



December Schedule



10:00 – 12:00

Date	Activity	Place
Dec. 06 (Fri.)	30 th Anniversary Event	Community Center 2F Recreation Hall
Nov. 13 (Fri.)	Japanese/Chatting Table	Community Center 1F Shukaishitsu
	Board Meeting (13:00 -15:00)	1F Shukaishitsu
Nov. 20 (Fri.)	Japanese/Chatting Table	Community Center 1F Shukaishitsu

Minutes of Board Meeting

Nov. 8 (7 board members and 5 observers)

*Report from each group

*About the 30th Anniversary Event

New Member
Ms. Javelo Jonalyn
(Phillippine)

*AIS will celebrate its 30th Anniversary.

*We will hold an anniversary event on Dec. 6.
Members, friends of AIS and OB, we are very much welcome.

*We made a booklet, "AIS's Ayumi", to look back at the past 30 years of AIS.

We'll give it to members, friends of AIS and OB on that day.

*No attendance fee.

Information

*Japanese Study Group ①:

Dec. 13(Fri.) 9:00 to 9:50

*AIS will start again on Jan. 10.

*We'll exchange calendars.

If you have extra calendars, please bring them.



Visiting "Sanzenin in Ohara": Healing Temple

Dai Yuen Yuen (China)

I took a trip to Kyoto that I had so longed for at the beginning of September with three friends.

We visited many shrines and temples in and around Kyoto, but I loved Sanzenin most.

Sanzenin is located in "Ohara no Sato (village)" in the northeastern part of Kyoto City. I heard that persons of high rank once went into Buddhist training at this temple away from ordinary life. Although it is far from the center of Kyoto City, I believe it's a must-see spot. It consists of two beautiful gardens in the precincts of Sanzenin that definitely fascinate visitors. We passed through "Gotenmon" surrounded by tall stone walls and proceeded through a regular route to see some structures. "Shuhekien" is the first garden you can see from the elegant structure "Kyakuden" (reception hall). A little limpid stream was running in the garden and making a pleasant sound to the ear. Sitting silently in the external corridor of Kyakuden and seeing the beautiful garden covered with moss, I felt my emotions would to be purified. Unaware of the passage of time, I kept watching the garden without getting tired of it. We moved forward away from "Kyakuden", went up the stairs and reached another structure, "Shinden." The second garden, "Yuseien," can be seen from here. We went inside the garden and found Ojizosama (small stone statue) on the moss. Some jizo statues tilted their heads on one side like a child and others stayed close together. I found it very amusing to look for cute jizo statues.

The loveliness of Sanzenin still stays with me. If given a chance, I would like to visit it again.

