

Hiragana News

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Asaka-area International Society

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June Schedule



10:00 – 12:00

Date	Subject	Place
June 6 (Fri.)	Japanese/ Chatting Table (Board Meeting 13:00~16:00)	Community Center 2F Gakushūshitsu (2F Bikōshitsu)
June 13 (Fri.)	Japanese/ Chatting Table	Community Center 1F Shūkaishitsu
June 20 (Fri.)	Opening Ceremony 25 th Anniversary AIS Foundation 9:00~16:00	Community Center 2F Recreation Hall
June 27 (Fri.)	Japanese/ Chatting Table	Community Center 1F Shūkaishitsu

2014 Representative's Greeting

Akiko Suzuki (Japan)

Hello. I am Akiko Suzuki. On April 18th, we finished the plenary meeting without any problems. I became the representative of AIS this year again. I will do my best to perform my duties as in the previous years.

I have many chances to meet various kinds of people. I often feel that people are all different in character with different ideas and thoughts. No one person has the same character as another. Especially for foreign residents, it is much harder for them to live in Japan because of differences in language, customs, and lifestyles.

AIS organizes a lot of activities, not only Japanese language lessons, but also other activities that promote learning and cooperation between the Japanese and foreign members. Through AIS activities, we enjoy ourselves and we pay attention to people around us with smiles in our face.

This year, we celebrate the 25th foundation anniversary of AIS. Starting from the opening ceremony in June, many events associated with the anniversary will be held, such as a seminar on international understanding, a one-day bus tour, and so on. I hope many people will join our events, through which they can seriously think about international exchange.

Lastly, I do appreciate your constant support and cooperation.

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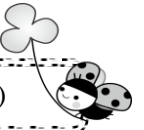
May 09 (8 board members and 1 observer):
• Report from each group.
• AIS' 25th Anniversary events

Information

Study Group: "Let's Think about Japanese Language"
June 13 (Fri.) 9:00~9:50

New Member

Ms. Momoko Kato (Japan)



Information on the opening ceremony

Opening ceremony of the 25th anniversary of AIS foundation

—Let's celebrate the 25th anniversary together—Date and Time: Friday, June 20th.

10:30-14:00 (Reception starts at 10)

Place: Asaka Community Center
2F / Recreation Hall

Program: Ceremony and entertainments (singing
and dancing)

AIS members and former members can join (free
admission)

Please contact AIS before June 5th if you wish to join.

I Came to Asaka

Yuko Maeda (Japan)



I have joined AIS since January of this year. Some members said to me, "You speak Japanese well." They think I am a foreign member, but actually I am Japanese.

I am from Kansai (southwestern part of Japan). I might speak with some regional accent. As I became an AIS member, I try to speak much more beautiful Japanese.

Talking about the month of April, this is the season of transfers. I suppose some people moved to Asaka, and others moved out. As matter of fact, I myself would like to move. The other day, I counted how many times my family has moved: 27 times, including 10 places in foreign countries!

Changing residence leads to new relationships. The life environment changes as well. I enjoyed those changes; however, for our children(child?) we cannot move any more. For this reason, we moved to my husband's hometown, Asaka.

Asaka is really a good place to live. People are also very warm. I was so surprised with these merits here. Possibly, I will finally settle down here in Asaka.

I have lived here only for four years. I will highly appreciate any information about Asaka.

