



Minutes of Board Meeting

Jan. 11 (8 Board members and 2 observers)

Report from each group; Shimin Katsudo Festival; Report on Olympic and Paralympic city volunteer meeting; Questionnaire on AIS members' roles in the next term; Tea service

February Schedule

10:00 – 12:00

Date	Activity	Place
Feb. 01 (Fri.)	Japanese/Chatting Table	Community Center 2F Gakushūshitsu
Feb. 08 (Fri.)	Japanese/Chatting Table Board Meeting	Community Center 1F Shūkaishitsu 1F Shūkaishitsu
Feb. 15 (Fri.)	Event (Open School) “Ways of Teaching and Learning Japanese”	Community Center 2F Gakushūshitsu
Feb. 22 (Fri.)	Japanese/Chatting Table	Community Center 1F Shūkaishitsu

Information

*Japanese Study Group①:

Feb.08(Fri.) 9:00-9:50

*Japanese Study Group②

Poko A Poko: No activity in Feb.

“Ways of Teaching and Learning Japanese”

(Open School)

○ Interview of those who have passed the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) about their experience of preparation for the test

○ Introduction of study materials

○ Questions and answers

*Inquiry:

Yaeko Watanabe

Welcome to AIS!

New Members:

Ms. Guan Yan (China) Ms. Ueda Akiko (Japan)



Walking around Meiji Jingu Gaien

Kasai Yoshiaki (Japan)

I walked along the road lined with ginkgo trees in Meiji Jingu Gaien which is famous for autumn leaves in Tokyo, as my partner suggested. Even though I used to live nearby Tokyo for a long time, I purchased a Tokyo walking map and did a preliminary survey. It was a cloudy and chilly day on November 24th, but 16 of us started out from Gaienmae Station and walked leisurely along a road with beautiful ginkgo trees.

Although the green fresh ginkgo leaves in the spring and summer are also beautiful, the wonderful lightly golden autumn leaves are a must-see sight. Then, from Meiji Jingu Gaien, we walked along a street from where we could see the main stadium for the Tokyo Summer Olympics less than 2 years from now, and proceeded to Hatonomori Hachiman Shrine, which was built 1100 years ago, and then went on to Shinjuku Gyoen, which is known as the oasis of Tokyo. We enjoyed very much viewing the bi-symmetrically patterned French garden, had lunch on the lawn, and went to see the tropical botanical garden. We then went home, and my pedometer indicated that I walked 18,000 steps on that day.

