

**October Schedule**

10:00 – 12:00



Date	Subject	Place
Oct. 3 (Fri.)	Japanese/ Chatting Table	Community Center 2F Gakushūshitsu
Oct. 10. (Fri.)	Japanese/ Chatting Table (Board Meeting 13:00~16:00)	Community Center 1F Gallery 2F Bikōshitsu
Oct. 17 (Fri.)	AIS Event (Open School) International Understanding II	Community Center 1F Shūkaishitsu
Oct. 24 (Fri.)	Japanese/ Chatting Table	Sangyōbunka Center 2F Shūkaishitsu 1
Oct. 31 (Fri.)	Japanese/ Chatting Table	Asaka Library 1F Shichōkakushitsu

Notice: There is a change of venue.

International Understanding II (Open School)

Date: Oct. 17 (Fri.)

World Culture...Look, Listen, Enjoy!!
Language, Beans of the world,
Fashion show
Let's enjoy together!!

**Dialogue in the Dark (DID) Experience**

Jinko Kakuta (Japan)

I experienced DID, which a German philosopher proposed to me with my friend. I walked with a white stick along a course which was completely dark with eight participants. The fear of it was beyond imagination. In the dark, after Ms. A's introduction, who is visually impaired, we introduced ourselves and played with a ball that had a bell inside. Ms. A soon memorized all participants' names and voices and could roll the ball to the correct person, but we all had difficulty doing it. We walked slowly along a flower bed by smelling the soil. I was worried when Ms. A's voice came from afar. How gentle a familiar friend's voice and participants' touch were! I groped for the table and chair and sat down. I came to know the size of the room by sound. Ms. A brought wine, but I couldn't tell if they were red or white wine in the colorless world. We talked "It's red. No, it's not." After tasting, our 90 min. experience ended.

I was released from the dark and saw Ms. A in the light for the first time. Ms. A who supposed to be a reliable woman was a cute small lady who looked totally blind. Participants were very different from my impression by voice and the way they talked in the dark.

It made me think if what I usually see is the truth or not.

Minutes of Board Meeting

Sep. 12 (10 board members)

*Report from each group

*About International Understanding II

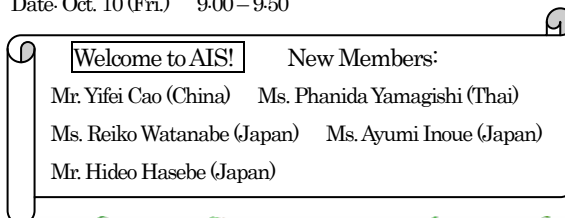
Information

*AIS will gather the second half membership fee (¥1,800) on Oct.3.

Please cooperate with bringing exact money.

*Study group: "Do you meet the learners' needs? (Problem of mutual study 1)"

Date: Oct. 10 (Fri.) 9:00 – 9:50

**Let's do our best in AIS, "Place to form Friendships"**

Kikuo Ota (Japan)

AIS was founded 25years ago and we have worked on a lot of problems and assignments together. "Give your hand, receive a friendship", the basic principle of AIS, which is still wonderfully vivid, encourages us.

Under the banner of international exchange, AIS welcomes people from all foreign countries and hopes they master Japanese language, get used to Japanese culture and lifestyle and accomplish their own goals in Japan. We have a new and happy encounter here, and have come to have warm feelings towards each other. Then we start to mingle warmly and trust each other deeply, which all of us expect. I believe that with their experiences and learning in AIS as a start, foreign members can achieve their dreams – studying abroad, finding jobs, receiving training in production division and moreover, researching and developing new products – come true.

I am sorry that this old man talks in a know-it-all manner and in a cool way. When I experienced overseas business trips and lived apart from my family abroad, I had a hard time because of the differences in language, culture, manners and customs. Although my age might sometimes be an impediment to the group, with smiles and jokes I will do my best to expand "the place for coexistence" as long as possible.

Let's do our best, shall we?

**Tea Break**

(T.O.)

Fifteen years have passed since I joined AIS. I think there are many ways of learning a foreign language. I recently noticed that not only reading example sentences silently but reading aloud repeatedly, and not only being satisfied with just copying down a text but writing down it on the paper seem to be a more active way of learning and helpful for memorizing it. In addition to that, I would like to recommend you learn words used in everyday life. What do you think of that?

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