



May Schedule



10:00 – 12:00

Date	Subject	Place
May 01 (Fri.)	Japanese/Chatting Table	Community Center 2F Gakushūshitsu
May 08 (Fri.)	Japanese/Chatting Table	Community Center 1F Shūkaishitsu
	Board meeting (13:00–16:00)	
May 15 (Fri.)	Yu-in Art (Open School)	Community Center 2F Ongakushitsu
May 22 (Fri.)	Japanese/Chatting Table	Community Center 1F Gallery
May 29 (Fri.)	Japanese/Chatting Table	Community Center 2F Gakushūshitsu

Yu-in Art for beginners (Open School)

♪ ♪ Let's make lovely seals such as flowers and fruits
 by carving! ♪ ♪

Date & Time: May 15 (Fri.) 10:00–12:00

Place: Community Center 2F Ongakushitsu

Lecturer: Ms. Kosho Okada

Fee: ¥300 (part of the material cost)

Things to bring: one pencil of B, scissors

★Please apply to Ms. Iijima by May 8 (Fri.)

Chichū Art Museum Junko Saito (Japan)



“Oh, this is the great Impressionist painter Claud Monet's paintings of Water Lilies!” I was almost

crushed by the overwhelming existence. Under the soft natural light, a huge picture of 2m×6m emerged. The ceiling, walls and floors were all white. Only the famous painter's pieces were shining with dark purple. An eminent architect Tadao Ando designed this room to show the pictures attractively. He used special materials on the floor so that all viewers have to take off their shoes and put on white slippers. Ando completely eliminated everything that interfered with our imagination even footsteps.

I visited the small island Naoshima, which is in the Inland Sea of Japan, alone at the end of February. Ando constructed the three-story museum there receiving aid from Benesse Corporation. It was built entirely underground to ensure that it does not affect the beautiful scenery of the Seto Inland sea. I also saw a work by the artist De Maria that was a wide space with stairs and a black ball. It reminded me of a church. Furthermore I experienced Turnell's art work with a few visitors. The space he created bloomed with yellow light.

I recommend you to travel alone because you can refresh yourself through the days.

Minutes of Board Meeting

April 03 (12 former and new board members and 8 observers)

*Report from each group *Draft budget of this term

*Plans of this term

· On Apr.19(Fri.), AIS's Annual General Meeting was held and 41 members (33 Japanese and 8 foreign members) attended. There was a report on the previous term's activities and we talked about this term's budget and activities.

Ms. Hitomi Morita was elected as new chairperson of AIS.

· On March 22 (Sun.) 10 AIS members participated in Kurome river embankment clean up. Thank you for your cooperation.

Information

*Study group: Date: May 08 (Fri.) 9:00 – 9:50



An Enjoyable “Field Day” for Adults



Kong Qing He (China)

A field day was held on March 20th. I think it was my first sports day since I became a grown-up. I had been looking forward to it after reading the notice. Finally March 20th came. I went to “Asaka-no-mori” park designated as the meeting place a little early as usual.

A lot of people were already there and they all looked thrilled with expectation. Starting with the radio exercise, we then did a treasure hunt, an obstacle race and mukade (centipede) janken game. The most impressive and interesting although difficult was the obstacle course race.

We were divided into four teams: red, yellow, blue and white. The flow of the game is as follows: we start to run with the signal, at the first point we take a lei out of the box and put it around the neck, run again, then at the second point we take out a small ball and a ladle from the basket and run carrying the ball in the ladle, and toss them into the next basket. The last stage was the most interesting though the hardest. We put a bun hanging from a cord in our mouth without using our hands and run to the goal. The person who reaches the goal first wins. I was a member of the yellow team. I started running first at the starter's signal and cleared the first two obstacles very well. However I couldn't catch the bun on my first try because the bun began to swing wildly. I found it very difficult to grab it with my mouth. While wrestling with the bun, I saw the others catching up to me and I was in a rush. Just at that moment, the bun came right in front me and I tried to get it in one bite. I did my best and reached the goal first. I was so happy that I almost danced with joy. My yellow team was in second place. I enjoyed this field day very much. It was an unforgettable day in my life.

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