

Experiencing Japanese Culture @Bangalore

In Bangalore in the year 2023, I attended three Japan related events all of which were very memorable experience indeed, even till today.

1. Japan Habba – I came to know about the event just before it took place on May 14 (Sunday). It was held at IISC, Bangalore. Lots of events took place in the day long program viz Cosplay, Kimono Wearing, Seiza, Shodou, Ikebana and many more. Many Japanese people, especially the women folk, participated in almost all the events and enjoyed Japanese food as well. The food court area was full of Japanese food stalls. It was a wonderful program to enjoy Japanese cultural activities within a day.

2. Japanese Food Festival – It took place at Sangri-La-Hotel on November 26 (Sunday). Around 20 stalls were set up by Japanese restaurants and food companies. While we entered, one coupon was provided by a liquor company to have one peg of Japanese liquor, ranging from Roku Gin to Sake, limited to adults only. The variety of Japanese food under one roof really astonished me and I made my Sunday lunch with Sushi, Tempura, Green Tea ice cream and one veg obento. One live counter of Sashimi was also arranged which I relished thoroughly.

3. Shodou (Calligraphy) – A Calligraphy session was held at Hotel Hatsu Hi on December 16 (Saturday). Yuki Mori San taught how to do Calligraphy. It is not only about writing hiragana / kanji on a paper with a brush and black ink but also how to sit, the right posture, how to hold the brush (ふで), how to put the brush in the ink (ぼくじゅう) in a hand holding way. Initially we only practised stroke orders on a paper. Next, each of us wrote one Japanese word in hiragana / kanji. I wrote Umi (うみ). Mori san also taught us to write our name in Kanji and all of us are in the photo with our own creations.

These were excellent opportunities to experience Japanese culture.

~ Debi Das



MEET Ela Bhattacharya

Our dearest Ela San is now a member of NKKS Executive Committee. This super enthusiastic septuagenarian lady knows what speed means. Her late father was a government employee and a zealous freedom fighter. Throughout her life she did not deviate from her father's honest and firm ideals! We had a free chat with her during a trip to Darjeeling.

Q: ELA san, you have learnt so many languages besides Japanese....

A: Actually, I tend to learn a lot from my childhood owing to the academic atmosphere of our family! In this way I learnt SPANISH, PORTUGUESE, GERMAN, FRENCH, ITALIAN and a little bit of Persian also!

Q: Tell us about your academic background.

A: I was born in Kolkata, but studied in Varanasi till class 8. After returning to Kolkata, I completed my graduation from Women's Christian College in Bengali. Later I completed my PHD on Bengali Poetry. Then I taught in Vivekananda College and Scottish Church College.

Q: In 2011 you superannuated from Education Directorate (WB) as an Inspector. Still, you are a very active in various fields?

A: Yes, now I teach poor students. I am associated with some social works. I am a member of 'Nikhil Bango Sahitya Sammelan' and sometimes I contribute articles on tour and travelling for the journal of this institution.

Q: You also completed Post Graduation in SANSKRIT and PHILOSOPHY. But why did you decide to study Japanese Language?

A: Actually, one of my neighbours always boasted of learning the very difficult Japanese language! I felt a kind of challenge and got admitted in a Japanese language course in Maniktala Bhasha Parishad where my teacher was Sutapa Das. After one year, I went to learn Japanese in Bhawanipore Education Society where my teachers were Poonam Nand De and Reema Basu. In 2000 I got admitted in Indo – Japanese Language Studies Society where my teacher was Kazuko Nigam.

Q: Your hobbies...

A: Painting, Sewing, Reading, Travelling, Photography. I also play the guitar!

Q: You went to Japan. How was your Japan tour?

A: In 2021, I went to Japan for 15 days. It was a very excellent tour! Japan mesmerized me in all respects with discipline, dedication to work, culture, and deep love for life!

Q: You also travelled so many countries ...

A: Yes, I have travelled a lot! USA, England, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Dubai!

Q: Any memorable incident...

A: There are so many pleasant experiences! I can't remember specifically but I enjoyed so many beautiful moments in Kazuko Nigam Sensei's Japanese class! In Dubai I went for an assignment in connection with my legal profession where also I enjoyed very much!

Q: Any advice to the students of Japanese language?

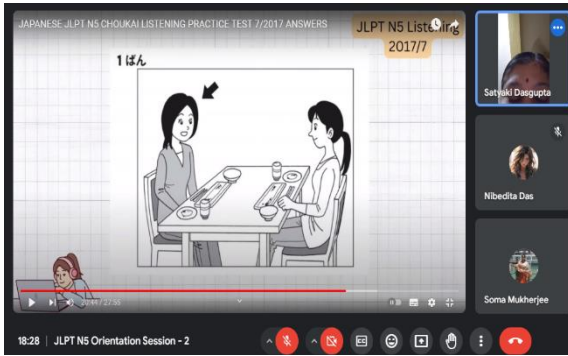
A: Actually, there is no royal road to learning! If you want to learn this language you have to give regular attention! And above all love this language!

~ Alope Basu



JLPT N5 Practice Session

NKKS Annual General Meeting



On 5th May 2024, a JLPT session was conducted by Sumana Dey sensei teaching Japanese language at The Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture and Papiya Dasgupta sensei teaching Japanese language at Rabindra Okakura Bhawan. The objective of the JLPT practice session was to enhance the language proficiency of the participants, focusing on listening, reading, and comprehension skills required for the JLPT examination. The session began with participants engaging in reading comprehension tasks. They read passages from JLPT preparation materials and practiced identifying key information, understanding context, and inferring meanings of unfamiliar words. Following the reading session, participants listened to audio clips of varying difficulty levels. This helped them improve their listening skills and adapt to the pace and accent of native Japanese speakers. Also, Shreya Bose san and Smritiman Barua san helped in presenting the JLPT preparation materials. The JLPT practice session proved to be a valuable opportunity for participants to refine their Japanese language skills and prepare effectively for JLPT.

~ Sankalan Bhattacharya

The 39th Annual General Meeting was held on 22nd June 2024 that proved to be a great success. The formal proceedings, initiated by the President, Mrs. Babli Chowdhury, were followed by detailed reports from the Secretary, Mr. Anupam Das. On behalf of the treasurer, Mr. Alope Basu provided a comprehensive overview of the organization's financial health. The members of new executive committee for the financial year 2024-2025 are as follows:

Mrs. Babli Chowdhury, President
Mrs. Sumana Dey, Vice-President
Mr. Anupam Das, Secretary
Miss Shreya Bose, Assistant Secretary
Mrs. Papiya Dasgupta, Treasurer
Mr. Smritiman Barua, member
Miss Sumana Bhattacharya, member
Miss. Ela Bhattacharya, member
Miss Khushboo Agarwal, member

The highlight of the day was the eagerly anticipated Book Bazaar, which saw an enthusiastic response from members. Both used and new Japanese books, including mangas and textbooks, were quickly snapped up, demonstrating the vibrant interest and engagement within the NKKS community. The event not only enriched the members' collections but also underscored the society's commitment to fostering a love for Japanese culture and literature.

~ Khushboo Agarwal

Best Wishes

*To the students participating in
the 28th IJSC in Tokyo from 21
Aug to 1 Sep !!!*



21 July 2024 (Sun)
6.00 PM

Haiku Lecture
~ by Nirmal Kr. Das Sensei
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10 August 2024 (Sat)
2.00 PM

26th Nihongo Quiz
@ RMIC, Golpark
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15 August 2024 (Thu)
5.00 PM

NKKS Foundation Day
@ CLT Dhakuria

Word Grid

~ Nivi Pal

け	あ	ら	ふ	わ	い	ち	い	ち	へ	お	ぎ
ろ	む	に	こ	や	か	そ	お	め	あ	は	は
ぎ	あ	ぎ	あ	ぞ	を	い	わ	べ	ぐ	ん	ぬ
ば	わ	え	き	ぬ	わ	で	く	い	ち	だ	わ
げ	が	す	ん	い	お	ひ	わ	は	け	ん	ゆ
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ぼ	え	ぬ	さ	が	ひ	ぎ	れ	ぼ	ぜ	わ	い
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ぴ	た	ふ	ぼ	り	を	つ	さ	ぴ	は	び	あ
ら	ず	で	き	た	に	ご	い	ぜ	ん	ぼ	ご
て	い	お	ん	げ	ね	ぶ	も	た	め	あ	ぼ
ら	ぴ	ま	わ	は	ん	せ	ぐ	め	ち	む	み

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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ぎ	じ	い	ぎ	で	へ	れ	い	ね	ん	の	ぶ
ふ	あ	じ	ぼ	さ	い	か	い	も	ぬ	ほ	る
ぼ	ま	つ	ち	わ	ぐ	な	ひ	も	よ	さ	ば
だ	ひ	け	り	な	ぶ	ご	ん	め	ゆ	お	み
ぐ	ぞ	び	ひ	た	る	に	ひ	ぜ	ふ	い	し
び	く	ご	さ	え	い	べ	し	と	ん	す	び
ぶ	ら	ぶ	ら	り	だ	ら	く	げ	で	つ	ほ
ぜ	ち	ら	は	ん	ぜ	い	い	あ	ん	よ	ぼ
み	が	う	う	ん	じ	ほ	ふ	ら	う	い	び
せ	ど	や	こ	む	けん	こう	つ	げ	ん		
ば	ず	く	し	は	ん	け	い	ぐ	む	ぼ	げ
お	や	つ	ぼ	ぎ	よ	れ	ね	へ	く	お	す

Find the Person

~ Tisyagupta Pyne

Fill in the Blanks to Find Out the Famous Japanese Personality

1. こうえんの__りぐちからこうえんにはいってください。
2. そのすしのなかの__かなはおいしかったです。。__さいのすしもおいしかったです。
3. ひらがなでかくとき「パ」のはつおんのために「ハ」にちいさい__るをつけるのはひつようです。
4. せんげつのやちんをあしたまでに__らわなきや。まだきゅうりょうをもらっていないからお__いさんにかります。
5. さいきんちゃんとみえなくなったからあたらしい__がねをかいました。

Ans : _____ さん。
Creator of Attack on Titan manga.

Find the Person Solution

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うただ
宇多田ヒカル さん



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