi



Section of the audience during the Japanese Language Speech Contest



Japanese Language Speech Contest in progress



Section of the audience during the Japanese Language Speech Contest



Ms. R. Durga receiving the first prize in Advance Category from His Excellency Mr. Koji Sugiyama, Acting Consul General of Japan at Chennai during the Japanese Language Speech Contest



Section of the audience during the Japanese Language Speech Contest



Winners along with the Chief guest and judges during the Japanese Language Speech Contest

Mini Marathon in commemoration of the forthcoming "Olympics and Paralympics TOKYO 2020"

--- 15 March 2015 ---

As part of the yearlong cultural activity and in connection with the forthcoming Olympics and Paralympics "TOKYO 2020" to be held in Japan in the Year 2020, The Consulate General of Japan at Chennai and ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre jointly organized various events and one such event "Mini Marathon" is being organised annually up to the year 2020 to bring awareness to the people in this part of India about "Tokyo 2020".

Mini Marathon h will started from the Labour Statue on Sunday, 15th March 2015 at 6:30 a.m. His Excellency Mr. Koji Sugiyama, Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of Japan at Chennai flagged off the Mini Marathon on 15th March 2015

Around 800 participants from various organisations and institutions joined us in this event



Section of participants of Mini Marathon



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Section of participants of Mini Marathon

Indo – Japan Sports Meet

--- 22 March 2015 ---

In commemoration of the "Olympics and Paralympics TOKYO 2020" the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT), the Consulate-General of Japan at Chennai, the Japanese Association Chennai, in collaboration with ABK-AOTS Dosokai, Tamil Nadu Centre organized the "Indo-Japan Sports Meet" on Sunday 22nd March 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium (Outdoor / Indoor stadium), Chennai. The event will comprise of:

FRIENDLY MATCHES

RUGBY MATCH –

Japan Rugby Team vs Tamilnadu Rugby Team

FOOTBALL MATCH –

Japan Football Team vs Tamilnadu Football Team

DEMONSTRATION OF MARTIAL ARTS

Kobudo Demonstration by Team Headed by Dr. A.S. Krsihnamurthy, Chief Instructor, Ryu Kyo Kobudo Shimbukan.

Karate Demonstration by Team Headed by Mr. S. Haribabu, Chief Instructor, Shorei-Kan Karate School
Judo Demonstration by the Team Headed by Mr.C.S. Rajajgopal, Vice President, Tamilnadu Judo Association.

Mr. Hemant Kumar Sinha, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Youth Welfare and Sports Development, Government of Tamil Nadu and Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul-General of Japan at Chennai will inaugurate this memorable event. Mr. Shambhu Kallollikar, Member Secretary, the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu and Dr. (Mrs) Grace Helina, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University will be present on the occasion.

The aim of organizing the “Indo-Japan Sports Meet” is to create awareness to the people in Chennai about “Olympics and Paralympics TOKYO 2020” to held in Japan. Also this would further pave way to strengthen our friendly relationship between Japanese community and Indian people especially in Chennai through sports.



Rugby match in progress



Dignitaries on the Dias during the Indo – Japan Sports Meet



Dignitaries on the Dias during the Indo – Japan Sports Meet



Section of audience during the Indo – Japan Sports Meets



His Excellency Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul General of Japan at Chennai inaugurated the Indo – Japan Sports Meet



Participants of Rugby match





Mr. Hemant Kumar Sinha, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Youth Welfare and Sports Development, Government of Tamil Nadu address the audience during the Indo – Japan Sports Meet



Judo Demonstration in Progress

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI Thiruvanniyur Chapter

We have franchise at Premier Centre for Competency Training Pvt Ltd., for conducting Japanese Language Classes at Thiruvanniyur.



Japanese Language class in Progress at our Thiruvanniyur Chapter



Japanese Language class in Progress at our Thiruvanniyur Chapter

Our Events for the Next Quarter April ~ June 2015

17 & 18 April 2015

Two day Training Program on Train the Trainers at our centre

25th April 2015

One day Workshop on Reducing self set up times by using the techniques of SINGLE MINUTE EXCHANGE OF DIES (SMED) at our centre.

9th May 2015

One day training Program on Best 5S Practices at our centre

16th May 2015

One Day Training Program on APQP & PAPAP System requirements in new production introduction at our centre

23rd May 2015

Kaizen Competition at our Centre

25th to 30th May 2015

Origami Workshop at our centre

30th May 2015

One Day Training Program on Achieving Zero Defect through "POKA YOKE" at our centre

13th June 2015

One Day Training Program on MEASUREMENT SYSTEM ANALYSIS (MSA) at our centre

27th June 2015

One Day Training Programme on Gemba Kaizen at our centre