

**Minutes of Board Meeting**

Feb.10 (8 Board Members)



*Report from each group

*Next term's role of AIS members

*Preparation for annual general meeting

March Schedule

10:00 – 12:00

Date	Subject	Place
Mar. 03 (Fri.)	Japanese/ Chatting Table	Community Center 2F Gakushūshitsu
Mar. 10 (Fri.)	Japanese/ Chatting Table Board Meeting	Community Center 1F Gallery 1F Shūkaishitsu
Mar. 17 (Fri.)	Japanese Cooking Class	Community Center 2F Chōrijishshūshitsu
Mar. 24 (Fri.)	Japanese/ Chatting Table	Community Center 1F Shūkaishitsu
Mar. 31 (Fri.)	Japanese/ Chatting Table	Community Center 2F Gakushūshitsu

Information

*Japanese Study Group ①:

Mar.10(Fri.) 9:00-9:50

*Japanese Study Group ②Poko A Poko :

Mar. 24 (Fri.) 13:00-15:00

Japanese Home**Cooking Class**

Instructor: Ms. Yoshiko Mizuno

Menu: Gomokuzushi, Osuimono and etc.

Things to bring: An apron, a head cloth

Fee: ¥300

Up to 23 people can attend.

Apply to Y. Watanabe

Welcome to AIS

New Members:

Mr. Sriburin Pattanapone (Thailand)

Ms. Lee Kyunghee (Korea) Ms. Cui Yan (China)

**An Unexpected Gift**

Satoko Sakai (Japan)

The Big Dipper, seen in the Finnish forest at midnight, was very big and twinkling.

Unconsciously I slowly extended my hands to the sky.

I felt that my hands could reach out and touch the stars.

On January 1st, at the airport check-in counter for returning home . .

"This flight is canceled."

"Why?"

"There are no pilots at Narita Airport."

"Please put me on another flight."

"There are no seats today as it's full."

"Well, put me on a flight for tomorrow."

I had this conversation every day. Finally on the fifth day I was looking out of from my airplane seat. I found Mt. Fuji's white triangle peak inside a sea of clouds. Finally, I was back in Japan. I sincerely prayed I would be in a world where I can feel secure. What an unforgettable New Year.

