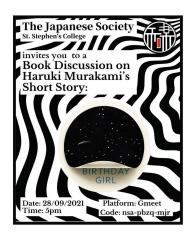


Japanese Society Report 2021-2022

Japanese Society of St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi, was established August 2018 in collaboration with Soka and Keio Universities, Tokyo, due to the long lasting partnership with 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. The events we undertook this academic session are as follows:



1. Book Discussion on Haruki Murakami's short story, Birthday Girl

Date: 28 Sept, 2021 Platform: Google Meet

Japanese Society organised the first discussion of the academic year. It was a book discussion on Haruki Murakami's short story: Birthday Girl. There was a moderate participation.

2. Bento Box Contest

Date: 10 Oct, 2021 Platform: Instagram

Japanese society organised the Bento Box competition on Instagram. The competition lasted 2 weeks and the winners were announced on 10 October via a dedicated Instagram post as their prize.







3. Yon-Koma Manga Competition

Date: 12 Oct, 2021 Platform: Instagram

Japanese Society, in collaboration with the Fine Arts Society, organised an online manga competition via Instagram. In this participants had to draw a 4-koma style manga, with a short storyline that has an ending. There

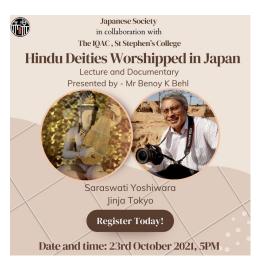
were 6 participants.



4. Talk by Mr Benoy K Behl on Hindu Deities worshipped in Japan

Date: 23 Oct, 2021 Platform: Zoom

Japanese society in collaboration with the IQAC, St Stephen's College organised a lecture-presentation by eminent art historian Mr Benoy K Behl. He presented an award winning self-made documentary movie and a lecture on Hindu Deities worshipped in Japan. There was an attendance of about 60 people.





HIKIKOMORI Disorder or Choice?



DATE -OCTOBER 29, 2021 TIME- 5:00 PM

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5. Discussion on Hikikomori: Disorder or Choice?

Date: 29 Oct, 2021 Platform: Google Meet

Japanese Society held an academic discussion on the topic of Hikikomori on 29th of October 2021 via Google Meet, which was moderated by the Co-Cultural Head of Japanese Society. It had a total of 10 students attending the discussion. We discuss the definition and the concept of Hikikomori, along with its origins and how this behaviour has been quite mainstream after COVID-19. Finally, we ended on a discussion on whether its a problem or a lifestyle-choice.

6. Film Screening: Summer Wars

Date: 28 Nov, 2020 Platform: Discord

Japanese Society in collaboration with the Cine Club of our college held a movie screening via Discord of the famous anime movie Summer Wars. It is a drama-film dealing where a 11-year old protagonist accidently helps a hacker hack into a virtual world which creates chaos, and how later he saves the day. There were about 22 attendees.



7. Orientation

Date: 17 Jan, 2022 Platform: Google Meet

Japanese Society had its orientation for the first year junior members on 17 Jan, 2022. It was attended by about 25 people. There were games and introductions held and it

was met with great enthusiasm.





8. Book Discussion on Kyoko Nakajima's short story, When My Wife Was A Shiitake

Date: 19 Jan, 2022 Platform: Google Meet

Japanese Society organised a book discussion on Kyoko Nakajima's short story: When my wife was a shiitake. The discussion had around 15 people who attended and participated.

 Talk by Mr Koji Yoshida on Indo-Japanese Diplomatic Relations Since India's Independence

Date: 22 Jan, 2022 Platform: Zoom

Japanese society organised a virtual talk with Mr Koji Yoshida, Director of Japan Information Centre, Embassy of Japan (India), on Indo-Japanese diplomatic relations since India's independence. This event was organised in celebration of India's 75th independence: Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The event was attended by both Indian students as well as students from SOKA university. The event had an attendance of 40-45 people.



10. Origami Session

Date: 9 March, 2022

Venue: Room S, St. Stephen's College

Japanese Society, as a part of the Mental Health Initiative, *Unboxed*, organised an origami session where certain origami figures were made. The participants learnt how to make certain origami figures

like a crane, butterfly etc. There were around 15-20 attendees.





11. Matsuri

Dates: 20 and 21 April, 2022 Venue: St. Stephen's College

This was the annual festival of Japanese Society which was an extravaganza of events that tried to put on display the vibrant Japanese Culture. It included events like Chanoyou, Karaoke, Beyblade Free-Play, Cultural performance and Cosplay competition among many others. It had over one thousand registrations and an attendance of about seven hundred, both days combined.

