

38th In-Nichi Bunkasai



The much awaited 38th In-Nichi Bunkasai was held on 12th March 2023. The excitement in the air could be felt equally by both new and old members alike. The event started with speeches from the President of NKKS Mrs. Poonam Nand Dey and Consul General of Japan in Kolkata, Mr. NAKAGAWA Koichi. It was then followed by a wonderful drama called Mondai-san, where the antics of the chief character, Mondai-san created an absolutely hilarious situation. Next came two melodious Group Songs by members of NKKS where Mrs. NAKAGAWA Yayoi, spouse of Consul General of Japan in Kolkata kindly joined as well. Their synchronised harmony could only be felt, not explained. After that, we were presented with a heartfelt Nostalgia Video, showcasing the unearthing of a time capsule that was buried by a few Japanese students who were living and studying in Kolkata more than 25 years ago. Mr. Supratik Sil Roy from the Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata presented us with Glimpses of Cultural Events that happened during the entire year. This was followed by a musical performance from Yume, The Band followed by another song performance by Japan Club, Kolkata. The Shruti Natok based on Rabindranath Tagore's Shuoranir sadh that came after brought about an immediate change of mood in the minds of audience. The performance of Japanese Melodies again got the audience in an upbeat mode and the next performance Skit: Mind your Language Part XIII got everyone cackling once again through their clever and hilarious use of language. Before the audience could get a respite from all the belly laughter, the stage was set for the Bon Odori dance. The stage became full of joy and jubilation as everyone danced to the track of Bon Odori in whichever way they could. The program ended with the NKKS song followed by a vote of thanks. This program has become a tradition of sharing happiness and joy through the sharing of cultures among both the Indian and Japanese people and it is very apparent that the 39th In-Nichi Bunkasai has now got a high standard to surpass.

~ Debabrata Dey



Meet Consul General NAKAGAWA

Hello everyone. I am NAKAGAWA Koichi, Consul General of Japan in Kolkata. In May 2022, I arrived in Kolkata from the place of my last posting, Los Angeles.

Kolkata is known to bear signs of a good old capital city where remnants of the erstwhile British Empire can still be found. Nonetheless, what impressed me on my first arrival here, was the beautiful green cityscape with lively activities of the people and the respect for their own customs and language in their daily lives. On the other hand, I also felt the diversity and depth of thought of the people of Bengal, through their cross-cultural and religious interest, heartwarming attitude toward foreigners; against the backdrop of their rich culture and education.

Kolkata is the city where the people-to-people exchanges between Japan and India initiated through the great poet Tagore and later the “Two Boses”, Behari Bose and Chandra Bose, followed by Justice Pal. I am sure I will find several common features between Kolkata, West Bengal and Japan such as people-to-people ties and the cultural diversity and to make these vehicles to promote further bilateral exchanges during my tenure.

In March this year, Prime Minister Kishida visited Delhi and met with Prime Minister Modi, and they agreed to promote tourism and strengthen student exchange. After last year's milestone of the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and India, another 10 years have commenced since January this year.

I hope that together with the people of Bengal, we can open a new door for Japan-India exchange from here in Kolkata.

Academic Qualifications: I majored in economics at university.

Day you started work as Consul General of Japan in Kolkata: May 20, 2022.

Hobbies: Photography. While in Kolkata, I would like to capture images which reflects the essence of people's daily life and the spirit of this city.

~ Aloke Basu

To be continued.....

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雨が降ろうと、槍が降ろうと | Come hell or high water, no matter what

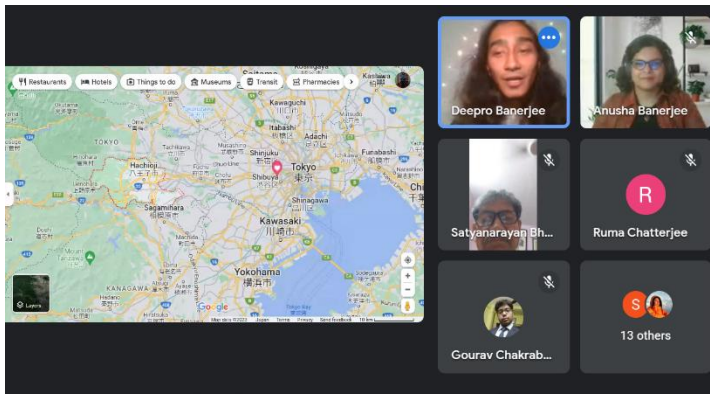
Condolence Meeting for Ruma Chatterjee



Condolence meeting for Mrs. RUMA CHATTERJEE was held in the residence of Kazuko Nigam Sensei in a solemn and sombre atmosphere on 16th April 2023, whose sudden demise on 9th April 2023 shocked everyone. The meeting was conducted by Mrs. Poonam Nand Dey, President of NKKS. Many speakers including Nigam sensei, Ravi Nigam sir, Partha san, Jayanta san, Tanusree san, Babli san and many students of RUMA sensei shared their memories and experiences soulfully. A good number of people attended the solemn occasion.

~ Aloke Basu

Through the Eyes of a Korukatajin : My Life in Japan



On 8th April 2023 we got an insight into the life of an engineering student in Japan through an online event. The event was conducted by Deepto San who shared some details about his whereabouts in Japan, about his University and then he shared some beautiful facts about it. One of the astonishing facts was that they have a breath-taking statue of “Rabindranath Tagore” in the campus. He shared a few pictures of his workplace and places he went

due to some college work in Japan. About the places he visited, he started off with Shinjuku, Shibuya and its fascinating crossing, Tokyo station, Ueno, Akhihabara alongwith some tantalizing facts about those places. He also talked about Yokohama and Kanagawa prefecture and his experience of different Japanese cuisines there with beautiful pictures. Deepto San then talked about Sumos in Japan, sakura and more on appetizing Japanese foods. Last but not the least Deepto San shared his own astoundment moments in Japan like how much different Japan was to his expectations. Finally we ended this spectacular session with Q/A where lots of interesting questions came up like difference in cultures.

~ Riya

26th India Japan Students' Conference

The 26th India Japan Student's Conference (IJSC) in February-March 2023 was a memorable event that brought together 20 students from India and 6 students from Japan in Kolkata. It was the first offline conference post-pandemic which provided a platform for discussions on topics like culture, society, food, and innovation. The conference showcased the knowledge and collaborative spirit of the Indian and Japanese students. The discussions centered around



Sustainable Development Goals and provided a vibrant platform for learning and exploration. The participants also engaged in various activities such as home stays, cultural exchanges, company visit and sight seeing. The conference was a remarkable achievement, and we must continue fostering cross-cultural communication and understanding for mutual growth and development. We hope for the continuation of even better successive conferences!

~ Tunde Chakrabarti
President, 26th IJSC

Please attend the memorial service honouring Ruma sensei, organized by her ex-students

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10 May 2023 6.30 PM**

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5.00 PM**

**JLPT Preparatory Session
By Priyaly Chakraborty
(joining link will be sent by email)**

Word Grid

~ Soham Pal

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Find out at least ten **4 letter** Japanese words present in the above grid. You can go vertically, diagonally and horizontally.

Word Grid Solution

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Find the Person

~ Tisyagupta Pyne

Fill in the Blanks to Find Out the Famous Japanese Personality

- りんさんの__すめがおとなになりましたね。ああ、なつかしいよ。
- かれは __んぼうなひと ですから あぶないよ。
- じんじやに行って __ __ さまにねがった。さいきんいろいろなめんどうがあるんです。
- 「__ __ のなかにきみがいる。」、ありまこうせいと言った。アニメは？四がつは君のうそです。なつのまえはなに？(ヒント)
- __んようびにしけんがあります。そして、どうようびはやすみだからよかったです。

Ans: _____ さん, a prolific author from Japan whose novels are often influenced by the west.

Find the Person Solution

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こやま
小山ひさこさん



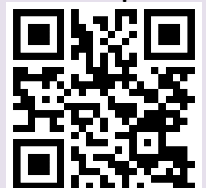
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