



Society Activity Report 2020-21

Japanese Society

The Japanese Society of St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi, was established August 2018 in collaboration with the students of Soka and Keio University, Tokyo, due to the long lasting partnership St. Stephen's has with both the universities and the newly started exchange programme. In this endeavour, the Japanese society has contributed immensely to the strengthening of ties between India and Japan through its students. Events we did in this endeavour are as follows-

Cosplay Showcase

The first event of The Japanese Society in the academic year 2020-2021 was held on 6th of November 2020. The Cosplay showcase got a total of 8 entries. We posted the entries on our Instagram page. The participants had to dress up as characters from Japanese popular culture.





Discussion on Isekai

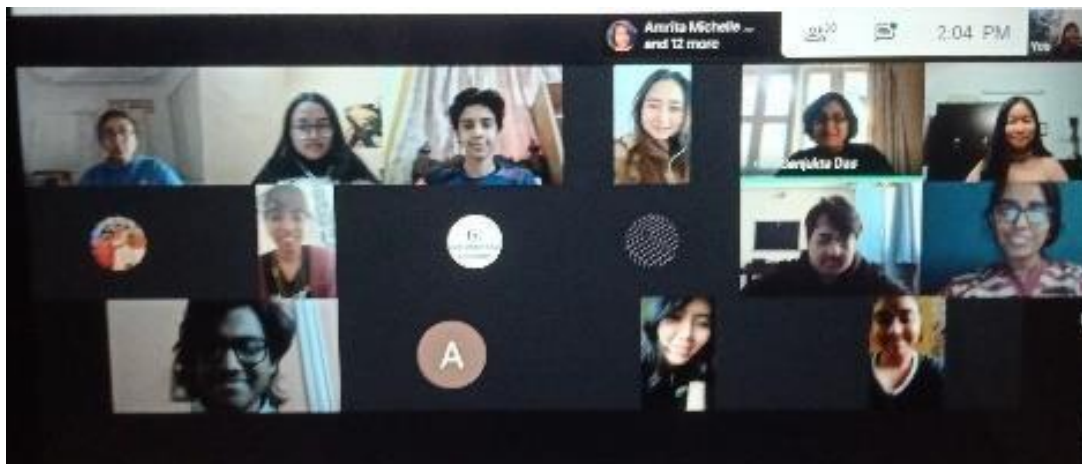
The Japanese Society held an academic discussion on Isekai on 17th of November 2020 via Google Meet, this was moderated by the council members of the Japanese Society and a total of 30-35 students attended this discussion. We traced the origin of the Isekai genre as well have talked about the various subtypes of the isekai genre.





Japanese Society Orientation

The Japanese Society held its orientation on 28th of November 2020 via Google Meet. We interacted with the juniors and gave them an introduction to the Japanese Society. Around 30-40 people attended our orientation.





Discussion On Akutogawa

We organized a student led discussion on the Japanese author Akutogawa and his works on 11th of January 2021 via Google Meet. We discussion his various works and how different publications translate his works. Around 20-30 people attended this discussion.



A Joint Discussion on Myths and Urban Legends With Soka University

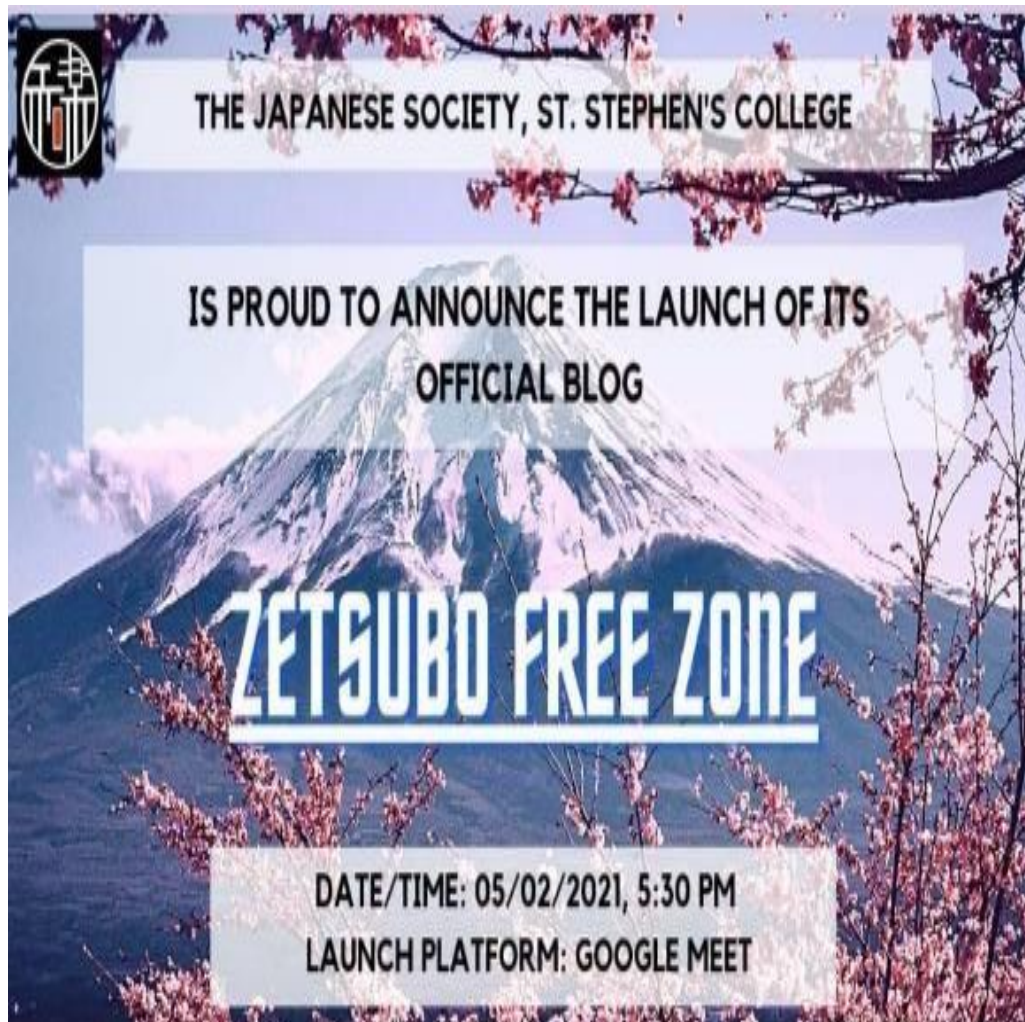
The Japanese Society organized a joint discussion on Myths and Urban legends with Soka University on 24th of January 2021 via Zoom. This session was moderated by Professor Ui Teramoto from Soka University. The students talked about regional myths and legends and we discussed the epics which included Mahabharata and the Tale of Genji. This joint discussion was attended by 40-50 people.



The poster has a traditional Japanese ink wash style background with a samurai figure in the center, surrounded by falling red maple leaves. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top, it reads: 'THE JAPANESE SOCIETY, ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE AND SOUTH ASIA RESEARCH CENTER, SOKA UNIVERSITY INVITES YOU TO AN INTERACTION WITH STUDENTS FROM SOKA UNIVERSITY, JAPAN.' The main title is 'THEME: MYTHS AND URBAN LEGENDS'. Below that, the date and time are 'DATE: 24TH OF JANUARY 11:30AM VIA ZOOM'. A white rounded rectangle contains the text 'CLOSED EVENT (FOR STEPHENIANS ONLY)'. At the bottom left is the Soka University logo and name. At the bottom right is a circular logo with a stylized Japanese character.



Launch of Zetsubo Free Zone

We launched our official blog on 5th of January 2021 via Google Meet. Our blog was made with the intention to publish articles, reviews, artworks, poems etc. based on Japanese culture, as well as to encourage students from St Stephen's College as well as Soka and Keio University to write about their experience as exchange students. Around 30-35 people attended our launch



Discussion on The Movie Rashomon


We organized a discussion with the Philosophy Society on 10th of April 2021. This discussion was led by students where we discussed about the how the movie was different from its source material and we talked about similar movies and books. 20-25 people attended our discussion.



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DISCUSSION

Akira Kurosawa's movie
Rashōmon (1950)
based on Ryūnosuke Akutagawa's
In a Grove



Date: 10th April, 2021
Time: 4:00 PM
Platform: Google Meet

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The Japanese Society is a relatively new society in college and when I came to know that I was elected the president of the society I was not very sure of how I can even lead the society through an online academic year and without the guidance of the Japanese exchange students. Thankfully I was blessed with very hardworking members, they did not let this pandemic get the best of them and kept coming up with new ideas for events as well as fervently organized them. I would like to thank them for all the work and time that they have given to the society, they have helped this society grow through their efforts and dedication. I hope that they will continue to do so and make this society grow even more. I am very confident in my team and I know that I will be leaving this society in very capable hands. I am and always will be grateful for my team.