

JAPAN SRI LANKA TECHNICAL & CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

Sri Lanka Alumni of The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnership (AOTS) Japan

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33rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Japan Sri Lanka Technical & Cultural Association



Executive Committee for the year 2019/2020

Seated Left to Right

Mr. Mangala Samarajeewa (Vice President), Mrs. Ramya Ranaweera (Hony. Treasurer), Mr. Nihal Seneviratne (Immediate Past President), Mr. Nimal Perera (President),

His Excellency Akira Sugiyama (The Ambassador of Japan in Sri Lanka), Mr. Dayasiri Warnakulasooriya (Vice Patron), Mr. Gamini Marambe (Senior Vice President), Mr. Sunil Ratnayake (General Secretary), Mr. Chandana Amaratunga (Vice President)

Standing Left to Right

Mr. Nishan Fernando (Committee Member), Mr. Chethana Kahandugoda (Committee Member), Mr. Jithendra Gunatilake (Hony. Assistant Treasurer), Mr. Anuruddha Gamage (Committee Member), Mr. Nirosh De Silva (Assistant General Secretary)

The 33rd Annual General Meeting of Japan Sri Lanka Technical & Cultural Association was held on 23rd August 2019 at Sasakawa Memorial Sri Lanka Japan Cultural Centre, Colombo 03. His Excellency Akira Sugiyama Ambassador of Japan in Sri Lanka the Patron of JASTECA was the Chief Guest.



Lighting of the traditional oil lamp



Members at the Annual General Meeting



The Head Table



Mr. Nimal Perera, President of JASTECA addressing the members



Fellowship

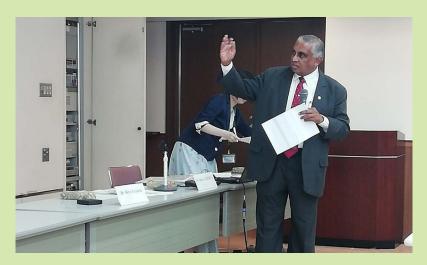


The Board of Trustees
Mr. Ranjit Jayewardene, Mr. Premalal Fernando,
H. E. Akira Sugiyama (Ambassador),
Mr. Dayasiri Warnakulasooriya, Mr. Athulla Edirisinghe,
Mr. Mahinda Saranapala

10th World Convention of AOTS Alumni Societies

At the AOTS world Convention held in Tokyo during August 2019, AOTS invited proposals from members of the SAFAAS region to be considered for further deliberations at the Tokyo SAFAAS Convention. 12 proposals were received by AOTS and the final selection committee selected 3 out of the 12 proposals.

One of the proposals selected was made by our Past President and the Trustee Athulla Edirisinghe. The theme of his proposal was "Initiating Inter Alumnus Initiatives with AOTS." SAFAAS Chair included this initiative for 2019 SAFAAS Resolution.



Mr Athulla Edirisinghe making the presentation to SAFAAS Membership.



JASTECA delegation at the 10th World Convention of AOTS Alumni Society



Presentation of momento to the President of AOTS by Mr. Nimal Perera, President of JASTECA



Mr. Dayasiri Warnakularuriya, Vice Patron addressing the delegates at the world convention



JASTECA members at the banquet

Health and Safety at the Workplace One Day Workshop



5S Train The Trainer Six Day Workshop











This programme introduces the training candidates to the study of Workplace Occupational Health & Safety. Training contained safe work practices in offices, industry and construction as well as how to identify and prevent or correct problems associated with occupational safety and health in these locations. This programme was held on 28th June 2019 by Mr Mahasen Wijesejara, founder of Compliance Solutions.

Through this six day workshop, 5S implementers and practitioners were able to gain in-depth knowledge of 5S and Kaizen concepts, KPIs, theoretical focus and application that leads to sustaining 5S, how to lead and guide others in implementation. This seminar was conducted by Mr. Premalal Fernando, a management consultant and trustee of JASTECA on 12th to 14th & 19th to 21st June 2019.

Total Quality Management Three Day Training Programme



TQM, which involves a huge transformation in an organization, is an initiative about the entire organization's quality. Product or service quality may only be one of the results. TQM flows from the organization's vision, mission and values.

Developing a common understanding and application of TQM, gain knowledge on methods and tools of TQM as well as the benefits of TQM were the main focus of the seminar.

Training was conducted by Ms Sakunthala Goonetilleke, Trainer and Consultant for TQM held on 18th, 19th & 26th July 2019.

Super Leader - Motivation, Leadership & Supervisory Skills Development Programme







The motivation, leadership and supervisory skills development programme was conducted by the Founder of TheMotivator, Dr. (Eng) Ranil Sugathadasa on the 8th of August 2019. The programme contained self-motivation, can do attitude building, how to become the best version of yourself in a limited time, how to be a confident leader, how to spend quality time with family while prioritizing work, improving conflict management skills of supervisors, how to speak to the point to make people listen and the power of gratitude in teamwork, goal achievements and overall happiness.

Awareness Seminar on Kaizen & 5S One Day Training Programme





This programme was held on 27th September 2019 and programme contained essence of Japanese culture which promotes productivity, quality, innovation and how we can adapt it to Sri Lankan enterprises. Understanding Kaizen and implementing a Kaizen environment were discussed.

Programme was conducted by Mr. Sunil G Wijesinha and he was the first to conduct 5S seminars in Sri Lanka as far back as 1994 and initiated JASTECA's Taiki Akimoto 5S Award.

Be the Smart Manager JUKI Production Management Programme for Garment Industry





The highlight of this programme were the introduction of Smart Factory and emphasizes on industrial engineering concepts like method of analyzing actual production line, Operation & Process Analysis, Time & Motion Study, and Production Design including Line Balance and Layout.

Mr Sasaki Satoshi, Deputy General Manager, Smart Solution Company, Sewing Machinery & Systems Business Unit conducted this three day training programme on 6th to 8th November 2019.

Experience Japanese Management in Thailand JASTECA Management Development Programme – Batch 1 Five Day Training Programme





This newly designed a timely needed training programme for development of next level leaders held on 21st to 25th October 2019 collaboration with ABK & AOTS Alumni Association, Thailand. First day of the training focused on "Redefining Leadership" with "Transformational Leadership" approach, how the corporate leaders and heads are going to manage millennials capturing their full potential for the organizational development and giving breathing space for exploring their valuable inputs for corporate decision-making process. Second day focused on "Essence of Japanese Management Concepts" including the quality management aspects and how best we can make use of these Japanese Management Techniques to our own corporate environment.

Third to Fifth day factory visits scheduled including TOYOTA Thailand plant and other best Japanese companies/ factories based in Thailand to gain knowledge of practical applications of Japanese techniques.

Workplace Health & Safety One Day Training Programme





This programme was held on 05th December 2019 and objective of this training to make the employees of the organization aware on the ways to eliminate hazards through counter measures. Programme was conducted by Mr Mahasen Wijesekara, founder of Compliance Solutions

AOTS Programmes

Leadership Development Training Program (LDTP)



The Leadership Development Training Program (LDTP) was held from 28th October - 8th November 2019 in Tokyo, Japan. The objective of the course was to deepen the understanding of the basics of leadership and to develop their own theories of leadership that they should focus on by reflecting on their own experience. Shalika Jayarathne, Head of Legal – Nature's Beauty Creations Limited participated in this program.

Program on Information and Communication in Emerging Markets (PICT)

Program on Information and Communication in Emerging Markets was held from 27th November - 10th December 2019 in Tokyo, Japan. Tharindu Prabath Disanayake, Asst. IT Manager - Noritake Lanka Porcelain Pvt Limited participated in this program.



The Training Course of Solving Human and Organizational Problems (SHOP)



Akila Niranjan, Manager – HR at Laugfs Holdings participated in The Training Course of Solving Human and Organizational Problems (SHOP) in Tokyo, Japan. This was held from 4th - 17th December 2019.

20th Madam Kiyoko Ogawa Scholarship Programme



JASTECA executive committee members and scholarship recipients

The "20th Madam Kiyoko Ogawa Scholarships" award ceremony was held on Saturday 29th September 2019 at Bakmeewewa Kanishta Vidyalaya in the Ampara Education Zone. Members of the Executive Committee of JASTECA, together with the Zonal Director of Education - Ampara, Principal of the school and staff were present at the Awards Ceremony. 25 Students were selected to receive scholarships. As of now, 510 deserving students have benefited by the Madam Kiyoko Ogawa Scholarship Programme. Mr. Nirosh de Silva chaired this event.



Distribution of scholarships and gifts to the receipients by the President Mr. Nimal Perera and Project Chairman Mr. Nirosh de SIlva



A section of the participants with JASTECA officials



Flag hoisting ceremony



Project Chairman Mr Nirosh de Silva addressing the gathering



Vote of thanks by a scholarship recipient



A dance recital by the students



A performance by a student



A section of students and parents