



**Report of Japan Sri Lanka Technical & Cultural
Association for the period from
April 2019 to March 2020/ Jan 2021**

JASTECA Annual General Meeting :

- 33rd AGM held on 23rd August 2019 – Sasakawa Auditorium
- 34th AGM held on 25th September 2020 - Galadari Hotel

**AOTS Scholarship Programs 2019/2020
Project Chairman – Mr. Nimal Perera**

The program for Sri Lankan entrepreneurs (LKSL) which was popular among the corporate sector has been cancelled by AOTS due to budgetary restrictions. Every year there were around 25 participants used to take part in this program. The training budget of AOTS is diminishing year by year. This allocation which stood at 4,212 million Yen in 2009 was only 1,039 million Yen in 2019. AOTS has conducted altogether 7 Subsidized programs for JASTECA with the participation of 12 candidates.

All Programs held are listed below:

No.	Program Name	Duration & Place	Count
1	Executive Program on Corporate Management (EPCM)	10th to 3rd July 2019	1
2	Leadership Development Training program (LDTP)	28th to 8th November 2019	1
3	The Program on Information and Communication Technology in Emerging Market Economics (PICT) Tokyo	27th Nov-10th Dec 2019	1
4	Training Course on Solving Human and Organizational Problems (SHOP)	4th tom17th Dec 2019	1
5	The Program on sustainable Corporate Management for the Future (SFCM) Tokyo	from 15th to 28th Jan 2020	2
6	The Program on Productivity Improvement (TPPI) - OSAKA Japan	5th Feb to 18th February 2020	2
7	The Program for Japanese Corporate Management (PJCM) OSAKA Japan	18th Feb- 4th March 2020	4
Total No. of Participants for Scholarship Programs FY 2019/2020			12

AOTS Self-Funded (NGC) Programs 2019/2020

Project Chairman – Nimal Perera

We have been successful in organizing the following programs with the support of AOTS during the period under review. A total of 27 candidates participated in the following programs. Another 2 popular programs namely LKCM and Bankers programs which we have requested for could not be organized due to 60th Anniversary celebrations of AOTS and the World Convention of AOTS Alumni Societies held during that period.

No.	Program Name	Duration & Place	Count
1	Business Study Program o Toyota Way of Management for company -wide Operational improvement (X576) NGC	<i>From 1st -6th Sept 2019 – Nagoya</i>	02
2	AOTS NGC (X562) Program on the Leadership Management for Hayleys Plantations Sector- Sri Lanka. .NGC	<i>4th to 11th September 2019 Osaka</i>	25
Total No. of Participants for NGC Programs FY 2019/2020			27

AOTS Online Webinars: 2020/2021

Name of the Webinar	Webinar Date	Allocated Slots for SL	Received Applications
Organization Development	17th Dec 2020	50	56
Business Innovation	22nd Dec 2020	50	60
Coporate Revitalization by Practical Actions (5S)	7th Jan 2021	250	249
Programme on Project Management on New Norm	20th Jan 2021	50	59

Japanese Language Education Association (JLEA) Chairman – Mr. Dayasiri Warnakulasooriya

Japanese Language Education Association (JLEA) is the strategic educational subsidiary of JASTECA, established in 2002 for the sole purpose of disseminating the Japanese Language Education in Sri Lanka.

JLEA successfully conducted the Japanese Language Education for 320 participants from July to December 2019. However, January to June 2020 semester was very severely affected due to COVID-19 situation in the country and therefore the 330 students who registered for the semester had to be absorbed to the July-December semester in 2020. Two fast-track Japanese Language Courses were conducted from July to September 2019 and October to December 2019 for a total of 165 students. However, the Fast Track Course conducted from January to March 2020 was disrupted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

JLEA conducted the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) on 1st December 2019 (Sunday) for a **Total** of 3,200 Examinees, at the BMICH, Visakha Vidyalaya Colombo 04 and Mahanama College, Colombo 03.

In January 2020, JLEA conducted the Graduation Ceremony at the Sasakawa Memorial Center for the students of July to December 2019 semester numbering 200.

In February 2020, JLEA conducted the Annual Speech Contest at the Sasakawa Memorial Center. 33 Contestants participated and 7 Finalists were selected by the Independent Panel of Judges.

In March 2020, JLEA was getting ready to conduct the JLPT Examination in July and received the registrations of over 600 applicants. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic affecting all over the world including Japan, resulted in a worldwide cancellation of the JLPT July 2020 Examination.

A Japanese National - a Specialist/Consultant and Sri Lankan Teachers, all of whom are specially Trained in Japan in gaining proficiency on Teaching the Japanese Language, are engaged by JLEA in conducting week-day and week-end classes in two semesters per annum, each spanning for about six months duration (80 hours) in 8 categories from JLPT/1 to JLPT/5 and also the G C E (Adv/Level) Examination.

The cordial association maintained by JLEA with the Japanese Embassy in Colombo and the Japan Foundation has given high credence to the Japanese Language Classes conducted by the JLEA. Our most sincere & grateful appreciation to these Japanese Institutions.

The franchise granted to JLEA to conduct the Entrance Examination for Japanese Universities (EJU) in June and November each year and also the conduct of the Annual Japanese Speech Contest in Sri Lanka, in addition to conducting the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) shows the credible acceptance of the high professionalism of the JLEA.

JASTECA Institute of Management (JIM)

Project Chairman – Mr. Anuruddha Gamage

JASTECA Institute of Management (JIM) is the management training arm of JASTECA. JIM conducts both public and in-house programmes on a wide spectrum of topics bilingually (English/Sinhala) for the benefit of the business community in Sri Lanka. It also conducts training programmes overseas on invitation with collaboration of other AOTS alumni associations.

Programs List conducted by JASTECA Institute of Management - April 2019 to January 2021.

Training Programmes

1. Launch of JASTECA Training Plan 2019/2020
2. Toyota Production System
3. Health and Safety at Workplace
4. 5S Train the Trainer
5. Total Quality Management
6. Super Leader
7. Awareness Seminar on 5S & KAIZEN Concepts
8. JMDP - JASTECA Management Development Programme in Thailand
9. JUKI Production Management Programme
10. Health and Safety at workplace
11. Success of KAIZEN & 5S' & 'Productivity Enhancement Through Employee Engagement'
12. Awareness Seminar on 5S
13. 5S Implementation - 6 Months Project
14. Leadership and Champion Training on 5S, Kaizen and Japanese Visualization - 6 Months Project

15. Webinar on Beyond Theories & Conceptual Frameworks
16. Webinar on Boundless Opportunities in Agriculture during post covid-19
17. Webinar on Make Your Small Business Big- Focusing SME sector in Sri Lanka

In an extremely competitive training and development environment, JIM has designed a timely needed training programme for development of next level leaders with the title of "EXPERIENCE JAPANESE MANAGEMENT IN THAILAND" under JASTECA Management Development Programme (JMDP). Objective of this programme was to improve wider understanding of Leadership, Japanese spirit of business management techniques and similar Japanese experience in Thailand at an affordable and economical rate.

To keep ahead of corporate challenge, training and development has become imperative. JASTECA Institute of Management (JIM) has been performed as a constant supporting arm for companies and their human capital, to stay up to date and succeed by offering training programmes.

Even in this challenging marketplace, JIM was successful in encouraging and empowering some young and upcoming resource persons, including some JASTECA members as well in respect of both local and overseas training sessions. This effort is made purely to develop and offer opportunities to a competent emerging pool of resource persons who are exposed to modern concepts of management with advanced knowledge.

We at JIM continue to promote and develop Japanese Management Systems to ensure it is implemented and practiced to the ever-changing needs of business. JIM significantly contributed its support to the region by helping other AOTS Associations, identifying and allocating experts from our local pool of resource persons to conduct training programs in their countries. JIM has completed all the necessary steps to move forward with digital learning opportunities to our clients by introducing e-learning platforms from next financial year onwards.

JIM is guided by its Chairman Mr. Anuruddha Gamage. The other members of the JIM subcommittee include Messers Nimal Perera, Gamini Marambe, Mangala Samarajeewa, Nirosh De Silva and Chethana Kahandugoda. Ms. Sharmi Wickramaratne functions as its Manager.

JASTECA Awards 2019/2020

5S, Kaizen & CSR Awards Competition

Project Chairman - Mr. Mangala Samarajeewa

JASTECA Awards is the flagship event in JASTECA's event calendar. The 24th annual JASTECA Awards ceremony which was held on 22nd August 2020 at Hotel Galadari made another milestone in the mission of contributing to the economic and social development of Sri Lanka recognizing, rewarding and celebrating exceptional achievements in 5S, Kaizen and sustainability among Sri Lankan enterprises by presenting the Taiki Akimoto 5S Awards, the Nagaki Yamaoto Kaizen Awards and the Ian Dias Abeysinghe JASTECA CSR/Sustainability Awards.

This event was planned to hold and delayed from March to August 2020 due to the COVID-19 Outbreak. There were 66 companies for the Taiki Akimoto 5S Competition, 06 companies for Nagaaki Yamamoto competition and 27 competitors for Ian Dias Abeysinghe memorial JASTECA CSR / sustainability competition.

The evaluation was carried out under three different categories “Small”, “Medium” and “Large” scale in order to encourage every organization to practice Japanese Management Techniques and take part in the competition. The preliminary audits of 5S and Kaizen participants were conducted by a competent panel of auditors.

We are indeed grateful to Prof. Seiichi Fujita for visiting all finalists and carrying out evaluations and selecting the winners.

CSR and sustainability participants were evaluated by a committee comprising eminent personalities: panel of judges led by Prof. Lakshman Watawala.

JASTECA Award ceremony was held on 22nd August 2020 the Hotel Galadari. Mr. Toshihiro Kitamura – Minister /Deputy Head of Mission - Embassy of Japan in Sri Lanka, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

The winners were as follows:

Taiki Akimoto 5S Awards Main Award Winners

Large Category

- Gold Award: GPV Lanka (Private) Limited
- Silver Award: MAS Kreeda Synergy Division - Avissawella
- Bronze Joint Award: MAS Active -Asialine
Penguin Sportswear (Pvt) Ltd, Panwila

Medium Category

- Gold Award: Sri Lanka Telecom PLC - Kurunegala
- Silver Award: NOLIMIT-Kurunegala
- Bronze Award: Premium Exports Ceylon (Private) Limited

Small Category

- Gold Award: Vidullanka PLC- Nilwala Vidulibala Mini Hydro Power Plant
- Silver Award: Dialog Axiata PLC - Jaffna Experience Center
- Bronze Award: Vidullanka PLC - Walagamba Balashakthi Mini Hydro Power Plant

Nagaaki Yamamoto Kaizen Awards

- Gold Award: Premium Exports Ceylon (Private) Limited
- Silver Award: Penguin Sportswear (Pvt) Ltd, Panwila
- Bronze Award: MAS Kreeda Synergy Division – Avissawella

Ian Dias Abeysinghe JASTECA CSR/Sustainability Awards

- Gold Joint Winners: Dynawash Limited
Premium Exports Ceylon (Private) Limited
For Innovative Production natural garment dyeing by adding value to tea waste
- Bronze Award: Hemas Manufacturing
For Water Conservation

- Special Public Sector Award: Sri Lanka Navy
For Marine Protection Project
- Special Recognition: SLINTEC
For Innovative natural garment dyeing by adding value to tea waste

Madam Kiyoko Ogawa Scholarship Program Project Chairman – Mr.Nirosh De Silva

The Madam Kiyoko Ogawa Scholarship Fund was officially launched On 5th May 1999. Initial contribution of Madam Kiyoko Ogawa was 5,000,000 yen which was deposited, and the interest income is utilized to make the monthly payment to the Annually selected students.

The main objectives of this project are to award scholarships for a period of 24 months to the students of underprivileged parents living in remote areas of Sir Lanka and who achieve very good results in GCE (OL) examination. These students who perform well are granted financial scholarship awards to pursue their studies in the GCE Advanced Level examination.

The students are selected based on the following criteria.

1. Highest marks / Grading obtained at the GCE Ordinary Level examination
2. Students who have lost both or one of their parents
3. Number of schools attending siblings
4. Students who have achieved reasonable results and their parents have no employment.

20th Madam Ogawa Scholarships on 22nd September 2019 at Ampara, Bakmitiyawa School. JASTECA with the kind sponsorship of Madam Kiyoko Ogawa of Japan awarding scholarship for the 21st consecutive year held on November 2020.

Madam Ogawa Scholarships Awarded to Date

Year	Area	No. of Students
2000	Embilipitiya	16
2001	Hingurakgoda	20
2002	Hambanthota	26
2003	Mahiyangana	25
2004	Monaragala	25
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2006	Bibile	25
2007	Hanguranketha	30
2008	Akuressa	30
2009	Puttalam	30
2010	Anuradhapura	30

Year	Area	No. of Students
2011	Batticaloa	25
2012	Mullativu	25
2013	Dimbulagala	25
2014	Madhu- Mannar	25
2015	Walapane	25
2016	Gomarankadawela	26
2017	Wiyaluwa, Badulla	25
2018	Udugama, Galle	27
2019	Bakmitiyawa Ampara	25
2020	Monaragala	27
Total		537

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Newsletter/ Member Database/ Website

Project Chairman – Mr. Chandana Amaratunga

JASTECA has been successfully circulating the Newsletter to AOTS officials, SAFAAS membership, Japanese Embassy representatives and to the general membership. JASTECA news updates, details of upcoming events, JASTECA institute of Management (JIM), Japanese Language Education Association (JLEA), social activities as well as the scholarship programmes available are included into this Newsletter.

The JASTECA official database has not been in operation lately due to a few technical issues. Presently we are in the process of developing a customized software program and within the next three months we assure that our members will receive news bulletin. Our official email for correspondence would be info@jasteca.net. Our official website www.jasteca.net is updated with all JASTECA activities accordingly.

JASTECA Christmas Party

Project Chairman- Mr. Chethana Kahandugoda

Continuing the tradition, We had yet another fabulous Christmas party of JASTECA on 7th December 2019 at Sri Lanka Foundation. There were over 70 members and their families were present and enjoyed by all.

JASTECA Founder's Day

Project Chairman – Mr. Jithendra Gunatilake

JASTECA made a donation by way of a washing machine to the Surasa Child Development Center in Wattegama, to commemorate JASTECA "Founder's day" in 2019.