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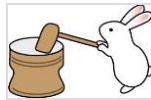
Date	Subject	Place
Jan. 08 (Fri.)	Japanese/ Chatting Table Board Meeting (13:00~15:00)	Community Center 1F Gallery 2F Ongakushitsu
Jan.15 (Fri.)	New Year's Meeting	Community Center 1F Shūkaishitsu
Jan.22 (Fri.)	Japanese/ Chatting Table	Community Center 1F Shūkaishitsu
Jan.29 (Fri.)	Japanese/ Chatting Table	Community Center 2F Gakushūhitsu

AIS is off for a holiday on Jan.01, 2016

Welcome to AIS! (New Member)

Edassery Deepak (India)

Cardino Marlon Liprarum (Philippines)



THE DAYBREAK OF BAGAN

Hitomi Morita (Japan)

I visited Myanmar with my brother from November 2nd to November 14th. The tour was so wonderful that I can still remember every bit of my experiences vividly. Most of all, I couldn't forget the daybreak of Bagan. Bagan is famous for its Buddhist ruins - actually there are more than 2000 pagodas and temples sprawling across the land and you can get the whole picture of the land by joining a balloon tour and seeing it from up in the air. We joined one. The highlight was the daybreak. The sun rose in the east, holding the land in gold. How amazing it was! I couldn't describe it with thousands of words. It was the very best daybreak for me. It was not only the daybreak of Bagan but also the daybreak of Myanmar for me. The very next day the country held a national election democratically for the first time in 55 years. The country has been in the middle of metamorphosis from military rule to civil rule since 2011. Before we came to Bagan, we were in Yangon meeting entrepreneurs with a vision. I felt a kind of energy spilling in the air. That is why I took in the daybreak so specially. It was the moment I fell in love with the country.

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Minutes of Board Meeting

Dec. 04 (9 board members)

*Report from each group

*About attendance with infants

*Review on "AIS へようこそ" booklet

*About next annual general meeting and the roles of next term's leaders and members of various groups of AIS



Information

① Japanese Study Group : Jan. 22 (Fri.) 9:00 to 9:50

② Japanese Study Group Poco A Poco : Jan. 22 (Fri.) 13:00 to 15:00

----New Year's Meeting----

HOW IS THE NEW YEAR SPENT IN OTHER COUNTRIES?



There will be presentations of greetings and ways of spending the New Year in China, Korea, Thailand, Nepal and Argentina.

After that, we'll play Japanese traditional games such as *karuta* and *sugoroku*.

We'll also exchange calendars during this event. If you have any extra calendars at home, please bring them on this day.

Joining The Tour Of Meiji Confectionery Factory

Okano Haruka (China)

I observed the Meiji confectionery factory with AIS members on

November 20th. In the beginning,

we watched the video on the



general information about the factory. About 30 members joined the tour, so we were divided into three groups and then started to see the process of manufacturing confectionery in turn. First I was impressed with the maintenance of cleanliness in this factory. Next we saw the automated manufacturing and packing processes. I was surprised that they were operated by just a few staff members. At the end of the process of manufacturing of "Carl" (a snack food), there was a Shinto shrine archway "Torii". The tour guide explained that it is a popular place among students preparing for entrance exams. As "U" Carl (うかる) sounds similar to "Ukaru (うかる)" which means to pass the exams in Japanese. I found it very interesting. I would like to enjoy eating confectionery made in such a clean manufacturing environment. I also had a great time chatting with AIS members on the way home.

New members are welcome!
Please come and see how we are doing.