



Minutes of Board Meeting

July 12 (9 Board members)



*Report from each group

*Report from the executive of AIS 30th event

Information

*On July 12, AIS special general meeting was held and the budget for the AIS 30th anniversary event was approved.

*On Aug.3 and 4, Saikasai was held and AIS members participated as water suppliers. In total 34 members, including foreign and former members worked as volunteers in the hot weather. Thank you very much for your cooperation!

*Japanese Study Group ① :

Sept. 13 (Fri.) 9:00 – 9:50

◆ We're going to include AIS members' short messages in our 30th anniversary commemorative book. ◆

September Schedule 10:00 – 12:00

Date	Activity	Place
Sept.06 (Fri.)	Japanese/Chatting Table	Community Center 2F Gakushūshitsu
Sept.13 (Fri.)	Japanese/Chatting Table Board Meeting(13:00-15:00)	Community Center 1F Gallery 1F Shūkaishitsu
Sept.20 (Fri.)	Handicraft (Event)	Community Center 2F Gkakushūshitsu
Sept.27 (Fri.)	Japanese/Chatting Table 30 th Anniversary Meeting	Community Center 1F Shūkaishitsu 2F Ongakushitsu

☆**Let's Make Earrings!** ☆ Date: Sept. 20 (Fri.)

Instructor: Ms. Noriko Okuda

Let's have fun making cute accessories!

Contact Person: Hitomi Morita



Welcome to AIS!

New Members:

Ms. Hoang Thi Trinh (Vietnam)

Ms. Lethi Hai (Vietnam) Ms. Koirala Puja (Nepal)

Ms. Hoang Thi Thu Thao (Vietnam)

Ms. Mitake Yumiko (Indonesia)

The Dream Vacation to New Zealand

Yuko Akimto (China)



My husband and I went to New Zealand last February for our 11-day dream vacation. It was the most exciting and unforgettable trip we have taken in recent years. We fell in love with the country's beautiful lakes, magnificent mountains, giant glaciers, untouched wilderness, and delectable cuisine. The country has everything, especially the ever-so-friendly people. Ah, take me back please!

Our first stop was Auckland and the next day we flew to the most beautiful town in South Island, Queenstown. We took a cruise through Milford Sound. The views were breathtaking as we were surrounded by glaciers. The most exciting part of the trip was the drive from Queens Town to Christchurch. The drive along the way to Mt. Cook and Lake Tekapo was amazing. One of the most beautiful, stunning lakes in New Zealand is Lake Pukaki. What makes Lake Pukaki more charming is that unlike Lake Tekapo, it's surrounded by beautiful mountains, including the highest peak in New Zealand, Mount Cook/Aoraki. I just couldn't take my eyes off it. On the way to Lake Tekapo, we couldn't help but stop and take as many photos as we could. Lake Tekapo is the best location in the world for star gazing. For the first time in my life, I saw such beautiful Southern stars and the Milky Way in the skies of Mt. Cook.

We returned to Auckland again. We met with my cousin's family that night and enjoyed chatting while eating lobsters and white wine till very late, really indulging ourselves in the beautiful night of Auckland.

This fun-filled trip ended and I'm now missing New Zealand.