

Hiragana News

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Asaka-area International Society

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April Schedule

10:00 – 12:00

Date	Subject	Place
Apr.04(Fri.)	Japanese/ Chatting Table Board Meeting of new and former members 13:00	Community Center 2F Ongakushitsu 2F Bikōshitsu 16:00
Apr.11(Fri.)	Japanese/ Chatting Table	Community Center 1F Gallery
Apr.18(Fri.)	Annual General Meeting	Community Center 2F Gakushūshitsu
Apr.25(Fri.)	Japanese/Chatting Table	Community Center 1F Shūkaishitsu

April 18th

There is an Annual General Meeting. Please attend!

I Returned to a Child's Mind

(Impression of Jan. Event)

Rosie Villanueva (Philippines)

On Jan.17, Friday, there was an event at AIS. As I didn't know that, I was surprised and wondered what we were going to do. We sang songs, danced, played games and they were so much fun. Teachers, event staff and students all looked happy. I myself returned to a child's mind of many years ago and lost track of the time.

It was my first time to join an event like this. I talked with not only Japanese people but also Filipinos and others coming from overseas. I had a variety of experiences and it was a good way to study, too. I'd like to attend more events like the one we had this time.

Lastly, I'd like to thank all AIS teachers, event staff and students.

**FEB. EVENT REPORT**

Junko Yanagi (Japan)

All the dishes of "OMOTENASHI

Cooking" held on Feb. 14 were easy and economical.

French toast made with French bread, green salad with miso dressing and hand-rolled sushi were all very delicious. I soon cooked them at my house.

Thank you Ms. Mizuno for teaching us cooking.

**Minutes of Board Meeting**

Mar.07 8 Board Members and 4 Observers

*Report from each group

*About Study Group

*AIS's 25th Anniversary events

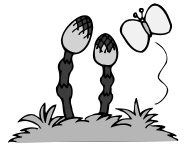
*Schedules, budgets and role of next term

Information

*We will collect the membership fee(¥1,500) for the next 5 months (April, May, June, July and September) in 2014, on April 4th.

*Japanese Group's Section Meeting

Date: April 04 (Fri.) 9:00 – 9:50

**Imo**

Beena Rijal(Nepal)

Imo is a Japanese word. There is no word to replace it. For example in English, potato and sweet potato are popular, but in Japan there are so many types of Imos.

Jyagaimo(potato), Nagaimo(?), Satoimo(?), Satsumaimo(sweet potato), Jinenjo(?), Konnyakuimo(konnyaku), Ebiimo(?) and so on.

I think, many Japanese think they only have varieties of Imo. But that is not true. In my country Nepal we also have varieties of Imos, maybe as many as or more than Japan. Nepali people also like imo very much. Naming of Imo is a bit difficult compared to Japan. We say Alu(potato), Pidalu(Satoimo), Thulo Pidalu(Ebiimo), Tarul(Nagaimo), Nagaimo are white color and purple color. Wild imo (similar to Jinenjo), Sakarkhanda (Satsumaimo), and root of Hayatori is also called imo and it is very tasty.

In Nepal we do not eat raw imo. We definitely cook, make curry, or just steam and eat.

It's very surprising that Nepal and Japan have so many similarities regarding imo. The reason for it may be the geographical and climatic condition. Nepal is a country of mountains like Japan and food habit and vegetables are common.

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For your reference:Nagaimo..Chinese yam, Satoimo...taro,
Jinenjo...Japanese yam, Konnyakuimo...Konjac potato, Devil's tongue,
Ebiimo...type of taro from Kyoto

**Tea Break (M.W)**

Our pet is a 38- gram- female budgie. Her body colors are blue and yellow plus a bit of gray, and she's quite beautiful. Our bird doctor, whom we take her to for check-up says, "Rea-chan is a beauty!", and I, as the owner, am very proud.



However, Rea is very wild. She threatens the doctor who tries to feel her for checking. Whenever Rea has a chance, she tries to bite her. The doctor says, "Rea-chan, don't be so angry. You're giving me a dagger-like look. Your eyes are narrowing!"

Rea walks and flies by as she pleases at home. She climbs up me and bites my ears and neck. She slips into my sweater and bites my back. "She was quiet and adorable when I found her in a pet shop, and when she came to my house...." I keep looking back often for those days, and seven years have passed.

Here's someone paying a respect to a budgie, making eyes at her and thinking, "She's the best.!!" An owner.