



Minutes of Board Meeting

May 12 (6 board members and 1 observer)

*Report from each group



Information

*Yuko Maeda is now the AIS' event group leader

*Japanese Study Group ①:

June 9 (Fri.) 9:00~9:50

*Japanese Study Group ② Poko A Poko :

June 30 (Fri.) 12:15~13:15

June Schedule 10:00~12:00

Date	Activity	Place
Jun. 2 (Fri.)	Japanese/Chatting Table	Asaka Library Shichōkakushitsu
Jun. 9 (Fri.)	Japanese/Chatting Table Board Meeting (13:00-15:00)	Community Center 1F Gallery 2F Gakushūshitsu
Jun. 16 (Fri.)	Let's Make Japanese Tea in Yukata (Open School)	Community Center 1F Washitsu
Jun. 23 (Fri.)	Japanese/Chatting Table	Community Center 1F Shūkaishitsu
Jun. 30 (Fri.)	Japanese/Chatting Table	Community Center 2F Gakushūshitsu

Let's Make Japanese Tea in Yukata

Let's learn how to wear yukata and the manners of Japanese tea ceremony!

Instructor: Ms. Shizuko Enomoto



Things to bring: A set of yukata Fee: Free

(Please come wearing a camisole or a tank-top and leggings or short pants.)

In case you don't have yukata and other necessary items, please contact Yoshida

Welcome to AIS!

(New Members) Mr. Rowland Roger Quayson (Ghana) and Ms. Konya Cherry May Dacanay (Philippines)

Looking Back to the Beginning <New representative's greetings>

Shizuyo Goda (Japan)



AIS celebrates its 28th year of foundation this year, and for me it has been 17 years now with AIS. The situation surrounding the Asaka district, the situation in which AIS members are placed, and the necessities of the principals have changed a lot since the time of my joining.

But what doesn't change? This is the thought of foreigners seeking relationships with and the kindness of the Japanese people who want to support them. International exchange will continue to progress as long as there is mutual trust.

I will also make efforts to make AIS' activities leap further from international exchange to multicultural symbiosis as we recall the passion in our hearts at the time of joining AIS. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

The Cherry Blossom Season

Noriko Yoshida (Japan)

This year, we were able to enjoy cherry-blossom viewing nearly 20 days after the declaration of the blooming of cherry trees. We had cold days after the declaration; therefore, cherry blossoms started to open little by little and it took time for them to be in full bloom. Thanks to that, we were able to enjoy cherry-blossom viewing longer than usual.

Today, I went to Hikarigaoka Park to have a picnic under cherry trees with my friends. Whitish pink, light pink, dark pink ... cherry blossoms of various colors! We had boxed lunch under the cherry trees.

Because it was on a weekday, there were not so many people in the park. I heard voices of frolicking little children from here and there. I was in a peaceful mood. I am always interested in dumplings rather than flowers. However, today cherry blossoms are better than dumplings.

