



Minutes of Board Meeting

March. 10 (8 board members, 4 observers)

*Report from each group

*Preparation for Annual General Meeting
 (consideration of materials, etc.)



Information

*We will collect the membership fee for the first half of the year (¥1,500) on April 7.

Please bring the exact amount of money.

*On Mar. 12 (Sun.), 8 AIS members participated as volunteers in the clean-up of the Kurome River embankment. Thank you for your cooperation.

*Japanese Study Group ①:

April 14 (Fri.) 9:00~9:50

*Japanese Study Group ② Poko A Poko :

April 28 (Fri.) 12:15~13:00

→※We'll have our Annual General Meeting.

Please attend!! (No Japanese studies)

April Schedule



10:00 – 12:00

Date	Subject	Place
April 7 (Fri.)	Japanese/Chatting Table Board Meeting of New and Former Members	Community Center 2F Gakushūshitsu 1F Shūkaishitsu (13:00~16:00)
April 14 (Fri.)	Japanese/Chatting Table	Community Center 1F Gallery
April 21 (Fri.)	Annual General Meeting	Community Center 1F Shūkaishitsu
April 28 (Fri.)	Japanese/Chatting Table	Community Center 2F Gakushūshitsu



New Members Ms. Santiago Shirly Verano (Philippines)

Ms. Aizawa RiEe (China)

Mr. Shimano Kimihide (Japan)

Various Japanese Study Groups

Kadota Naoko (Japan)

I became a member of AIS two years ago. I am not usually good at communication; thus, I had no idea what to do or talk about in AIS at first. For a start, I read books about how to learn the Japanese language. The more I read, the more I learned. When I learned that AIS has some 'Japanese Study Groups' that help develop teaching skills, I took some lessons. It was not until I joined them that I was able to understand the characteristics of the Japanese language. In this year's morning lessons, we practice teaching Japanese language in turns, using the textbook 'Minnano Nihongo'. We switch roles in every second lesson. In another lesson, we pair up and alternate between being a teacher and a student. Last year in the afternoon lessons, we discussed about how to develop an effective teaching method using shopping fliers. Shopping fliers are very useful materials for teaching foreigners about basic functional Japanese, such as trade names, the counting system, the product origin, prices, colors, and the discount displays. This year, in one study group, AIS members are invited to share any information they have about AIS. It is fun and interesting to listen to their stories and their teaching styles based on their many years of experience in AIS. I did not like studying or doing homework in my childhood. However, I found that it is fabulous to experience and know many things that I didn't know before. I hope I can keep trying to do new things. How about you? Why don't you do something new today!