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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2012-13

The AGM on 15th June was held at Sarat Samity and it was decided that the same Executive Committee as of last year would continue. The General Secretary, Sanjoy Ganguly, read out the Annual Report followed by the Balance Sheet as of 31st March 2013 by Treasurer, Arunava Roy. All the NKK members present, expressed their views & gave suggestions.

Snacks were distributed at the end.

The Present Committee:

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MONTHLY PROGRAMME

- ◆ **Fresher's Welcome :** 31st Jul 2013
Sarat Samity 6pm
- ◆ **Cinema Nippon:** 1st, 2nd, 3rd Aug 2013
At Nandan II
- ◆ **India Japan Students' Conference:**
9th ~ 18th August 2013
Opening Ceremony 9th Aug 2013
Birla Academy, Southern Avenue 11 am
- ◆ **Calligraphy Demonstration:**
By Nagahama Sensei 14th Aug 2013
Sarat Samity 6:30pm
- ◆ **NKKS Founders Day:** 15th Aug 2013
At Nigam Sensei's Residence 5:30 pm
- ◆ **Nihongo Quiz :** 14th Sep 2013
(Details in next issue)



PURSUING HIGHER STUDIES IN JAPAN

Ever since I took up Electrical Engineering at Jadavpur University, it was my dream to pursue higher studies in Japan since Japan is the technological hub of the world. Thus, I started my Japanese Language course at Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture since to live in Japan, being acquainted with Japanese language and their culture is very crucial. Moreover, being an anime fan since childhood, Japanese culture intrigued me which was another impetus to learn Japanese.

Last year, I was very lucky to have participated in the JENESYS Program which constituted a 10 day stay in Japan and I was really mesmerized and impressed with Japan and its people. I was lucky enough to have visited the University of Tokyo, one of the top 10 universities in the world in Engineering, during our stay. I really like the ambience and the system there and since then I had the dream of doing my Masters in the University of Tokyo. Thus, I applied to the Masters Program for International students and following rounds of online tests and intense interviews, I was lucky enough to get selected for the Masters Program. I was elated. Despite getting a couple of fully funded admits from

the US, I still decided to study in Japan because Satellite Communications is a very appealing subject to me. Moreover, the prowess of the University of Tokyo is unmatched and Japan happens to be my favourite country.

I would like to express my gratitude towards Ruma Sensei, Nigam Sensei and Mr. Yoshino Hiroshi for their guidance and support which made it possible for me to apply for partial scholarship and hence I could make my decision with much ease. I am really looking forward to my Masters Course in Japan beginning this September, I feel very excited and am looking forward to making a big leap in my Academic Career.

Budhaditya Pyne

AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. ARNAK BANERJEE

Ram Mohan alias ARNAK BANERJEE, now working in Maruti Suzuki India Limited - MPT in Gurgaon as a Team Leader of Japanese Interpreter & Translator Group (Japanese Admin. Dept.) was my classmate in Kolkata at Japanese Language class. For some years then we shared a very good cordial relation. That intimacy still exists. We frequently talk with other through telephone. I remember very much his frustrations, dreams and determination. Actually this interview is reminiscent of his past struggle. Finalising his interview excerpts in this pluvial night rain reminds me that young boy, sometimes with childlike impracticabilities, sometimes with tinsel-town-like heroic posture etc. But I enjoyed all those. Actually I used to and tried to pamper him in all respects. He was much younger than me. Suddenly I heard he changed his name legally from ram Mohan to Arnak. He told me about his disliking to his name which was a butt of jokes. He was constantly teased for his old-fashioned name. once probably I exhorted him to stick to his name as Ram Mohan Roy was the first modern pioneer of Bengal Renaissance! But he must have his own reasons. So he was re-incarnated as Arnak with new nomenclature.

Now Interview Excerpts:

Q: Now how was the journey - from a small place of Howrah to Delhi -1 crore apartment and commuting by own car?

A: Actually living in poverty I wanted to do something big - at present salary of 1.5lac per month, living in 1 crore own apartment and commuting by my own car does matter for a poor boy of West Bengal.

Q: But why in the study of Foreign language-

A: Actually from my childhood I heard about one of my cousins- who went to Paris. I nourished the dream of going abroad in my mind. O after completed 12th standard, I joined Indo Japan Language Studies Society - Kolkata for learning Japanese Language.

Q: But why Japanese Language?

A: I heard there were much scopes of employment in the field of Japanese Language.

Q: But I know after learning Japanese Language even long five years you was very frustrated. You could not get any job.

A: Yes - that was a bleak period for me. On account of frustration I gave up Japanese Language and started to search for some other types of job. But as a

student I was very mediocre and I had no previous work experience -

Q: yes - I know you was on the verge of breaking down.

A: yes. But then suddenly a phone call came. I was assigned with a short-term freelancing work with some Japanese visitors. But that was a total fiasco. You can't believe that not a single Japanese word came from my mouth. I was so embarrassed on that day. It was really difficult. That was my first work experience in Japanese language. I was pathetic. But I could earn Rs.850 for one day just because of sitting with them.

Q: In spite of disastrous debut you emerged victorious at last.

A: After that horrible performance, I got a chance of job interview in Jamshedpur and I failed again! I was so frustrated! I thought I could not recover from it.! But after a few months, once again I got a chance for interview in the same company in Jamshedpur.

Q: And you was selected.....

A: Yes - I could not believe my luck - I was given a salary of Rs15,000/- per month.

Q: How was the first day office experience?

A: First day was as usual horrible! I fumbled. But almost 8 months I worked there like a hardcore loser!

Q: Then you came to New Delhi....

A: Actually in this period I was so much inspired and supported by my wife. Then we were in love and she never let me to give up hope. Then I tried to improve my interpretation skill and gave stress on Technical Interpretation by doing various freelancing part time jobs. Then I came to Gurgaon and joined Maruti Suzuki. Now I have been continuing here..

Q: You went Japan -

A: Yes - on behalf of my company I was selected for Japan trip twice. Those months were a memorable experience for me. My long -cherished dream at last came true!

Q: Do you still remember your Kolkata days?

A: Yes - I long for Kolkata very much - I am thankful to my Japanese teachers, Seniors & Friends for being with me in those difficult times.

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Q: You also participated in Japanese Language Speech Contest -

A: Yes - I participated for several times -

Q: Any advice to Japanese Language Students -

A: Learn this language by heart. Japan is a very beautiful country with full of honest, hard working & kind hearted persons. Opportunities are always there!

Aloke Basu

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KOTOWAZA

In a special academic session, Alope Basu conducted the class on KOTOWAZA. Kotowaza is a Japanese word which means Proverb. Alope Basu reminded the participants that KOTOWAZA will help Japanese language students to use the said proverbs more in spoken Japanese and this will help everybody to attain fluency not only in spoken, but also written Japanese.

In his style of teaching Alope Basu showed appreciable skill in making the participants confident in using the proverbs at proper places.

Alope Basu with his skill acumen in Japanese language gave some example of some commonly used proverbs as 'Blood is thicker than water – *chi wa mizu yori mo koi*- Fortune favours the brave- *kooun wa yuusha ni mikata suru*. A bolt from the blue – *Ne mimi ni mizu*.

On both whole the kotowaza session was a milestone for attaining fluency in both spoken and written Japanese language. We hope Alope Basu will maintain the tempo of giving such lessons to all our members time to time.

Asim Bose



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The India Japan Students' Conference, conceived by Nihongo Kaiwa Kyookai Society was conceived in 1997 by the then Executive Committee with Nigam Sensei at the helm. Since then this interaction of students has been held for two years consecutively in Kolkata, India, followed by one year in Tokyo, Japan. It has opened the doors of international study and exposure, resulting in employment to a large number of participants.

JAPANESE CROSSWORD
(July - August)

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ACROSS

- 1) Life & death
- 4) View
- 7) Gene
- 9) To go
- 10) Descend
- 14) Cold
- 15) To see
- 16) Port
- 18) Picture book
- 20) Chemical combination
- 22) Be angry
- 24) Winter
- 25) Big fire/Master
- 27) Necklace
- 28) Progress

DOWN

- 1) Gender
- 2) Heredity
- 3) Core
- 5) Enter
- 6) Comfortable
- 8) Plot/Plan
- 11) Soybean
- 12) Crane
- 13) Group/Team
- 14) Foster child
- 15) Private house
- 17) Middle finger
- 19) Auditorium
- 21) Song
- 23) Category
- 24) Clothes
- 26) Will

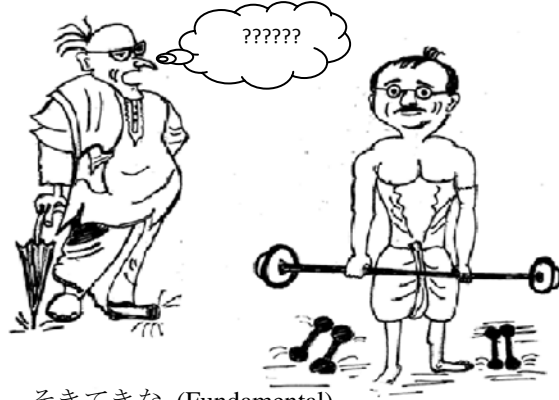
Mahashveta Basu Mukherjee

Answers to
JAPANESE CROSSWORD
(May - June)

1. し	2. ず	3. か	な		4. ひ	5. く	6. い
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16. か	ん	17. こ	く	18. ご		19. き	み
い		20. た	し	か	21. な		さ
22. が	く	い		23. い	か	さ	ま

WORD JUMBLE - 27

Unscramble the following words, and join the circled letters to find out the answer:



1. そきてきな (Fundamental)

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2. くとんて (Punctuation)

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3. くにんし (Blood relation)

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4. にんくか (Confirm)

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5. りきば (Horsepower)

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6. みくかず (Wastepaper)

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Sontu Debnath

ANSWERS TO WORD JUMBLE - 26

- 1. しょうどくざい
- 2. うけつける
- 3. かんとく
- 4. とりひき
- 5. じょうほうしより

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A peep into
NKKS ACTIVITIES

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