



March Schedule 10:00 – 12:00

Date	Subject	Place
Feb. 06 (Fri.)	Japanese/Chatting Table	Community Center 2F Gakushūshitsu
Feb. 13 (Fri.)	Japanese/Chatting Table	Community Center 1F Shūkaishitsu
	Board meeting (13:30–16:00)	1F Kaigishitsu
Feb. 20 (Fri.)	Recreation	Outdoors (Asaka-no-mori)
Feb. 27 (Fri.)	Japanese/Chatting Table	Community Center 1F Washitsu

Mini Field Day in Spring

Date & Time: March 20 (Feb.) 10:00–12:00

Place: Asaka-no-mori

(3 min. walk from community center)

Please come to the entrance of 'Asaka-no-mori' by 10:00

※We are planning another menu in case of rain.

★We will have easy games such as a treasure hunt, & ladle relay race.

Let's enjoy together!!

Please come in casual clothes and shoes (sneakers).

For more inquiries, please contact Ms. Morita

Precious moment in Hawaii

Hitomi Morita (Japan)

From Feb. 2nd - 7th, I visited Hawaii with my daughter for the first time in my life. We walked along Waikiki beach, went to Honolulu Zoo to say hello to the Komodo dragon there, enjoyed delicious local cuisine at a farmers market, and took a one-hour-bus-ride to Kailua beach, which is one of the most beautiful beaches in the U.S. So many wonderful experiences! However the highlight of our trip was horseback riding in Kualoa, where block buster movies, like Jurassic Park, were shot. As a Sagittarius, I had believed I could build quick relationship with horses, but the reality was harsh. Lol. We were in close sight of canceling at the eleventh hour. However I had to show courage before my daughter's expecting eyes, so I put my feet into the stirrups. Shaky as it was first, horseback riding became second nature as we went along the course. I found my horse, Mercury, a sensitive creature. A mere gentle pull brought her to an immediate halt. I was able to control her easily with my reins. When I was finished with the one-hour ride, I realized I had fallen in love with



her. That was a very precious, moment.

I'll never forget that day, and I swear I'll be back soon!

Minutes of Board Meeting

Feb. 13 (8 board members and 1 observer)

*Report from each group *The totaled results of questionnaire

*About the General Meeting *About members' list

Information

*Study group: "Do you meet the learners' needs? (Problem of mutual study VI)" Date: March 13 (Fri.) 9:00 – 9:50

Welcome to AIS!

New Members:

Mr. Shinichi Hiruma (Japan)

Ms. Wiphada Kataoka (Thailand)

I enjoy AIS!!

Daniel Nigatu (Ethiopia)

My name is Daniel. I had been living in Tokyo from 2008 to 2013.

Now I live in Asaka. I am an Ethio-Japan culture promotor.

I was an actor who participated on several TV dramas and feature films in Ethiopia. I was popular on ETV kids program.

At the end of last year, I travelled to Ethiopia to coordinate the TBS program "Bukkomi Japanese". There a Japanese Enka singer appeared on a TV show, met famous Ethiopian singers and visited the Japanese garden in the national Palace, Addis Ababa.

I started studying Japanese language in AIS. I enjoyed not only Japanese but also about various cultures of other countries.

I love to join AIS and I want to study Japanese more. I really would like to say thank you to AIS members and my teachers. My Japanese has improved because of AIS teachers.

Next time I will introduce my country's culture and I hope I can travel to Ethiopia with AIS members someday. Thank you.



Tea Break

(Y.W)

It is said that a disaster strikes when people do not expect it. These days it comes again before I forgot it. Have you already prepared the 72-hour emergency kit? I recommend preparing water and food for three months if possible.

People often says "Lay up for a rainy days."

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