

Annual General Meeting



38th AGM of NKKS was held on 17th June 2023 at SARAT SAMITY HALL. At first President POONAM NAND DE delivered a speech. Then secretary's speech was read by ANUPAM DAS on behalf of secretary SANJOY GANGULY. On behalf of treasurer REEMA BASU auditor's report was read by ALOKE BASU. After that existing executive committee was dissolved and new executive committee was formed. Our old member BANASREE BHATTACHARYA read the names of new executive committee as follows:

- 1: BABLI CHOWDHURY (PRESIDENT)
- 2: SUMANA DEY (VICE-PRESIDENT)
- 3: PAPIYA DASGUPTA (TREASURER)
- 4: ANUPAM DAS (SECRETARY)
- 5: SHREYA BOSE (ASST. SECRETARY)
- 6: SUMANA BHATTACHARJEE
- 7: ELA BHATTACHARYA
- 8: PRABHAT DATTA
- 9: SMRITIMAN BARUA

New executive committee members were welcomed heartily by all. After the session there was a book-bazar of various Japanese language oriented books. Students found those books attractive and necessary so those books were readily lapped by them! With this there was obviously sumptuous snacks for everyone!

~ Alope Basu

Meet Consul General NAKAGAWA

(continued from previous edition)



Impressions from first India visit: This is actually my second assignment in India. I started my career more than 38 years ago when I worked at the Consulate-General of Japan in Bombay (now Mumbai). So India is the country where my work life began.

I still remember the day I arrived in Bombay from Japan, the moment when the flight from Narita touched down on the runway of the then Bombay International Airport. It was as if the air in the cabin changed suddenly. A mixture of dust, sweat, and spice, reminded me of the liveliness of the people and the bustle of the city, and I felt as if my body was instantly enveloped by such an atmosphere. Once I boarded the plane, the airport terminal was dimly lit and sparsely populated except for passengers on the same flight,

creating a kind of silence in the air. However, as soon as I passed through immigration and customs and stepped out of the terminal, I was greeted by a bustling noise that was the complete opposite of the quietness I had experienced just before. I remember that I managed to jump into the Consulate-General's pickup car, after being jostled by many people who tried to forcefully carry my luggage or take a cab. The terminal exterior lights were bright even in the middle of the night. The car ride to the city center was again dark and quiet, and I could not see a thing, arriving at my hotel in silence. The next morning, I was awakened by the loud sound of the air conditioner, and as I looked out of the window to see the outside, the silence of the previous night was replaced by the sight of the people of the city, wriggling with each other in the narrow streets. The black hair of the people and their moving heads gave the impression of many cricket balls rolling on the ground.

In this way, I witnessed a condensed form of silence and noise, darkness and luster. Looking back, it seems to me that the power within and its emanation had already been hinting at the current development of Indian society for nearly 40 years.

Impressions of India and Indian people, and interesting experiences in India: I don't think Indian people can be put all together. In Delhi and Mumbai, everyone is busy doing business. But here in Kolkata, Bengali people are like the currents of the Hooghly River, like the sails of a ship on the surface of a river having magnificent history and culture.

In India, the most populous country in the world, all kinds of people are involved in and support every corner of society. Me as well, live my daily life under one roof with the people of India in a place called the official residence. I get amazed and discover new things every day through my interactions with these people and other Indians that I get to know through my work, colleagues and diplomatic activities. In that sense, you can say that my experience in India is a series of interesting things every day, I guess.

To be continued.....

~ Alope Basu

で くい う

出る杭は打たれる | The nail that sticks up will be hammered down

GOROAWASE # 4

~ Tuneer Chakrabarti

Pronounce a word using the number

96

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Hint: old movies are quite charming

GOROAWASE

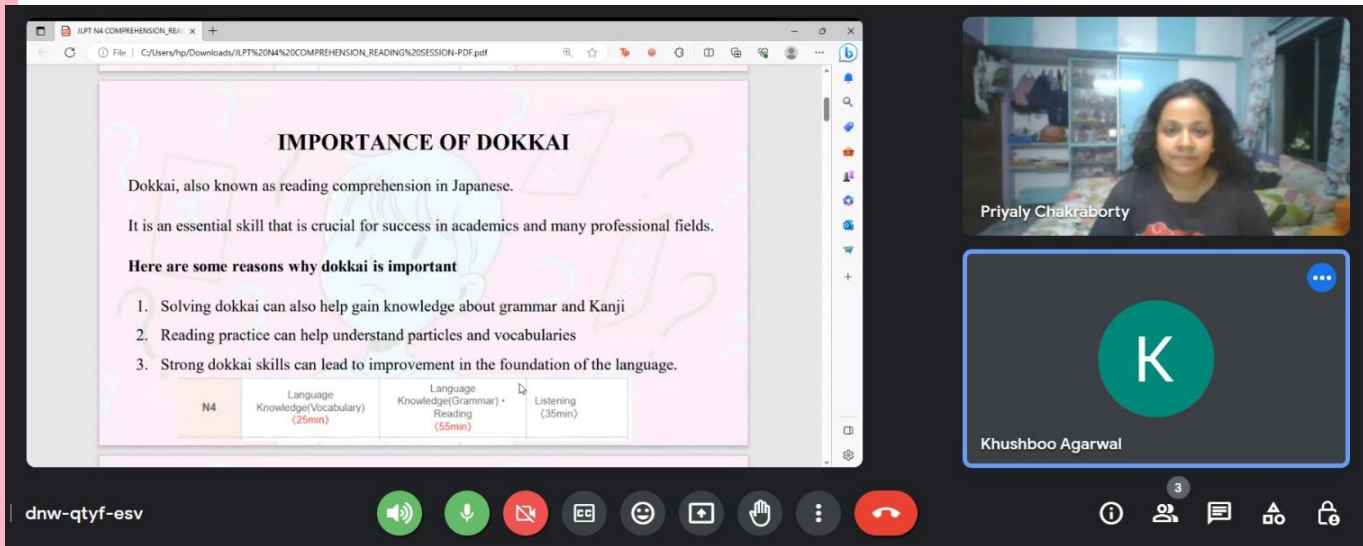
Solution # 3

8 8 9

= ha ya ku

= fast

JLPT Preparatory Session



JLPT exams were just round the corner on the 2nd of July 2023. Therefore, a JLPT preparatory session was held online on 14 May 2023 for the students who are appearing for the examination. Miss Priyali Chakravorty, presently teaching Japanese at Sister Nivedita University, showed us the way to tackle the N4 dokkai, a part of the grammar section. She emphasized that by doing the dokkai one can build on the vocabulary and Kanji reading and recognizing skills. She presented a neat and pointwise method of solving the dokkai passages. Her presentation also included some dokkai solving tips and tricks along with focus on the reading stamina of the longer passages. She also suggested from her own experience that if one came across any difficult kanji in a sentence then the only way is to get more involved into the matter, thus guessing the missing word. She also solved some dokkai questions to explain the points that she had mentioned earlier in her presentation. It was a very helpful session for those who were appearing for JLPT N4 level.

~ Babli Chowdhury

Register for the workshop from 12 July onwards on a first come first served basis

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30 July 2023 (Sun)
5.00 PM

Kanjis are Interesting
~ by Smritiman Barua & Shreya Bose
(joining link will be emailed)

7 August 2023 (Mon)

Opening Ceremony: 27th India Japan Students' Conference
Details will be posted on NKKS website

9 August 2023 (Wed)
5.00 PM

Calligraphy Demonstration cum Workshop
~ by Ms. Hiroko Nagahama
South City International School

15 August 2023 (Tue)

NKKS Foundation Day
Details will be posted on NKKS website

9 September 2023 (Sat)
2.00 PM

25th Nihongo Quiz
Shivananda Hall, RMIC Golpark

UPCOMING EVENTS

Word Grid

~ Soham Pal

Find the Person

~ Tisyagupta Pyne

ぐ	き	ち	て	け	あ	え	は	ん	す	る	わ
み	ま	ぎ	こ	の	た	び	よ	ば	ひ	て	べ
い	た	め	る	が	お	や	あ	に	え	ば	か
め	び	し	せ	い	を	し	ろ	は	せ	ぶ	ほ
せ	ほ	ん	じ	ぬ	ぐ	ず	ま	ぺ	じ	せ	ぎ
え	せ	ん	ふ	さ	み	す	げ	い	た	め	ぎ
い	ぶ	が	き	は	ぎ	べ	び	だ	を	づ	て
つ	だ	ひ	そ	う	よ	す	ぐ	ぷ	さ	び	ひ
ろ	ぶ	れ	く	ほ	の	べ	た	こ	へ	ろ	ぼ
ぶ	ん	え	ま	ご	な	ろ	ふ	す	う	じ	あ
く	さ	け	ほ	づ	か	は	ろ	れ	か	り	よ
と	ん	あ	ち	こ	ち	と	う	た	つ	る	つ

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

Fill in the Blanks to Find Out the Famous Japanese Personality

1. __つはあついです。でも、まつりとはなびはとでもたのしいです。
2. で__わをつかってタクシーをよんでください。
3. こと__はつよいです。はなすときとかくのとききをつけて。
4. __さいものをちゃんとたべて。くだものも。
5. __しとさしみどっちがすきな？わたしはにほんりょうりがだいすき。
6. しんぞうのほかのことばはなにになに？ __ころです。

Ans: _____ さん. Second woman to climb Mt. Everest and complete the seven summits.

Word Grid Solution

(May - Jun 2023)

な	か	な	か	ど	つ	や	お	ぞ	げ	よ	こ
ど	く	ご	や	こ	う	た	し	が	り	づ	お
ぎ	や	お	と	も	が	し	わ	き	ぼ	ぶ	あ
ま	り	が	に	い	ぐ	ぶ	て	る	じ	ね	あ
ぜ	ら	ぎ	ち	ぶ	た	と	ふ	わ	ん	け	え
ぶ	み	ど	り	や	お	ろ	り	ぜ	る	て	る
び	に	ぼ	ひ	お	れ	ぶ	ぶ	だ	い	げ	つ
た	し	ち	じ	み	る	ば	き	ど	す	さ	び
ろ	い	で	ま	や	べ	ら	ゆ	づ	れ	れ	べ
に	ぼ	い	の	げ	り	さ	い	ぺ	る	け	す
ぜ	べ	ろ	く	と	へ	ぞ	ろ	う	ど	う	ふ
み	み	ご	と	け	じ	が	べ	ゆ	ら	で	に

むら かみ はる き
村上春樹



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