



Asaka-area International Society

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Chairperson: Hitomi Morita

March Schedule



10:00 ~ 12:00

Date	Subject	Place
Mar. 04 (Fri.)	Japanese/ Chatting Table	Community Center 2F Gakushūhitsu
Mar. 11 (Fri.)	Japanese/ Chatting Table Board Meeting (13:00~15:00)	Community Center 1F Gallery 1F Kaigishitsu
Mar. 18 (Fri.)	Japanese Calligraphy Experience	Community Center 2F Gakushūhitsu
Mar. 25 (Fri.)	Japanese/ Chatting Table	Community Center 1F Shūkaishitsu

Calligraphy Experience ~Let's try calligraphy!~

Instructor: Ms. Junko Saito

Things to bring: Old newspapers (if available)

※Your clothes may get stained with black ink.

Please wear appropriate clothes for this event.

**NEW YEAR'S EVENT**

Chen Jun Ping (China)



On January 22, a cultural exchange event for the New Year 2016 was held at Asaka Community Center. AIS members from various countries introduced the New Year greetings and customs of their own countries.

I realized that different countries have different ways of spending their New Year holidays. For example, people in China celebrate their New Year's Day based on their old calendar, and it fell on February 8 this year. On that day, people in the north eat boiled meat dumplings, but those in the south eat just plain dumplings. When people meet somebody in the morning of the New Year's Day, they surely greet, "Xin nian hao (Happy New Year)". Koreans also celebrate New Year's Day on the same day as the Chinese, and "dduck" is the typical food they eat on the New Year's holidays. In Thailand, the New Year's Day is called "Songkran". It is a national holiday and the holiday season lasts for three days. The local people go for a picnic in the middle of April for New Year's Day in Nepal, and relatives gather and celebrate this day in their own way.

I watched the traditional games of Japan, "Karuta" and "Sugoroku".

I tried playing the games afterwards.

I got the calendar for the New Year. It was an enjoyable day.

Minutes of Board Meeting

Feb. 12 (8 board members and 1 observer)

*Report from each group

*Preparation for annual general meeting

*Result of the questionnaire on the next term's roles of AIS members

*About sharing information on AIS' activity among Japanese members

Information

①Japanese Study Group: Mar. 11(Fri.) 9:00 to 9:50

②Japanese Study Group Poco A Poco:

Mar. 25(Fri.) 13:00 to 15:00

Welcome To AIS! (New Members)

Mr. Liu Jiujun (China) Ms. Guazi Mahera Jabeen (Bangladesh)

**Glad To Meet Everyone!**

Yoshiko Takenaka (Japan)

I became a member of AIS last year in June. However, I've already got to know Mrs. M. and Mrs. S. of AIS at an assembly 2 years ago. At that time, Mrs. S. told me about AIS' activities held every Friday morning at Asaka Community Center and she suggested that I check them out. As I'm also active in Ageo International Friendship Association in Ageo City where I used to live, I had much interest in AIS, but I readily did not have a chance to visit AIS.

Before long, I have come to think that it is more significant for me to be active in the local area where I live now, and thus I decided to join AIS.

As I realized that AIS' main activity is for foreigners and Japanese to learn Japanese together, I thought to myself that I must study Japanese harder again to be useful to foreign members and be of help. It is, most of all, a great pleasure for me to make unexpected, wonderful acquaintances and develop warm friendship in AIS. I really appreciate that I can learn various interesting, precious things through AIS meetings.



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Regards,



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