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‘Ashita o tsukamō’

At the Outset, ABK AOTS DOSOKAI Tamilnadu Center, TACNITI and Nihonmon welcome His Excellency Consul General Of Japan in Chennai Seiji Baba Sama and hope to 'Discover a Tomorrow' in our activities during his Tenure in Chennai.

I was recently reading up some material that explained the preparation of the Japanese powers-that-be towards the impending Summer Olympic games, now famously touted as 'Tokyo 2020', when this headline caught my attention.

Reading further, I updated my facts- bank that this was the motto that is being used for these games - Ashita o tsukamō - translated as 'Discover tomorrow'.

In these three words, we could sense the intent of the Japanese authorities, headed by former Prime Minister, H.E Yoshiro Mori. It reflected the

power of their dream for a safe, high quality, technologically exciting and vibrant Games and the world cannot wait for this 'tomorrow' that will come by in a few years from now.

The vision of Tokyo 2020 committee talks about one achieving his personal best, accepting one another and passing on the legacy for the future. This is indeed such inspiring intent that we could, very easily and happily, adopt in our everyday lives and remain optimistic that tomorrow will enrich our lives better than yesterday did!

This newsletter of our ABK -AOTS Dosokai, Tamilnadu Centre is our own vehicle to convey to our members, friends and well-wishers alike our plan of the next quarter (our own Discover Tomorrow?) as well as the happenings of the previous.

So, happy reading!

Dozoogenki de,
Harikumar B
Editor-in-Chief



Waku Waku Club

--- 5 April 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. On Japanese Manners and Etiquette Orientation and brief about the Japanese Manners and Etiquette by Ms. Anuradha and Mrs. J. Sowmini on 5th April 2015



Waku Waku Club in progress

Train the Trainers

--- 17 & 18 April 2015 ---

Two Days Training Program on "Train the Trainers" held at our centre on 17 & 18 April 2015, 12 participants from companies participated in the training program.



Handing over the certificate to the participants of Train the Trainers Program



Group photo taken during the Train the Trainers Program



Waku Waku Club

--- 19 April 2015 ---

Acquire knowledge through the Japanese Story telling session conducted by Madam Sugiyama Kae W/o Mr. Koji Sugiyama, Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of Japan at Chennai on 5th April 2015



Japanese Story telling session conducted by Madam Sugiyama Kae W/o Mr. Koji Sugiyama, Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of Japan at Chennai



Session of the participants for the Japanese Story telling session

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

--- 21 April 2015 ---



Mr. Hiroshi Yoshino, Director The University of Tokyo India Office, Visited our centre



Mr. Yuji Nishikawa, Senior Staff Office of International Strategy
Department of Strategic Planning and Management Japan Science
and Technology Agency (JST), visited our Centre

Mr. Izuru Takahashi, Managing Director, Air Sea Express Limited, Japan visited our Centre

--- 24 April 2015 ---

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Group Photo taken during the Mr. Izuru Takahashi, Managing
Director, Air Sea Express Limited, Japan Visited our Centre

Japanese Support Services

Translation & Interpretation:

Most of the major Japanese companies in and around
Tamilnadu are utilizing our Japanese language
expertise for Translation and Interpretation services.

Mr. Daiki Tajima, Deputy Manager Business Advisory Corporate Catalyst India, visited our centre

--- 29 April 2015 ---



Mr. Daiki Tajima, Deputy Manager Business Advisory
Corporate Catalyst India, Visited our centre



Mr. Hisashi Kanda, Research & Project Planning Group, HIDA
Research Institute, Japan Visited our centre



Waku Waku Club

--- 17 May 2015 ---

Mr. Hisashi Kanda, Research & Project Planning Group, HIDA Research Institute, Japan Visited our centre

--- 11 May 2015 ---



Mr. Hisashi Kanda, Research & Project Planning Group, HIDA
Research Institute, Japan Visited our centre

Explanation and Demonstration on Koinobori (Carp Streamer) by Ms. Saeko Miyasaka, Japanese Language Faculty of our centre on 17 May | 2015



Demonstration on Koinobori (Carp Streamer) in Progress



Group Photo taken during Demonstration on Koinobori
(Carp Streamer)



Coffee Meet

--- 21 May 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 Sixth Coffee meet was conducted on 21 May 2015 on the theme of Mango



Introducing various types of Mango during the Mango Day celebration during the Coffee Meet on 21 May 2015



Group photo taken during the Mango Day celebration during the Coffee Meet on 21 May 2015

2nd Year Kaizen Competition

--- 23 May 2015 ---

As part of our yearlong activities on Japanese Management Techniques, ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, conducted the "2nd YEAR KAIZEN COMPETITION" on 23rd May 2015 at our centre.

Mr. A. N. Gireeshan, Managing Director, Avonseals Pvt. Ltd, Chennai has inaugurated the Competition. Mr. R. Ashok, Vice President, Brakes India Ltd, Padi handed over the certificates and prizes to the participants.

We thank the judges for adjudicating, totally 96 Kaizen presentations were presented from 36 companies. The best Kaizen presentation was from M/s. Midrange Components (Units of Brake India Ltd), Sholinghur, M/s. Rane Engine Valve Ltd, Viralmalai, & M/s. Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Ltd, Kadappa was awarded Diamond Award.



Mr. A. N. Gireeshan, Managing Director, Avonseals Pvt. Ltd, Chennai addressed the participants during the Kaizen Competition



Section of delegates during the Kaizen Competition



Mr. R. Ashok, Vice President, Brakes India Ltd, Padi handed over the certificates and prizes to the participants.



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Origami Workshop

--- 25 ~ 30 May 2015 ---

As part of the year long activities Waku Waku Club of ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Center organized the ORIGAMI WORKSHOP comprising of basic folding techniques, Boxes, Baskets, Balls, Greeting Cards, Birds, Animals, Flowers, & Bouquet, from 25th to 30 May 2015 at our centre by Origami Experts Mrs. Nirmala Bhaskar, Director, Japanese Language School of our centre and Dr. K. Usha , Japanese Language Faculty of our centre.

Mr. Koji Sugiyama, Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of Japan at Chennai is Chief Guest and handed over the certificate to the participants on 30 May 2015



Group Photo taken during the Origami Workshop



Origami Workshop in progress



Origami Workshop in progress



Mr. Koji Sugiyama, Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of Japan at Chennai is Chief Guest and handed over the certificate to the participants



Group Photo taken during the Origami Workshop along with Chief Guest Mr. Koji Sugiyama, Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of Japan at Chennai



Our Vice President Mr.ChellappaSriram explaining our Video Conference facilities to His Excellency Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul General of Japan at Chennai during his visit to our centre

His Excellency Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul General of Japan at Chennai visited our centre

--- 5 June 2015 ---



Our President Mr. G. Chandramohan, welcome the His Excellency Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul General of Japan at Chennai during his visit to our centre



Our Chairman Mr. M. R. Ranganathan introduce the members to theHis Excellency Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul General of Japan at Chennai during his visit to our centre



Our Vice President Mr. ChellappaSriram explaining our Audio Video facilities to His Excellency Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul General of Japan at Chennai during his visit to our centre



Group Photo taken during Our Vice President Mr. ChellappaSriram explaining the our Audio Video facilities to His Excellency Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul General of Japan at Chennai during his visit to our centre

5S Lead Assessor Course

--- 15 ~ 17 June 2015 ---

This is the exclusive 5S LEADASSESSOR course is being offered for Amararaja Group, Karakambadi from 15th to 17th June 2015. It is a certificate course to develop skills and expertise needed to audit as well to manage workplace management system audits effectively. The objective of this course is to build the required skills capabilities and competencies for carrying out audits on 5S practices in an organization and evaluating the Status against established benchmarks leading to award of Marks / Rating / Grading.

To make the participants of this course understand clearly the concepts of 5S Workplace Management System against the back drop of globalization and the necessity of industries to adopt 5S as the foundation of further activities leading to growth and achieving excellence. The training program will also provide both technical knowledge and practical skills essential to become a competent LEAD ASSESSOR OF 5S PRACTICE by carrying out live audits in a few companies.



Participants of the 5S Lead Assessor Course at Amararaja



Group Photo taken during the 5S Lead Assessor Course at Amararaja

Welcome Dinner to His Excellency Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul General of Japan at Chennai

--- 26 June 2015 ---

Welcome dinner hosted to His Excellency Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul General of Japan at Chennai on 26th June 2015 at Hablis, Guindy, Chennai. During the Welcome Dinner the recognition certificate handed over

- Kongunadu Educational Charitable Trust, Trichy for Creating Innovative Inspiring World-class Environment for Quality Education.
- Premier Center for Competency Training (PCFCT) for offering Excellent Vocational Training with Japanese Language support at Chennai Thiruvannamiyur Centre.
- ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Coimbatore Chapter for Promotion of Japanese Language Recognition Award In Western Tamilnadu in and around Coimbatore
- ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Erode Chapter for Promotion of Japanese Language Recognition Award In Western Tamilnadu in and around Erode
- RANGA JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL for Promotion of Japanese Language Recognition Award In Southern Chennai
- 5S Certificate to The Ramco Cements Limited, Chengalpattu.
- 5S Certificate to The HDFC Standard Life Insurance Company Limited - 13 branches in and around India.



His Excellency Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul General of Japan at Chennai & Madam Atsuko Baba



Photographs taken during the welcome dinner for His Excellency Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul General of Japan at Chennai



Photographs taken during the 5S Certificate awarded to The Ramco Cements Limited, Chengalpattu by H.E Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul General of Japan at Chennai



Mrs. Manjula Chandramohan handed over the memento to Madam Atsuko Baba the welcome dinner for His Excellency Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul General of Japan at Chennai



Kongunadu Educational Charitable Trust, Trichy for Creating Innovative Inspiring World-class Environment for Quality Education by H.E Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul General of Japan at Chennai



Our Chairman Mr. M. R. Ranganathan introducing the members to H.E Mr. Seiji Baba Consul General of Japan at Chennai



ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Coimbatore Chapter for Promotion of Japanese Language Recognition Award In Western Tamilnadu in and around Coimbatore by H.E Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul General of Japan at Chennai



Section of the participants during the welcome dinner for His Excellency Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul General of Japan at Chennai



Recognition certificate to ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Erode Chapter for Promotion of Japanese Language Recognition Award In Western Tamilnadu in and around Erode by His Excellency Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul General of Japan at Chennai



RANGA JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL for Promotion of Japanese Language Recognition Award In Southern Chennai by H.E Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul General of Japan at Chennai



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Group Photo taken during the Welcome Dinner for H.E Mr. Seiji Baba, Consul General of Japan at Chennai

Our Events for the Next Quarter July ~ September 2015

5 July 2015

Japanese Language Proficiency Test at Velammal Mat. Hr. Sec. School

12 July 2015

Waku Waku Club activities on Ikebana Demonstration by Yukari Yumire San

18 July 2015

POKA – Yoke Competition at our Centre

3 August 2015

Japan Study Fair – 2015 in association with License Academy at Taj Connemara

8 August 2015

Demonstration & Training In Simple Origami Techniques and On The Spot Competition for Chennai and Government School Students in Chennai at our Centre

8 August 2015

One Day Training Program on 17 Keys to Energize workplace at our Centre

18th to 25th August 2015

17th Japan India Student Conference (JISC) in coordination with Tamilnadu Chamber of Nippon India Trade & industry (TACNITI) at our Centre

22 August 2015

Talk Your way to Japan – Speech Contest in Tamil for Corporation & Government Hr Sec Schools students in Chennai at our Centre

29 August 2015

Talk Your way to Japan – Speech contest in Japanese for the students of our centre

5 September 2015

Talk Your way to Japan – Speech contest in Tamil for Hr Sec School Students in Tamilnadu at our Centre

September 2015

Japan Night – Vol. 3

12 September 2015

“Talk Your Way to Japan” Speech Contest in English for College students in Tamilnadu at our Centre

19 September 2015

Prize distribution ceremony of Talk Your Way to Japan – Speech Contest , Hiyooshi Environmental Awards – 2014, at our Centre