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### *The PMOJ comes calling....*

H.E Kishida, The Prime Minister of Japan had come calling to India in March in what seems to be a very important phase of our bilateral relations. In his own words, he has remarked as being extremely eager to visit India – the first by a serving PMOJ in the last 4 years and counting – and that he was able to feel the tremendous dynamism of India.

Ofcourse, this is not his first visit to India – having been here earlier as the Foreign Minister of Japan. His visit further reiterates the great relationship our countries share and for the strategic and global partnership that has paved the way for leadership positions within our region.

Meanwhile, the Russo-Ukrainian tussle has caught every conceivable headline in the last few weeks. We are witnessing a new kind of strategic stalemate that will have a telling effect on the Indo-Pacific region. Let us all hope that both our countries play a pivotal role during and in the aftermath of this bloodshed. Our heart goes out to all those affected by the turn of these incidents.

The question on our minds now – When will Japan open its borders to all of us who have sorely missed the pleasure of being there and meeting our friends / business associates? It has been a long wait as Japan has had some of the most stringent travel restrictions in the world. But a silver lining presents itself after the lift of the `State of Emergency` in all prefectures and there is a sign of hope that their borders will open sometime soon to International visitors. We simply cannot wait ☺

Ofcourse.....XE and the fourth wave (or is it the prevention of it?) permitting!

Take care everyone. Let us be 3<sup>rd</sup> time lucky and not invite a 4<sup>th</sup>! Let us hope and pray that we shall soon find ourselves in a post-covid era!

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Yoroshiku,

Harikumar B

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## 6<sup>th</sup> Innovative QC Competition (IQCC) 2<sup>nd</sup> Online Competition

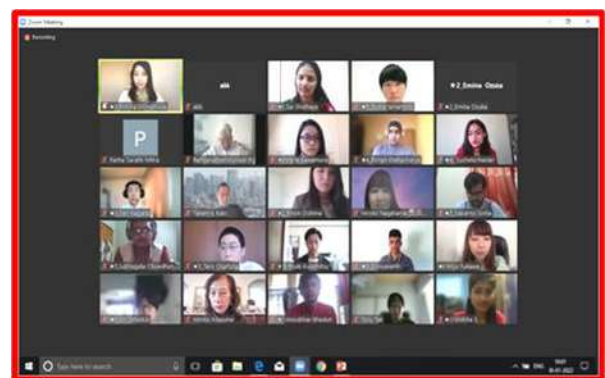
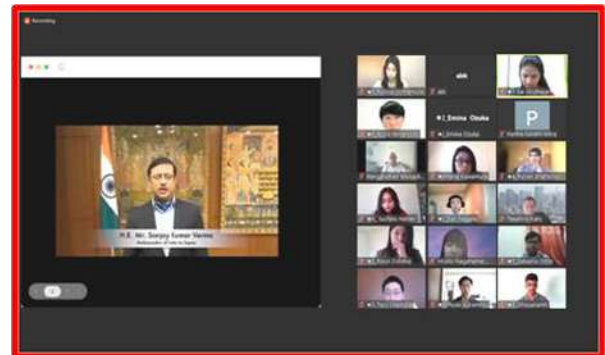
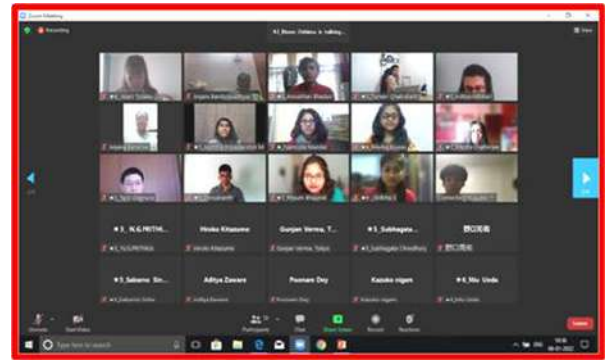
--- 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022---

ABK- AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre organized the 6<sup>th</sup> Innovative QC Competition (IQCC) 2<sup>nd</sup> Online Competition on 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Totally 74 presentations were made from 35 companies whose employees enthusiastically participated in the competition.



## Participating in the 25<sup>th</sup> Japan India Students Conference (JISC) --- 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022---

The 25<sup>th</sup> Japan India Students Conference held was on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022 through online ZOOM Platform. The students from RMK Group of Institution were recommended by our centre who participated in the 25<sup>th</sup> JISC. The main purpose of JISC (Japan India Student Conference) is to realize the mutual understanding between Japan and India. We believe that the best means to accomplish this is to have a prominent experience in communicating with the Indian people and understanding their countries. To promote goodwill and understanding between Japan and India through the students of India and Japan.





## “Online Philatelic Exposition of Japanese Stamps” One Week One Theme for 50 weeks

As part of our yearlong activities we are planning to celebrate the year 2022 with various events and shows about the Culture, Tradition, & Customs of Japan like what we did during the 50<sup>th</sup> year and 60<sup>th</sup> year Japan India Diplomatic relations celebrations. As the Cultural bondage is so great between the two countries the Indian & Japanese feel very much closer between themselves even though they are thousands of miles away.

In order to commemorate the “**70 Anniversary of India – Japan Diplomatic Relationship**”, between India & Japan ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre, which has been a pioneer in organizing Japan related cultural events in this part of India

### On 12<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Japan Imperial System

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uvMFgePtUbk>

### On 19<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Online Philatelic Exposition of Japanese Stamps”

<https://youtu.be/le7jEbMs0EI>

### On 26<sup>th</sup> February 2022

War & Peaces and Occupation

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u6wkw11N\\_o](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u6wkw11N_o)

### On 5<sup>th</sup> March 2022

The Narrow Road to the Deep North” in Japan ‘Oku No Hosono Michi”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EggTao5e0SU>

### On 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Japan and Its Festivals

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pme\\_uM1QQr8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pme_uM1QQr8)

### On 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022

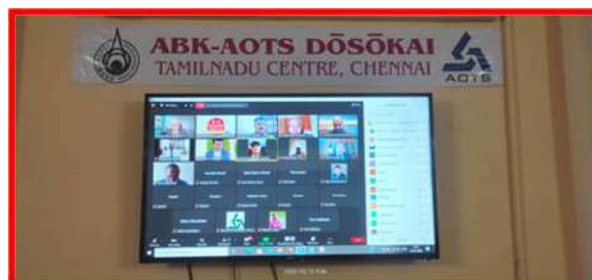
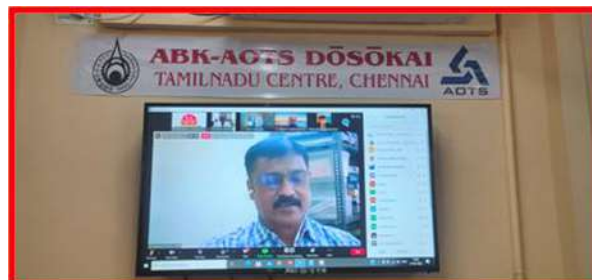
Ukiyo – e

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iGKWXY3P6P4>

### On 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Aviation Philately of Japan

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DMonxWRSIV8>





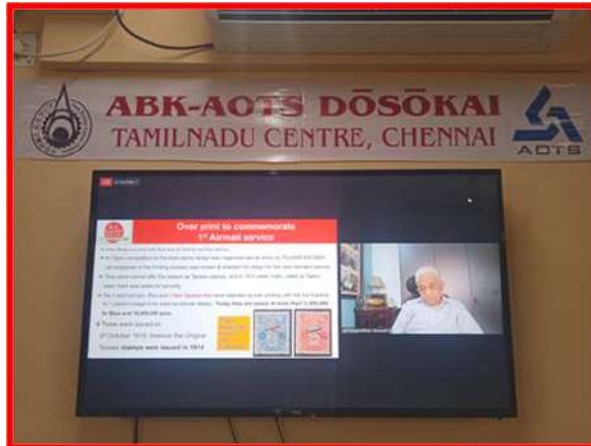


## The Japanese Language “NAT EXAM” at Meenakshi Sundararajan Engineering College, Chennai

--- 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022 ---

The Japanese Language NAT-TEST is an examination that measures the Japanese language ability of students who are not native Japanese speakers. The tests are separated by difficulty (Q1 to Q5) and general ability is measured in three categories: Grammar/Vocabulary, Listening and Reading Comprehension. NAT Test is being held six times a year. ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre in association with Senmon Kyouiku, Japan have been conducted the NAT TEST in Chennai held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Meenakshi Sundararajan Engineering College, Chennai

We also wish to inform that all the COVID precautionary measures were undertaken.



We are happy to share our ABK AOTS DOSOKAI's philatelic presentations, "50 themes in 50 weeks" are shared in the ISJP , International Society of Japanese Philately website <https://isjp.org/50-themes-of-japanese-philately-a/>

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WELCOME TO  
THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR  
JAPANESE PHILATELY

**50 Themes of Japanese Philately**

To celebrate the 70th Anniversary of India - Japan Diplomatic Relations, Mr. Rangarajan has begun a series of 50 lectures on Japanese philately with a mixture of philately and Japanese history / culture. Each weekly lecture will cover a different subject / topic.

Interested members who want to attend the Zoom lectures live can watch them in the United States on Friday 7:30 pm (Pacwest Time), 10:30 pm (Pacific Time), 11:30 pm (Mountain Time), Saturday 12:30 am (Central Time) and 1:30 am (Eastern Time). Zoom Meeting Login Details: 812 7828 4076; Passcode: 482749P.

To watch the latest Zoom Lecture live and past Zoom lectures and accompanying Power Point presentations can be viewed [here](#).

Lecture 1 February 12, 2022 *Japan's Imperial Systems Stamps* Power Point Presentation (First half of the Lecture to the reproduction of Japanese)

Lecture 2 February 19, 2022 *Philately Week* Power Point Presentation

Lecture 3 February 26, 2022 *Japan's War and Peace Stamps* Power Point Presentation

Lecture 4 March 5, 2022 *Ota No Hassinichi (The Narrow Road to the Deep North)* Power Point Presentation

Lecture 5 March 12, 2022 *Japan's Festivals Through Some Japanese Stamps* Power Point Presentation (Due to the size of the Lecture - Download to View)

Lecture 6 March 19, 2022 *Ukiyo e / Living World Through Some Stamps of Japan* Power Point Presentation

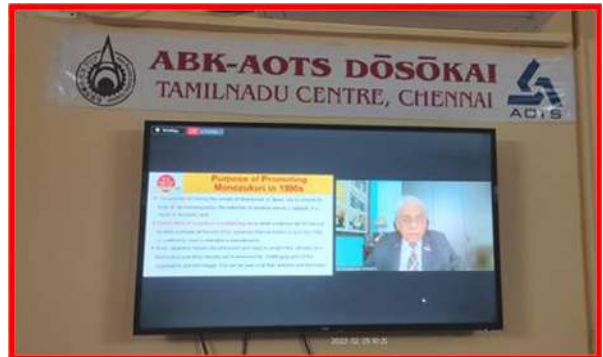
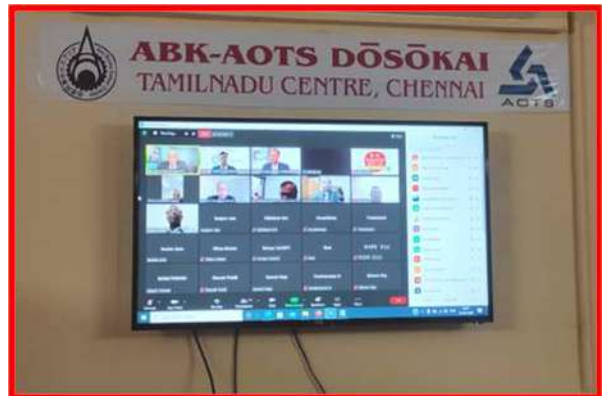
Lecture 7 March 26, 2022 *Aviation Philately of Japan* Power Point Presentation





## Inaugural- Online Complimentary Seminar for SMEs from Japan, India, ICCJ & TACNITI members --- 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022 ---

Tamilnadu Chamber of Nippon India Trade and Industry (TACNITI) & The Indian Chamber of Commerce-Japan (ICCJ), Osaka jointly organized Inaugural Online Complimentary Seminar for SMEs from Japan, India, ICCJ & TACNITI members and interested persons on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Special address by Tmt. Pooja Kulkarni IAS, MD & CEO , Guidance Tamilnadu & His Excellency Mr. Nihilsh Giri, Consul General of India, Osaka-Kobe, Japan Introduction to Monozukuri By Mr. M.R. Ranganathan, Monozukuri Jinzai Ambassador Appointed by AOTS Japan & our Chairman ICCJ - Facilitation Support for SMEs Mr. T. Muthuvelan, Managing Committee Member, ICCJ Co-sponsored by ABK AOTS DOSOKAI Tamilnadu Centre& Federation of AOTS Alumni Associations of India.







## “DOLL FESTIVAL” (an event exhibiting India Japan Cultural Fusion)

--- 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022 ---

As part of our yearlong activities and in Commemoration of the **70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of India - Japan Diplomatic Relations** we are planning to conduct various events during this year at our center and one such event will be the “**DOLL FESTIVAL**” (an event exhibiting India Japan Cultural Fusion) to discover the Indian Doll Festival and to find out the Folk Tales, Customs and Rituals and the Similarities with Japanese Hinamatsuri on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022 between 4.00pm and 6.00pm at our centre.

And the highlights of our celebrations are explanations in Japanese, sing Indian and Japanese songs & Traditional activities.

His Excellency Mr. Taga Masayuki , Consul General of Japan Consulate General of Japan is inaugurate the Dolls Festival

- Hinamatsuri Song by Ms. Sabrin Khabuchi From Japan
- Navarathiri – Golu Song by Ms. S. Neerajakshi – Member of ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre
- Speech about the Doll Festival About Hinamatsuri – Ms.Arundathi About Golu - Ms. Sowmya
- Similarities between Hinamatsuri & Golu Ms. Suchitra Student of ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI
- Hinamatsuri Dance Ms.Eblin Esther, Ms.Srinithi & Ms.Vaibhavi Student of ABK - AOTS DOSOKAI

Origami Demonstration by Dr. K. Usha, Origami Expert and Japanese Language Faculty , ABK – AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre









## Inter Alumni Exchange Program

**23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022**

Free Half day Training program on training School Teachers to Teach 5S to School Children on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022. Resource Person Mr. B. Palaniappan, Director for Quality & Productivity Initiatives of our centre as a faculty for this training program. This program was sponsored by FAAA New Delhi and supported by ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre and organized by AOTS Alumni Association Karnataka Regional Centre.

**5S** Half day training Programme on Wednesday  
23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022, 1.30PM TO 5.00 PM  
Training School Teachers to  
"TEACH 5S TO SCHOOL CHILDREN"

<b>Participant Limit</b> 50 persons	<b>Nomination Deadline</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2022	<b>Participation Fee</b> Free
<b>Target Participants</b> School Teachers	<b>Lecturer</b> Mr. B. Palaniappan ABK-AOTS Dosokai Chennai	<b>Contact Details</b> TEL: + 91-9740925436 SHASHI KANTHI S N ssn_1956@rediffmail.com aotsabengaluru@gmail.com
<b>Language</b> English	<b>Venue</b> AOTS Alumni Association Plot No. 6G, 1st Cross, 1st Phase, Peenya Indl. Area, Bangalore -560 058	<b>Organized by</b> AOTS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Plot No. 6G, 1st Cross, 1st Phase, Peenya Indl. Area, Bangalore -560 058

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Competition on "Safety, Health & Environment" --- 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022 ---

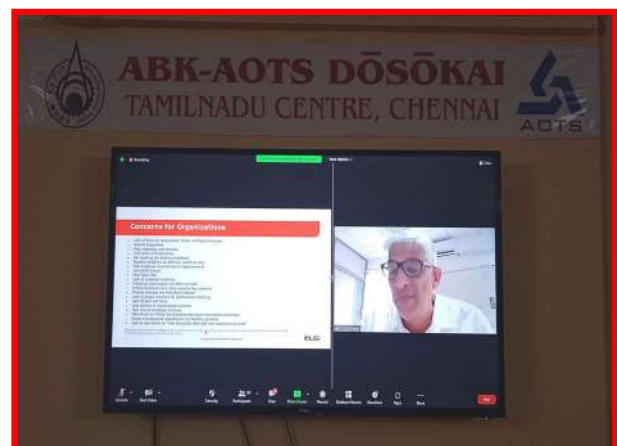
ABK- AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre organized the 4<sup>th</sup> Competition on Safety, Health & Environment (SHE) on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Totally 30 presentations were made from 19 companies whose employees enthusiastically participated in the competition.



## MONOZUKURI SEMINAR SERIES "TQM - THE PROVEN TOOL FOR BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION"

--- 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022 ---

Tamilnadu Chamber of Nippon India Trade and Industry (TACNITI) & The Indian Chamber of Commerce-Japan (ICCJ), Osaka jointly organising Online MONOZUKURI SEMINAR SERIES "TQM - THE PROVEN TOOL FOR BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION" By Mr. P. Sundarrajan, Vice President, Elgi Business systems, Elgi Equipments Limited, Advisor - Deming Prize Committee JUSE, Japan & Advisor - Center of Excellence, ABK AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre on Fri, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022 from 10:00am to 11:00am IST through ZOOM Platform



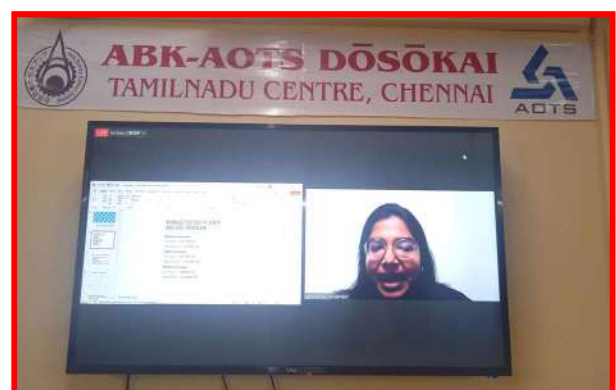
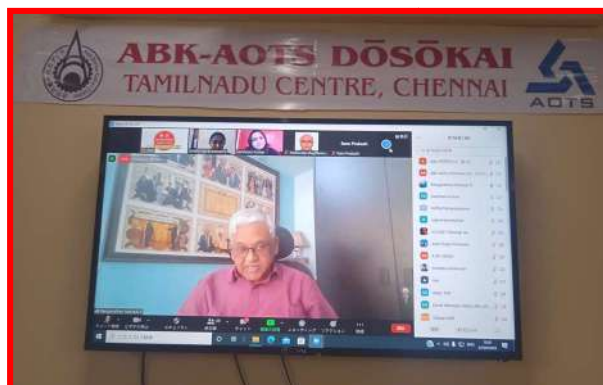
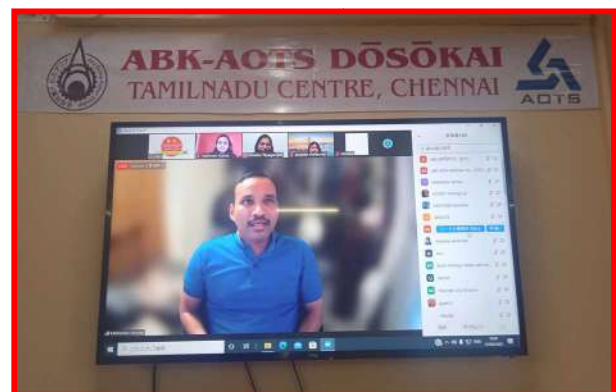
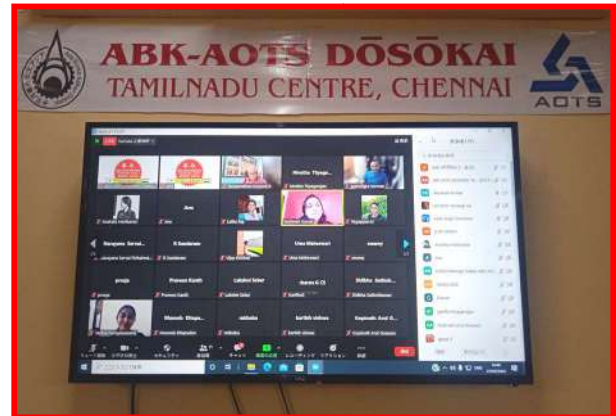
## Online seminar on Importance of Japanese Language Education in the hour of need both for Japan and India – supported by The Japan Foundation

--- 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022 ---

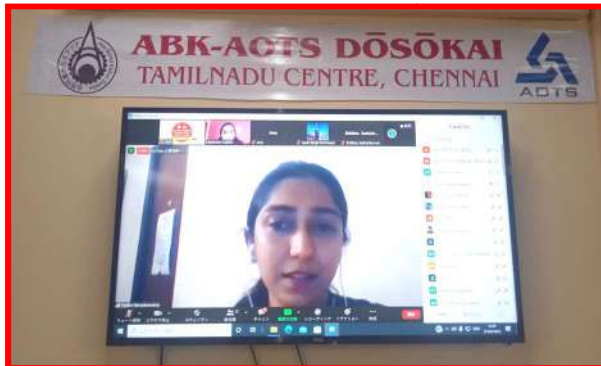
Online program on “Importance of Japanese Language Education in the hour of need both for Japan and India was conducted on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022 through ZOOM Platform with the support of The Japan Foundation and the presenters shared their experiences on

- Advantages & Experiences to Education in Japan by Ms. Anahata Harikumar from Japan
- Availabilities of Scholarship & Higher education to Study in Japan by Ms. Nivetha Thyagarajan from Japan
- Advantage of Japanese Language for working in Japanese companies by Mr. Mahendara Varman from Japan
- Experience of Japanese Language Interpretation and Translation Services by Mrs. Vaishnavi Kumar from India,
- Experience of Japanese Language working in Japanese Software companies by Mrs. S. K. Anuroopa from India
- Experience of Japanese Language working in Medical Field By Mrs. Vedha Narayanasamy from India

All the participants attended program enthusiastically. There was a Question and Answer session at end of the program and many doubts were clarified about the scholarship for studying in Japan and also Job opportunities in Japan. It was spell bonding session with many useful tips to the participants of the program. This program was conducted through ZOOM and as well as live in youtube. The entire session of the program is available in youtube in the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45pbOe76TBU>







## PARTICIPATING IN THE AOTS -WEBINAR

We thank AOTS – Japan for organising the webinar on different topics, it helps our alumni members to participate in large numbers.

### On 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Participating in the AOTS Webinar [KROP18] -The Program on ICT in Emerging Market Economies - Business Model Transformation Resulting from DX And How to Manage After-Effects of COVID-19

### On 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022

AOTS Webinar KROP24 Workplace Environment Improvement and Occupational Safety & Health for Better Mental Health

### On 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022

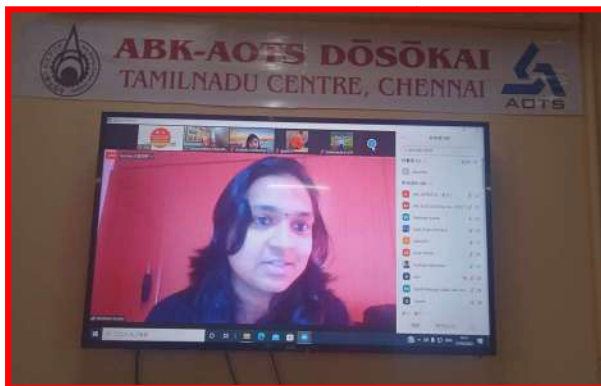
AOTS Webinar KROP26 Next Generation Leadership Based on Empathy and Co-creation in the COVID-19 Era - Aiming for becoming sustainable corporation, lessons learned from best practices in Japan

### On 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022

AOTS Webinar [KROP28] Kaizen: Productivity Enhancement from Workplace -The strength and challenging issues of Japanese Human Resource Management (HRM)-

### On 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022

AOTS Webinar [KROP29] Learning from Japan's Long-lived Companies For Sustainable Business Succession and Innovation



## Purchase of Desktop & Air-condition

We purchased **Dell Optiplex 5090 MT – 3 nos & HP Z2 TOWER G8 54X10PA 500 Watts** (Workstation)- 1 no with MS office and also **Panasonic 3 star Split AC – 9 nos** or our office use



## Our Planned Events for the Next Quarter April to June 2022

### 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022

70<sup>th</sup> Year of Japan India Diplomatic Relationship we are conducting the “Online Philatelic Exposition of Japanese Stamps” One Week One Theme for 50

### 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022

The Japanese Language “NAT EXAM” at Meenakshi Sundararajan Engineering College, Chennai

### 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Ms. Ishana Malkani, India Representative , Ritsumeikan APU visited our centre

### 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022

70<sup>th</sup> Year of Japan India Diplomatic Relationship we are conducting the “Online Philatelic Exposition of Japanese Stamps” One Week One Theme for 50.- Mount Fuji

### 16<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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### 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2022

70<sup>th</sup> Year of Japan India Diplomatic Relationship we are conducting the “Online Philatelic Exposition of Japanese Stamps” One Week One Theme for 50.

### 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022

5<sup>TH</sup> KAIZEN COMPETITION through online and inperson

### 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

MONOZUKURI Seminar Series - “KAIZEN FOR HIGHER PRODUCTIVITY” By Mr. R.Mukundan, Vice President

### 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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**2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Summer Camp

**2<sup>nd</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Japanese for Kids Conversation Course

**7<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

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**14<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

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**21<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

70<sup>th</sup> Year of Japan India Diplomatic Relationship we are conducting the "Online Philatelic Exposition of Japanese Stamps" One Week One Theme for 50.

**27<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

MONOZUKURI Seminar Series - **"USE OF 5S FOR ACHIEVING MONOZUKURI"** by Dr.R. Balakrishnan, Program Director, ABK AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre

**28<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

70<sup>th</sup> Year of Japan India Diplomatic Relationship we are conducting the "Online Philatelic Exposition of Japanese Stamps" One Week One Theme for 50.

**4<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

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**11<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

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**12<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

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**18<sup>th</sup> June 2022**


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**24<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

MONOZUKURI Seminar Series - **IMPROVING EFFICIENCY AND LOSS REDUCTION USING TPM AS A MONOZUKURI TOOL**" by Mr. B. Palaniappan, Program Director -Quality & Productivity Initiatives

**25<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

70<sup>th</sup> Year of Japan India Diplomatic Relationship we are conducting the "Online Philatelic Exposition of Japanese Stamps" One Week One Theme for 50.



The poster is for a seminar titled "KAIZEN FOR HIGHER PRODUCTIVITY". It is organized by the Indian Chamber of Commerce Japan (ICCI), Osaka, and the Tamil Nadu Chamber of Nippon India Trade and Industry (TACNITI). The seminar is free and part of the Monozukuri Seminar Series. It is presented by Mr. R. Mukundan, Vice President of ABK AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamil Nadu Centre. The date is Friday, 29th April 2022, from 10:00am to 11:00am IST (1:30pm to 2:30pm JST). A registration link is provided: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfedOoErdWiX428TWvLbFBPMwEK-lv3JTUhiHHJq2s2MShSkw/viewform>. The poster also mentions that registrants will get the Zoom link closer to the date. It is co-sponsored by ABK AOTS DOSOKAI, Chennai. Contact information for TACNITI is provided at the bottom: 3rd Floor, Chatsau 'D' Ampa, # 37 (110) Nelson Manickam Road, Aminjikarai, Chennai-600 029, INDIA. Tel.: 91-44-2374 0318, 2374 3573. Telefax: 91-44-2374 3575. E-mail: info@tacniti.com. Web: www.tacniti.com.

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