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Notice Of 32nd Annual General Meeting - 23rd April 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 32nd Annual General Meeting of PAAM will be held, details as follows :

Date : 23rd April 2017 @ 3.00 pm
Venue : Holiday Inn Kuala Lumpur Glenmarie,
1 Jln Usahawan U 1/8 Seksyen U1,
Shah Alam, Selangor

AGENDA

1. Opening Address by President
2. Confirmation of minutes of 31st AGM held at Crystal Crown Hotel, Lorong Utara A, 46200 Petaling Jaya, Selangor on 17th April, 2016 at 3.00p.m.
3. Matters arising from 31st AGM minutes
4. Presentation and Adoption of 2016 Annual Report of PAAM
5. Presentation and Adoption of PAAM's Statement of Accounts ending 31st December 2016
6. Any other business of which prior notification had been received.
7. 32nd AGM adjourned

Cheong Lye Foon
Hon General Secretary
Dated: 20th March 2017

CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2016 - 2018

President

Aziz. Youp Kamaruddin

Vice President

Tan Teng Ek

Hon Gen Secretary

Cheong Lye Foon
Valerie

Hon Treasurer

How Chee Seng

Asst Hon Gen Secretary

Yap Choon Ming

Asst Hon Treasurer

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Abu Bakar

COMMITTEE

Lee Hock Leong
Khor Kai Tong
Subramaniam
Narayanan
Gerard Lawrence
Rajandaran
Subramaniam
Siao Kent Wah
Yang Chor Leong

Programme :

12.00 pm - 1.45 pm	Buffet Lunch @ above venue
1.45 pm - 2.00 pm	Registration of Members
2.00 pm	Talk on "Image Accounting – The Revolution of Future Business Accounting"
3.00 pm	AGM proceedings commence
5:00 pm	End of AGM

Please confirm your attendance with PAAM Secretariat 03-77282863 or email : paam@aots.org latest by 14th April 2017.

PAAM look forward to your participation at this event.



The President's Message



A year has passed by, and we therefore will be having our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 23rd April 2017. We therefore look forward to your presence at the AGM, especially to get ideas from you on activities to be organized. Your feedback in the Japanese spirit of Kaizen (continuous improvement) would therefore improve our Association for the near and long-term future.

A major focus of our activity for 2017 is undoubtedly the organizing of the FOSAAS (Federation of South-east Asia AOTS Alumni Societies) Convention this October. At the Pre-FOSAAS Meeting last September, comments were received from other member Alumni Societies that we should make this Convention more effective than previous ones. This is therefore a challenge for us. Any positive suggestions from members (especially at the AGM) would therefore be gratefully welcomed.

We would also like to encourage more members to write articles for our Newsletter. Please share your training experience in Japan, or any matter of common interest that you are passionate about.

I am happy that our Committee Member Mr Gerard Lawrence managed to successfully conduct a complimentary half-day Training on Kaizen. We are trying to re-start our training programs; the half-day training was thus a good start in increasing our experience to judge the market for potential training programs.

Your Committee members Mr Tan Teng Ek, Mr Siao Kent Wah and Mr How Chee Seng have kindly helped greatly in the Internship Attachment Program for Japanese executives, by meeting up with the Interns (as part of the follow-up process). We thank them for their precious time.

Wishing you and your family the Best of Health and Happiness!

President
A Aziz Youp Kamaruddin

What is AOTS

AOTS or the Association for Overseas Technical Scholarships, a Japanese agency, jointly supported by Japan METI and the industry, is entrusted with the task of developing human resources in the third world. It has trained over 8000 Malaysians over the last 3 decades. AOTS is now renamed as HIDA.

All AOTS ex-trainees are entitled to be admitted as a member of the Persatuan Alumni AOTS Malaysia (PAAM) which is the alumni association for all who have participated in AOTS training programs or even events conducted locally by PAAM.

To be a member all you need to do is to fill up a membership application form and submit it to the Secretariat office. There are 3 categories of membership ie life member, ordinary member and corporate membership.

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Getting To Know CCM Member- Gerard Lawrence



Gerard Lawrence is a first-time Central Committee member, having been elected during the last AGM. Married with 3 children, he holds an MBA in Operations Management, a Diploma in Management and a Diploma in Hospitality Management.

He started his career with Shin Etsu Handotai Malaysia 25 years ago and later moved up to be its supervisor and finally as their Manager of training and development and later HR. Gerard also worked in 2 other companies and his last attachment was GSC Sdn Bhd where he stayed for 11.5 years.

He is now a freelance consultant and trainer for MEF academy, MPC and others.

Training on 'Kaizen & Problem Solving'



Participants with CCM members Mr Lee Hock Leong and Mr Gerard Lawrence



President, Encik Aziz giving a closing speech at the end of the training

On 16th February, PAAM conducted a ½ day free training on 'Kaizen & Problem Solving' which attracted a participation of 16 participants from 4 companies and one PAAM member, Ms Khoo Chooi Pheng.

The half day training was held in PAAM's Training Center in Damansara Jaya from 2-6 pm.

Announcement



Articles for Newsletter

To make your newsletter more interesting, we would like to appeal for interesting articles from members. Your articles can be on any topic but should not be too technical. We would appreciate articles that are original and will make an interesting read, between 100 to 200 words. As a token of appreciation, PAAM will send you cash vouchers for articles that are published in PAAM Newsletters.



Japanese Language Teacher - Vacancy

WANTED – PAAM is looking for a free lance Japanese Language teacher who can teach small groups preferably in the evenings in clients' office premises. The person we are looking for must have teaching experience and must be able to speak the language fluently, if he/she is not a native speaker. Must have own transport. Interested – please write in to paam@aots.org for further details etc.

Health Article

How Important is Water for Your Health?

After the air (specifically oxygen) that you breathe, the next most important nutrient that your body needs is WATER! A friend was admitted to a hospital recently, and the doctor identified his problem as Dehydration (lack of water). He was put on a liquid drip; and I guess it cost him a fair amount of money to stay one night at the private hospital.

Dr F. Batmanhelidj wrote a book (**You're Not Sick, You're Thirsty**) of his experiences in reversing numerous medical conditions by just getting the person to drink more water. How much water? - Your body needs a minimum of **8 to 10 glasses** of water a day.

Tips on making sure you have sufficient water:

1. Drink **30 minutes before eating** (especially for people with gastritis, peptic ulcer, heartburn, and gas-producing indigestion).
2. Take **two and a half hours after a meal** (to complete the digestion process).
3. Consume **2 glasses of water first thing in the morning** to balance the dehydration during your long sleep.
4. Take **before exercising** (so that you have water for your sweat).
5. Drink **anytime** you are **thirsty** (even during meals).
6. Consume the 8 to 10 glasses continuously **throughout the day**.



By A Aziz Y Kamaruddin
(Nutritional Medicine Practitioner)

Consult a Nutritional Medicine Practitioner when you need professional advice.

Wishing You and Your Family
the Best of Health!

Activities Discussion at Restaurant Nyonya Signature



Despite heavy work schedule at the start of the year, 8 members in the CCM Committee including the President managed to hold a dinner meet to discuss the coming activities for 2017 at the Restoran Nyonya Signature on 11th January 2017.

From left : Subramaniam N, Tan Teng Ek, Yap Choon Ming, How Chee Seng, Siao Kent Wah, Valerie Cheong, President Aziz Kamaruddin and Gerard Lawrence



Japanese Article



Below is a regular column by Mr T E Tan on the various interesting peculiarities of the Japanese language

YOKATTA (GOOD! HOW LUCKY!! WHAT A RELIEF!!) 良かった

We young Malaysian government officers who were sent to Japan by Dr Mahathir under the “Look East Policy” were lucky to receive our living and transport allowances in the form of payment directly into our bank accounts.

Once a young Malaysian officer withdrew his whole month’s allowances of about ¥80,000 and kept it in his wallet.

The next day we were supposed to go on a factory visit. After hopping out of the connecting bus at the train terminal, we were expected to buy our own train tickets. To his horror, he couldn’t find his wallet. Everyone could see that he was on the verge of tears.

After coming back from the factory visit, the kind AOTS training coordinator brought the distraught young Malaysian to the bus company’s lost and found department. To cut a long story short, he was overjoyed to get back his wallet with all the monies still intact.

Whenever the young Malaysian’s story was repeated, without fail, the Japanese would exclaim “YOKATTA!” meaning “Good!” or “How lucky of you!!” or “Thank God!!”.

If you suddenly remember that you have left your umbrella somewhere and when found it, you can exclaim “Ah Yokatta!”, meaning “Ah I am so lucky!”

If your company successfully clinched a business deal, you can impress your superior by saying “Yokatta ne!”, meaning “Isn’t it lucky of us?” When we use the word “ne”, we are gently seeking some form of agreement from the listener – in this case, that we are lucky. Most likely your superior will beam with a reply “So da na...”, meaning “Yes, it’s good”.



CCM Chinese New Year Dinner Meet

On 8th February, in celebration with the Chinese New Year festive season, PAAM Central Committee members had a meet cum loh sang dinner at the newly opened Sri Thai Restaurant in Damansara Utama.

Left to Right : President Encik Aziz, Yang Chor Leong, Khor Kai Tong, Siao Kent Wah, How Chee Seng, Yap Choon Ming and Tan Teng Ek



Nagawaki San Visit

Recently, one of the former General Managers of AOTS, Mr Hiroo Nagawaki visited Malaysia and met up with some veteran PAAM members in Kuala Lumpur. Mr Nagawaki was the AOTS General Manager to Malaysia in 1991-1994.

On 15th February 2017, a group of ex-officer-bearers of PAAM met up with Mr Nagawaki for an Indian dinner. Among those who attended the dinner were: Datuk Nik Mohd Kamil (former PAAM President), En Abdul Aziz (President), Mr TE Tan (Vice President), Mr CM Yap (Assistant General Secretary), Mr KT Khor (CCM member), PAAM members Mr Eric Koh, Madam Lee Kim Siew & her husband Mr Mori and Mei Pheng (former Office Manager to Mr Nagawaki).



Shennekai Gathering - Jagam

Shinnekai is the Japanese tradition of welcoming the arrival of the New Year. It is generally held among co-workers or friends, wishing each other good luck and fortune.

At the kind invitation of the Japan Graduates' Association of Malaysia (JAGAM), PAAM President, Secretary and Treasurer attended the dinner event on 25th February 2017 at the MaiU Japanese Restaurant located in Sri Petaling.



Hon Treasurer, Mr How Chee Seng (right) with guests of JAGAM

Japanese Language Classes

AEON is one of PAAM's strong corporate supporters for our Japanese Language program. Their recent batch of employees is currently undergoing Japanese Language training in PAAM. They will leave in April for Osaka and will go through 6 months of training in their Kita Hanada Store. Upon return they will spend another 6 months of training in Johor Bahru before they are transferred to their branch in Kuching which will open in early 2018.

Overall, AEON Management are satisfied with the performance of their trainees in terms of Japanese Language capability.



AEON Management team - Puan Munirah Azmi (Assist General Manager of HR Development) - right and Puan Noraidah Arifin (Learning & Development Manager) – center paid a visit to PAAM office on 14 March for a short discussion with sensei Misako Matsunoshita.



Left to right : Florence Libang, Sandra Anak Malam, Theresa Anak Muan, Cheng Kit Liang, Chung Thina Dass, Muhamad Afham Roslan, Ong Pei Pei and Stefanie Stev



Graduates of Intermediate I level - March 2017



HIDA Management Training Program for FY2017 (Tentative)

1) ODA funded Programs

No.	Course Title	(Code)	Period	Center	Course Director
1.	The Executive Program on Corporate Management	EPCM	24 Jul - 4 Aug, 2017	TKC	Dr. Tsuneo YAHAGI
2.	The Program for Quality Management	PQM	23 Aug - 5 Sept, 2017	TKC	Dr. Noriaki KANO
3.	The Program for Quality Problem Solving	PQPS	4 Sept - 15 Sept, 2017	TKC	Mr. Yukihiro ANDO
4.	The Program for Quality Problem Solving	PQPS-2	(To be decided) Plan to Feb -Mar 2018	TKC	Mr. Yukihiro ANDO
5.	The Program on Design Management	PDM	(To be decided)	TKC	Mr. Hiromi INOKUCHI
6.	The Training Course on Solving Human & Organizational Problems	SHOP	10 May - 23 May, 2017	CKC	Mr. Yutaka FUKUYAMA
7.	The Training Course on Solving Human & Organizational Problems"	SHOP-2	(To be decided)	CKC	Mr. Yutaka FUKUYAMA
8.	"The Program on Business Innovation - Learning through the Practical Workshop -	PBI	(To be decided)	TKC	Mr. Naohiro NISHIGUCHI
9.	"The Program for Japanese Corporate Management - Learning from Spirits of Japanese Manufacturers -"	PJCM	(To be decided)	KKC	Dr. Tadao KAGONO
10.	"The Program on Information and Communication Technology in Emerging Market Economies"	PICT	(To be decided)	TKC	Dr. Ushio SUMITA
11.	"The Program on Corporate Management for Africa"	AFCM	(To be decided) Plan to Oct, Nov	TKC	
12.	The Program on Production Management (Monozukuri) for Africa	AFPM	(To be decided) Plan to Feb 2018	TKC	

2) Carbon Reduction Technology Promotion (CRTP) Programs

No.	Course Title	(Code)	Period	Center	Course Director
1.	Executive Program on Production Management	EPPM	22 May - 2 Jun, 2017	CKC	Mr. Hiromitsu HAYASHIDA
2.	The Corporate Management Program on Energy & Resource Saving	CMPE	(To be decided)	TKC	Mr. Hiroshi TACHIKAWA
3.	The Production Management Training Program	PMTP	22 Jun - 5 Jul, 2017	KKC	Mr. Shigenobu WADA
4.	The Production Management Training Program	PMTP-2	(To be decided)	KKC	Mr. Shigenobu WADA
5.	The Program on Energy Management in Manufacturing Industry	PEMM	(To be decided) Plan to August	KKC	Mr. Hideki MINOURA
6.	The Logistics Management Training Program	LMTP	27 Jul - 9 Aug, 2017	TKC	Mr. Yasuo SHIGETA
7.	The Training Program on Program & Project Management	PPPM	(To be decided)	TKC	Pr. Dr. Hiroshi Tanaka
8.	"The Quality Control Training Course - Continuous Improvement at Production Sites through the Perspective of Energy Conservation -"	QCTC	(To be decided) Plan to Summer	KKC	Dr. Hideo IWASAKI
9.	"The Quality Control Training Course - Continuous Improvement at Production Sites through the Perspective of Energy Conservation -"	QCTC-2	(To be decided) Plan to Feb	KKC	Dr. Hideo IWASAKI
10.	"The Program on Production Management for Kaizen Facilitators in Latin America - For Productivity Improvement and Energy Conservation -"	LAPM	(To be decided)	KKC	

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Lectures by TQM authorities

HIDA Executive Program on Quality Management
by Dr. Kano



HIDA Internship Program In Malaysia

Name of company	Name of intern	Name of sending company	Period of internship
SBOne Solutions Sdn Bhd	Mr. Toshiyuki Takehara	Hitachi Co.,Ltd.	From 6 February to 29 March 2017
Rivil Sdn Bhd	Mr. Yoshihiro IMOTO	Hitachi Co.,Ltd.	From 6 February to 2 March, 2017
Industrial Quality Management Sdn Bhd	Ms. Moe Sakuta	Kubota Corporation	1 March to 28 March 2017

During the past 4 months, HIDA continued to send young Japanese professionals to PAAM for emplacement in local Malaysian companies as interns.

Internship at Henikwon Sdn Bhd

Henikwon Sdn Bhd is one of PAAM's strong corporate supporters. Recently they graciously accepted a young Japanese professional, Tomohiro Fujii-san as their intern for one month.

During his one month internship in Henikwon, Fujii-san was attached to 2 departments ie R&D Dept and Sales & Marketing Dept. At the end of his internship period, Fujii-san made a presentation to the Management of Henikwon on his learning experiences in Henikwon. Representing PAAM, Mr T E Tan, Vice President also attended the presentation.

It was a eye-opening experience for Fujii-san as he underwent the internship. He had the opportunity to be involved in some R&D activities as well as observe how business negotiations/ contract reviews were conducted the Malaysian way. During his stay in Henikwon, he was also able to observe and made some useful suggestions for continuous improvements to Henikwon's operations.

PAAM is very glad that this internship program has benefitted both parties ie Hitachi Japan as well as the host company, Henikwon Sdn Bhd. We sincerely hope that Henikwon Sdn Bhd would be able to work with Hitachi Japan on some future ventures.

Internship at Rivil Sdn Bhd, SBOne Solutions Sdn Bhd. & Industrial Quality Management Sdn Bhd.

Two other young Japanese interns from Hitachi Japan who were here for one month and have just returned to Japan were Mr. Yoshihiro IMOTO and Mr. Toshiyuki TAKEHARA.

Mr. Yoshihiro IMOTO was attached to a company in Cyberjaya called Rivil Sdn Bhd which deals with mapping technology software whereas Mr. Toshiyuki TAKEHARA had his internship in SBOne Solutions Sdn Bhd, a member of TFP Solutions Berhad Group, based in Puchong.

Ms. Moe SAKUTA, also from Hitachi Japan, had just flown in from Japan. She is interned in a company in Shah Alam called Industrial Quality Management Sdn Bhd. She is also on one-month internship.

PAAM's commitment to HIDA in this internship program is to follow-up on these young interns and to assist them to adapt to working in Malaysian environment.



Fujii-san and Mr T E Tan with senior Management staff (COO, R&D Manager, Sales Manager and HR & Admin Manager) of Henikwon Sdn Bhd.



Takehara san and Imoto san.



Mr C S How, PAAM Treasurer following up with Ms Sakuta and having dinner in Glenmarie, Shah Alam