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A Cultural, Technical & Trade Bridge Between Japan & India



Go Nihon Mon Go.....The Fifth edition.....

What is the connection about the Cherry Blossom being the national flower of Japan and the partron goddess of Mt Fuji, Kono-hana-sakuya-Hime?

The months of July through September have, as always, witnessed numerous activities, a few of which have become a brand of sorts! The annual edition of Quiz on Japan and Speech on Japan saw participation in large numbers from the local student community as well as the students of our Japanese Language School respectively. The efforts of the entire team led by our Chairman Ranga-san has paved way for a question bank of Japan that would even do a research scholar proud!

The Japanese method of mistake-proofing or 'poka-yoke' as it is called in Japan was introduced during a one day session in August. For the mildly uninitiated, like yours' truly, this concept was formalized by Mr. Shigeo Shingo, the great Japanese Industrial Engineer as a part of the Toyota Production System and is now widely practiced to eliminate production defects due to human behavioral errors.

The autumn is often considered the most beautiful time to visit Japan and for all those who have planned a visit at this time, it will be a great opportunity to witness the Aki Matsuri including the Takayama Autumn Festival, Nikko Toshogu Fall Festival and Kyoto's Jidai Matsuri. Our memory goes back a few years when a few of our members witnessed the Tokorozawa Matsuri in Saitama, an annual event in October, with our Japanese friends and we can confidently say, that this shall remain very special in the treasure chest of our memories.

Likewise, for our Japanese friends in or visiting India during this period, colourful festivals like Dussera and Diwali await them. May we all join hands, as in other walks of life, to celebrate the joys and celebrations of both our wonderful countries.

By now, you must be wondering the context of the question posed at the opening of this page. This was the clinching question posed to the teams during the final round of the Japan Quiz Contest this year and helped the students of Sri Sankara Vidyalaya lift the coveted prize in store.

Our quiz master explains.....The cherry is called "Sakura" in Japanese, generally believed to be a corruption of the word "Sakuya" – blooming from the name of Princess Kono-hana-sakuya-Hime, who is enshrined on the top of Mt.Fuji. This long name literally means "tree-flowers-blooming-princess". The cherry was so well known in the early days in Japan that the word flower was synonymous with the cherry. This princess was so named because, it is said, she dropped from heaven upon a cherry tree. Hence, the cherry blossom is considered to be the national flower of Japan.

We encourage all our members, supporters and well-wishers to visit our website www.abkaotschennai.com to constantly update themselves with our activities. Please join us on facebook too at www.facebook.com/abkaotschennai

Dewa Mata....Domo Arigato Gozaimashita!

Hari & Paddy
Editors-in-Chief

Events of this Quarter

Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) 2010 (July)

---4th July 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 for entire South India on 4th July 2010.



JLPT 2010 (July) – Proctors Meeting in Progress

Japanese Language Study Centre at Tambaram

---11th July 2010---

For benefiting the Japanese Language aspirants in around Tambaram ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre has opened the Study Centre on 11th July 2010 by hiring a class room in Valluvar Gurukulam Girls Hr. Sec. School, Tambaram. We already have centers at Velachery and Coimbatore



Mrs. Nirmala Bhaskar, Director, Japanese Language School of our Centre addressing the students during the inauguration of study centre at Tambaram

Japanese Cross Cultural Management

---27 July 2010---

Mr. M. R. Ranganathan, chairman of our centre conducted a Training Program on Japanese Cross Cultural Management for the Managers of Renault Nissan Automotive India Pvt. Ltd. (RANIPL), Chennai on 27th July 2010.

QUIZ ON JAPAN

---31st July 2010---

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, TAMILNADU CENTRE, conducted the finals of Annual “**QUIZ ON JAPAN**” in English on the theme Japan for Chennai City School Children on 31.07.2010. Out of 33 Schools participated in the Preliminary, 15 schools were selected for the Quarter Final, 8 Schools were selected for the Semifinals. Out of which 4 Schools were selected for the Finals.

The following are the winners of the “**Quiz**” contest (finals)

First Prize	Ms. Vikashini Kumar – XI Std & Mr. G. Abishek – XI Std Sri Sankara Vidyalaya Hr. Sec. School, Chennai – 59
Second Prize	Mr. B. Prithvikanth – X Std & Mr. Vishal Malolan – X Std La Chatelaine Residential Jr. College, Chennai – 87
Third Prize	Ms. C. Abinaya – X Std & Ms. T. M. Santosi – X Std Sindhi Model Sr. Sec. School, Chennai – 10
Fourth Prize	Mr. R. Srivatsan – X Std & Mr. Seshadri Madhavan – X Std D. A. V. Public School, Chennai – 42

Chief Guest Mr. Takayuki Kitagawa, Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of Japan at Chennai distributed the prizes to the winners. The Prizes for the winners were cosponsored by Consulate General of Japan at Chennai, Ms. Shobana Ranganathan, USA, Lucas TVS Limited, Chennai, & Pure Chemicals Co., Chennai T. I. Cycles of India, Chennai, & Diana World Travels Pvt. Ltd,

1. What is 'Hina Matsuri' ?
O the flag of Japan
O the art of calligraphy in Japan
O the art of sword-fighting in Japan
O a doll festival in Japan



Quiz on Japan – 2010 in Progress



Quiz on Japan – 2010 Section of audience



Quiz on Japan – 2010 - Prize Awarding Ceremony -
Address by Chief Guest Mr. Takayuki Kitagawa, Deputy
Consul General of Japan at Chennai



Quiz on Japan – 2010 – First Prize Winners along with the
Chief Guest Mr. Takayuki Kitagawa, Deputy Consul General
of Japan at Chennai



Quiz on Japan – 2010 – Group Photo taken during the Prize
awarding ceremony along with the Chief Guest Mr. Takayuki
Kitagawa, Deputy Consul General of Japan at Chennai

Interpreters Meeting at our centre

---31st July 2010---

Meeting was organized for the interpreters of our
centre followed by dinner on 31 July 2010



Interpreters Review meeting in progress



Group photo taken during the interpreters meeting

Visit by Ms.Yamauchi Erina, Ms. Hayashi Yoshihiro & Mr. Tetsu Watanabe of Nanzen University , Nagoya visit to our Centre

---22 August 2010---



Ms. Yamauchi Erina, Ms. Hayashi Yoshihiro & Mr. Tetsu Watanabe of Nanzen University , Nagoya visit our Centre & Interact with our Students



Ms. Yamauchi Erina, Ms. Hayashi Yoshihiro & Mr. Tetsu Watanabe of Nanzen University , Nagoya visit our Centre & Interact with our Students

Japanese Management Techniques

---14th August 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.

JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER'S COMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

---19th August 2010---

The Foreign Minister's Commendations are awarded to individuals and groups of outstanding achievements in international fields, to acknowledge their contribution to the promotion of friendly relations between Japan and other countries. The Commendation also aims to promote the understanding and support of the Japanese Public for their activities.

This year, the Commendation will be awarded to 58 individuals and 39 groups (of which 15 individuals and 10 groups are from Japan, and 43 individuals and 29 groups from overseas). The Consulate General of Japan at Chennai held a presentation ceremony of the Foreign Minister's Commendations for Fiscal Year 2010 at the Residence of the Consul General of Japan at Chennai on 19 August 2010 at 15.00 hrs

The Commendation was awarded to ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre to acknowledge their outstanding contribution to the promotion of mutual understanding and friendship between Japan and India over years.

Mr. Kazuo Minagawa, Consul General of Japan at Chennai, presented the certificate of commendation to M. R. Ranganathan, Chairman of ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre. Our President Mr. Chandra Mohan and 10 of our members were also present during this occasion.

We thank all the staff of Consulate General of Japan, in Chennai, Consul General of Japan Mr. Kazuo Minagawa, Mr. Takayuki Kitagawa Deputy Consul General, and Mr. Tomonori Minowa, Consul for their continued support. We thank the JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER and the Ministry for awarding us with their commendation.



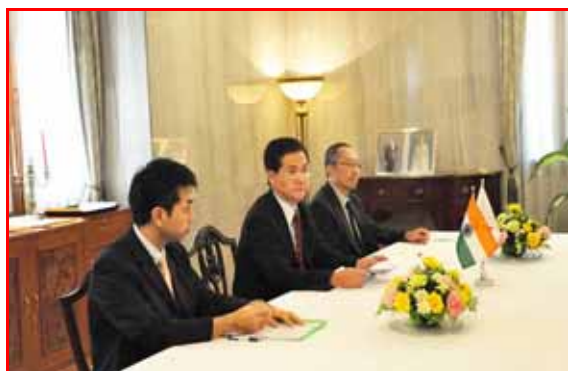
Photographs taken during the certificate of Japanese Foreign Minister's Commendation awarding ceremony at the Consulate General of Japan at Chennai



Mr. M. R. Ranganathan , Chairman of our Centre addressing the gathering during the certificate of Japanese Foreign Minister's Commendation awarding ceremony at the Consulate General of Japan at Chennai



Photographs taken during the certificate of Japanese Foreign Minister's Commendation awarding ceremony at the Consulate General of Japan at Chennai



Certificate of Japanese Foreign Minister's Commendation awarded to our Centre

WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY DAY EXHIBITION

---19th to 21st August 2010---

Madras Photographic Society as part of its regular activities conducted an Exhibition of Photographs taken by its members to commemorate "**WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY DAY**" on 19th August 2010 at our Centre. The Exhibition was inaugurated by **Mr. Himanshu Chakrawarti**, Chief Operating Officer, Landmark Ltd, Chennai on Thursday, 19th August 2010 at 6.00 p.m.

About 24 members including our Chairman Mr. M. R. Ranganathan's exhibits totaling around 250 pictures on various themes were portrayed.



section of visitors audience during the inaugural ceremony of World Photographic Day



section of exhibits during the World Photographic Day

Japanese Cross Cultural Management

---23 August 2010---

Mr. M.R.Ranganathan, chairman of our centre conducted a Training Program on Japanese Cross Cultural Management of Mercedes - Benz Research & Development India at Bangalore on 23rd August 2010.

The 14th JAPAN INDIA STUDENTS CONFERENCE (JISC)

---23rd to 28th August 2010---

Japan India Students Conference (JISC) is a Non Profit Organization in Japan to promote goodwill & understanding between Japan & India through students of both India & Japan 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.

This year The 14th Annual Japan-India Student Conference (JISC) took place during August 2010 in Delhi, Kolkata and Chennai in India. Undergraduate and Postgraduate students mainly from faculty of economics and literature attended this conference from both countries at this time. The conference is being operated by students with great continuous support from related institutions in the two countries. This program was also introduced to us by Indo – Japan Chamber, Tokyo

Nine students from Japanese Colleges & Universities of the Japan India Students Conference (JISC) headed by Prof. Hiroko Nagahama visited Chennai from 23rd to 28th August 2010, and interacted with the students of Dr. M.G.R. University and the students of Nihongo Gakko (Japanese Language School of our centre). They also visited Government College of Arts and Crafts, Nihon Technology Pvt. Ltd & SOS Village, Tambaram (an NGO). One day Home Stay Program was also arranged for the students of JISC on the 26th August 2010. They were taken around the Chennai City by the Metro Rail to view Chennai from top and were taken around the shopping malls. The students of JISC enjoyed their stay in Chennai City.



Cultural Program of JISC Members during the Valedictory Ceremony of Japan India Students Conference at Chennai



JISC Members visiting Nihon Technologies Pvt. Ltd



Photographs taken during the JISC Members visit to SOS Village



Photographs taken during the JISC Members visit Government Arts & Crafts College



Table discussion with JISC Members & the students of our Nihongo Gakko of our Centre

Award Ceremony of
“Talk Your Way To Japan - Speech Contest 2010
&
“Hiyoshi Environmental Awards – 2009”
&
Drawing Competition on the Theme
“JAPAN IN THE EYES OF INDIAN CHILD”
&
Releasing the Books on
“Haiku By An Indian Student”
 by Ms. Indhuja, Level N2 student of our centre
 ---4th September 2010---

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 is being held at our Centre on 4th September 2010

Mr. Tomonori Minowa, Consul, Consulate General of Japan, Chennai & Mr. C. R. Raju, Principal Architect, C R Raju Associates, Chennai felicitated & distributed the Prizes to the winners on Saturday, 4th September 2010 between 4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. at our centre.

Talk Your Way to Japan – Speech contest

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI Tamilnadu Centre, is a registered, Voluntary and Non-Profit organization and a NGO of Japan Trained Technocrats and Managers, formed in the year 1975. We are known as the leading organization to Promote Technical, Cultural, linguistics and Business relations between Japan and India for the last 36 years in this part of the world.

The Theme for our “Talk Your Way to Japan” – Speech Contest always centers around Ecology and Environmental issues. So, for the past 15 years, we, with the sponsoring of Hiyoshi Corporation, are organizing “Talk Your Way to Japan” Speech Contest for the students in Tamilnadu, every year and the Topic for this year was “Environment & Ecology – The eluding consensus among global nations & the way forward” the Winners of the Talk Your Way to Japan – Speech Contest 2010 are as follows

21.08.2010	Speech Contest in Tamil (for Chennai & Government Hr. Sec. Schools in Chennai) Out of 10 Schools 29 students participated in the Preliminary, 6 Students were selected for the finals.
I Prize	Mr. T. Thamizharasu – XII Chennai Hr. Sec. School, N.S.K. Salai, Puliur, Kodambakkam, Chennai – 24

II Prize	Mr. D. Monishkumar – XII Chennai Hr. Sec. School, West Mambalam, Chennai – 33
III Prize	Mr. A. Sheik Abdullah – XI Chennai Hr. Sec. School, Saidapet, Chennai – 15
28.08.2010	Speech Contest in Tamil (for All other Higher Secondary Schools, in Tamilnadu) Out of 62 Schools 107 students participated in the Preliminary, 12 Students were selected for the finals
I Prize	Mr.R.M.Muthaiah-Velammal Mat.Hr. Sec.School T.S.Krishna Nagar, Muggapair, Chennai – 37
II Prize	Ms. Archana Mohanraj Velammal Mat. Hr. Sec. School, West Mugappair, Chennai – 37
III Prize	Ms. D. Saraswathi K. C. Sankaralinga Nadar Hr. Sec. School, Washermenpet, Chennai - 21
29.08.2010	Speech Contest in Japanese Language (Nihongo Gakko) of ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre 14 participants
I Prize	Mr. T. Vijayarasan – Level 2
II Prize	Mr. Saravana Kumar Ramalingam – Level 2
III Prize	Mr. A. Vijay – Level 2
04.09.2010	Speech Contest in English (for All Colleges in Tamilnadu) Out of 64 College 105 students participated in the Preliminary, 12 Students were selected for the finals
I Prize	Mr. Dharamjeet Singh Aarupadai Veedu Institute of Technology, Paiyanoor
II Prize	Mr. V. Giridhar, Madars Institute of Technologu Campus, Anna University, Chennai
III Prize	Mr. Prince Sabahut Ali C. Abdul Hakeem College of Engineering & Technology Melvisharam



Talk Your Way to Japan – Speech Contest in Progress



Section of the Audience during the Prize Awarding Ceremony



Mr. C. R. Raju, Principal Architect , C R Raju Associates
delivering special address during the Prize Awarding Ceremony



Mr. Tomonori Minowa, Consul, Consulate General of Japan
addressing the audience during the Prize Awarding Ceremony



The four First Prize winners with Mr.Minowa Consul

HIYOSHI ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD – 2009

---4th September 2010---

Hiyoshi Corporation, Japan in association with ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre have introduced "Hiyoshi Environmental Award" from the year 2007 to recognize the outstanding contribution and progress in research and application in Environmental conservation and protection. The winners of Hiyoshi Environmental award – 2009 are as follows

Category of Award	Name
Hiyoshi Environmental Award	DR. DINESH MOHAN of, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi for In recognition of his pioneering spirit, dedication and outstanding research in the field of environmental conservation and protection in India
Hiyoshi Think of Ecology Award.	DR. P. K. BHATTACHARYA Of Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur for In recognition of her pioneering spirit dedication and outstanding research in the field of environmental conservation and protection in India
Hiyoshi Young Leaf Award	Dr. S. ANANDAN of National Institute of Technology, Trichy for In recognition of his outstanding contribution as a young researcher in the field of environmental conservation and protection in India



Mr. Tomonori Minowa, Consul, Consulate General of Japan at Chennai distributed the Hiyoshi Environment Award to Dr. Dinesh Mohan of, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi



Mr. Tomonori Minowa, Consul, Consulate General of Japan at Chennai distributed the Hiyoshi Think of Ecology Award to Dr. P. K. Bhattacharya of Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur



Mr. Tomonori Minowa, Consul, Consulate General of Japan distributed the Hiyoshi Young Leaf Award to Dr. S. Anandan of National Institute of Technology, Trichy

DRAWING COMPETITION ON THE THEME "JAPAN" - FROM THE EYES OF AN INDIAN CHILD ---4th September 2010---

From the year 2009 onwards ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre in coordination with live-in-japan.com organized a Drawing competition among the school students studying between 6th and 12th Standard in Tamilnadu on the Theme "JAPAN from the eyes of an Indian Child". Out of 559 drawings received from 34 Schools, 23 drawings were selected as prize winners. All the drawings received for the competition will be exhibited in Tokyo, Japan during "AJANTHA 2010" supported by Japan India Association. The prizes are sponsored by Land Mark, Chennai. The winners for the Drawing Competition are as follows

Standard & Prizes	Name of Student & School Name
VI Std I PRIZE	Ms. N. Alfia – VI C ,of SBOA Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Coimbatore 39
VI Std II PRIZE	Ms. T. J. Shivani – VI D, of SBOA Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Coimbatore-39

VI Std III PRIZE	Ms. S. G. Srinidhi – VI G, of Velammal Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Chennai – 37
VI Std III PRIZE	Ms. K. Poojasri – VI N, of Velammal Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Chennai – 37
VII Std I PRIZE	Ms. R. Preetha – VII of SISHYA, Chennai – 600 020
VII Std II PRIZE	Mr. K. R. Rohit – VII E of SBOA School & Junior College, Chennai-101
VII Std III PRIZE	Ms. Sachi S. Bafna – VII C of Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan's Rajaji Vidyashram, Chennai – 600 010
VIII Std I PRIZE	R. Divya Karthick. – VIII R of Velammal Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Chennai – 37
VIII Std II PRIZE	Mr.N.Mohammed Wasim Akram – VIII A of SBOA Mat.Hr.Sec.School, Coimbatore-39
VIII Std III PRIZE	Nualanong Leelaswatanakul – VIII C of St. John's International Residential School, Chennai – 123
IX Std I PRIZE	Ms.K.Nancy-IX B of Smt. Chandabai Pagariya Jain Mat.Hr.Sec.School, Ch.,
IX Std II PRIZE	Ms. D. Shri Mahitha – IX A of Srinivasa Vidhyalaya Mat. Hr. Sec. School , Udumalpet
IX Std III PRIZE	Ms. Reenu Paul – IX C of SISHYA , Chennai – 600 020
IX Std III PRIZE	Ms. S. Sona – IX C of D. A. V. Girls Sr. Sec. School, Chennai – 86
X Std I PRIZE	Mr.R.Girish-X C of Jawahar Vidyalaya Sr. Sec. School, Chennai – 83
X Std II PRIZE	Ms. M. Chandini – X C of St. John's International Residential School, Chennai
X Std III PRIZE	Ms.R.Heera Shree-X D of SBOA Mat.Hr.Sec. School, Coimbatore – 39
XI Std I PRIZE	Ms.C. S. Harini-XI E of Maharishi Vidya Mandir Mat.Hr.Sec.School, Ch- 31
XI Std II PRIZE	Mr. J. Abishek Daniel – XI of SISHYA, Chennai – 600 020
XI Std III PRIZE	Mr. S. Prashanth – XI B of N. S. N. Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Chennai – 64
XII Std I PRIZE	Ms. B. Sravanthi - XII of The Children's Garden Hr .Sec. School, Chennai – 4.
XII Std II PRIZE	Mr. R. Prasanth – XII B2, of John Dewey Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Villupuram
XII Std III PRIZE	Mr.Abhinav Siddharth-XII B of St. John's International Residential School, Chennai



Certificate awarded to the winners of Ajantha Drawing Competition



Certificate awarded to the winners of Ajantha Drawing Competition



Section of drawing received for the Ajantha Drawing Competition



Section of drawing displayed at Ajantha – 2010 at Japan



Section of drawing displayed at Ajantha – 2010 at Japan

HAIKU BY AN INDIAN STUDENT

---4th September 2010---

Release of Book on “Haiku by an Indian Student” in Japanese written by Ms. Indhuja, Level N2 student of our Japanese Language School



Ms. Indhuja, Level 2 Student addressing the audience about the Japanese Haiku poems written by her



Mr. Tomonori Minowa, Consul, Consulate General of Japan at Chennai Releasing the Book on “Haiku by an Indian Student”



Group Photo taken along with the Chief Guest Mr. Tomonori Minowa, Consul, Consulate General of Japan at Chennai during the Prize Awarding Ceremony

Haiku by Ms. Induja: Level N2 students of our Centre

細道(ほそみち)や
何処(どこ)も彼処(あそこ)も
秋(あき)の声(こえ)

The Narrow path
Both Here and There (Everywhere)
Is the Autumn's voice

日盛(ひざか)りや
花(はな)の浴衣(ゆかた)は
汗(あせ)を飲(の)む

Heat at its Zenith,
My flower patterned Yukata
Drinks my sweat

Visit by Mr. Sota Murakami & Mr. Koji Yao of Hitachi Ltd Japan to our Centre.

---8th September 2010---



Meeting with Mr. Sota Murakami & Mr. Koji Yao of Hitachi
Ltd Japan at our centre with our Committee Members



Mr. Sota Murakami & Mr. Koji Yao of Hitachi Ltd Japan visit our
Library

Japanese Language Teaching Seminar at our Centre

---28th September 2010---

The Consulate General of Japan at Chennai
organized Japanese Language Teaching Seminar at
our Centre on 28.09.2010



Mr. Tomonori Minowa, Consul, Consulate General of Japan
addressing the audience during the Japanese Language
Teaching Seminar



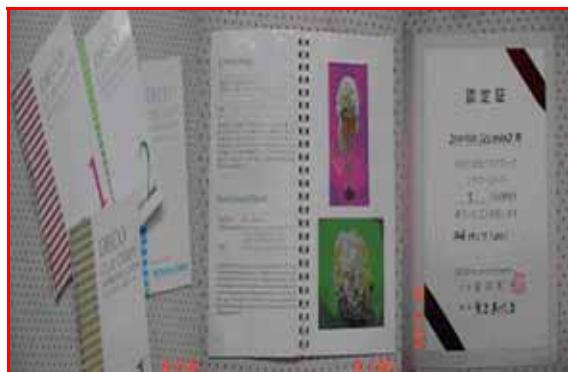
Japanese Language Teaching Seminar – Session in Progress

We will be organizing an exhibition of Japanese Clay craft in the Month of December 2010 by the CLEO Clay Craft Academy – Chennai

CLEO Clay Craft Academy affiliated with DECO Clay
craft academy (Kotu Ku, Japan) offers clay craft
classes for designing colorful and everlasting life-like
flowers, Bouquets, ornaments, accessories, dolls, wall
hangings and other decorative objects.



- **Trial Classes** are designed to give a first time experience of clay craft without becoming a member. This is a one time only class and a prior appointment is needed.
- **Non-Certification Classes** are designed around your specific needs. These classes can help you gain the skills necessary to make your own design.
- **Certification Classes** are taught by following Deco Clay curriculum textbooks (Japan). This curriculum is designed to teach you the techniques necessary to design and make your own creations. We have two levels in our Flower Curriculum with ten projects in each curriculum. Each project assists you in mastering the techniques to creating realistic and lifelike flowers and accessories. Upon enrollment, students are issued a full-color textbook with detailed instruction of each project.



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GENERAL BODY MEETING OF (FAAAI)

The Federation of AOTS ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS OF INDIA (FAAAI) had its General body meeting at Kerala Hosted by ASA Kerala and the New Office bearers took over after the elections the following are Executive Committee Members of FAAAI for the year 2010 ~ 2012

Mr. Edgar Morris - President
Mr. R.S. Sreenivas - Sr. Vice-President
Mr. H. Suresh - Vice President
Mr. G. Chandramohan - Secretary
Mr. Manmohan - Treasurer
Mr. M. R. Ranganathan - Member
Mr. Bhagawan VRS Gorti - Member
Mr. Muninagappa - Member
Mr. Ajoy Sen Gupta - Member
Mr. P.K. Roy - Member
Mr. Hudson Peter - Member
Mr. Surjit Singh Saggu - Member
Mr. Uday Raykar - Member
Mr. C. S. Raghavan - Member
Mr. Pravin Purav - Member
Ms. Shailaja Divekar - Member



FAAAI – Outgoing Office bearers



FAAAI - Incoming Office bearers

CONGRATULATIONS to ASA KERALA

The ABK AOTS DOSOKAI TAMILNADU CENTER congratulates ASA KERALA for their Pioneering efforts to build a New Building for ASA Kerala which will function as true Cultural, Business and Linguistic bridge between Japan and India.

We also Congratulate Mr. Joseph Phillip, ASA kerala's Past President, who lead his snake Boat to Victory to win the coveted Independence day Nehru Trophy.



APQO's 16th International Conference on Quality 2010- Nepal

Our Chairman M. R. Ranganathan and Director Training Dr.R.Balakrishnan Participated in the APQO's 16th International Conference on Quality 2010 (ICQ Nepal-2010) which is hosted by Network for Quality, Productivity and Competitiveness -Nepal (NQPCN) during 18-20 September 2010 in Kathmandu, Nepal and Presented Papers.



Dr. R. Balakrishnan at APQO's Convention

JAPANESE LANGUAGE STUDY CENTRE AT ADYAR & SALEM

Apart from the Japanese Language School at Aminjikarai, Chennai we also have study centre at Coimbatore, Velacherry & Tambaram.

We will also be extending our Japanese Language Teaching activities to Adyar in association with CLEO Clay Craft Academy and in Salem with DHS Informatics Pvt. Ltd, from December 2010 onwards

CONGRATULATIONS TO NISSAN MOTOR INDIA PVT. LTD & RENAULT NISSAN AUTOMOTIVE INDIA PVT. LTD

ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre Congratulates Nissan Motor India Pvt. Ltd (NMIPL) & Renault Nissan Automotive India Pvt. Ltd (RNAIPL) for the First Batch of Nissan Micro Cars Export to Europe from it's Tamilnadu Plant. It is a proud moment for all of us in Tamilnadu



First Batch of Nissan Micro Cars Export to Europe
Photo Courtesy The Hindu – The National Daily

AOTS (Japan) Offers New Programmes in Japan, focused on the SME sector under the

NEW GLOBAL COOPERATION

AOTS Business Seminar & Exhibition to Technical Show Yokohama Jan 30th to February 7th 2011 – cost 350,000 + Airfare

Business Exchange Seminar for Smaller businesses- Jan 30 to Feb 6th 2011- Cost 260,000 + Airfare

AOTS Seminar on Environmental Management – Jan 16th to Jan 23rd 2011 – Cost 260,000 + Airfare

AOTS Seminar on Renewable Energy in Osaka & Kyushu – Feb 3rd to Feb 11th + Cost 310,00

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Our Events for the Next Quarter October ~ December 2010

7th to 9th October 2010

Comparative Cultural / Historical Study through Multi-Colored Indian & Japanese Stamps (in celebration of Philatelic Week of Japan) at our centre

23rd October 2010

ONE DAY Training Programme on Facing recession challenge using '3 GEN APPROACH' breakthrough strategies for long lasting results at our centre

20th November 2010

One Day Seminar on BEST TPM & 5S PRACTICES by ABK AOTS CUMI 5S Award, ABK AOTS TPM Award & ABK AOTS N. Damotharan 5S Trophy winning companies at Breeze Hotel

6th November 2010

ONE DAY Training Programme on Time & Stress Management for Engineers & Supervisors at our centre

11th & 12th November 2010

Drum Beat Program by JAZZ Concert Team, Japan jointly organized with The Consulate General of Japan at Chennai at Narada Gana Sabha

13th November 2010

One Day Training Program on Value Engineering / Value Analysis at our centre

20th November 2010

ONE DAY Training Programme on Achieving Zero Defect through "POKA YOKE" at our centre

5th December 2010

Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) December Exam at Meenakshi College

11th December 2010

ONE DAY Training Programme on 7 QC Tools at our centre

17th to 19th December 2010

Kokuji Art Exhibition at our Centre

JAPANESE LITERATURE

Japanese literature spans a period of almost two millennia of writing. Early work was heavily influenced by Chinese literature, but Japan quickly developed a style and quality of its own. When Japan reopened its ports to Western trading and diplomacy in the 19th century, Western Literature had a strong effect on Japanese writers, and this influence is still seen today.

As with all literature, Japanese literature is best read in the original. Due to deep linguistic and cultural differences, many Japanese words and phrases are not easily translated. Although Japanese literature and Japanese authors are perhaps not as well known in the west as those in the European and American canons, Japan possesses an ancient and rich literary tradition that draws upon a millennium and a half of written records.

Japanese Literature – History

There is debate regarding the classification of periods in Japanese literature. The following is a general guide based on important political and cultural events. Given the immense span of years covered in this article, it is not comprehensive, but rather highlights prominent works and authors of the various periods. All names are in the Japanese order of surname first, given name second.

Japanese Ancient Literature (pre-8th Century)

With the introduction of [kanji](#) (漢字, lit. "Chinese characters") from the Asian mainland, writing became possible, as there was no native writing system. Consequently, the only literary language was classical Chinese to begin with; later, the characters were adapted to write Japanese, creating what is known as the man'yōgana, the earliest form of kana, or syllabic writing. Works created in the Nara Period include Kojiki (712: a partly mythological, partly accurate history of Japan), Nihonshoki (720: a chronicle with a slightly more solid foundation in historical records than the Kojiki), and Man'yōshū (759: a poetry anthology). The language used in the works of this period differs significantly from later periods in both its grammar and phonology. Even in this early era, significant dialectal differences within Japanese are apparent.

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