

Minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting Of Jica Alumni Association Of India, 2006

Dear member,

The Annual General Body Meeting of JICA Alumni Association was held on 28th January 2006 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. About 50 JAAI members attended the AGM.

Dr. O.P.Dewal, Vice President, JAAI, delivered the welcome speech.

Mr. R.K.Jaiswal, Joint Secretary, JAAI, in his report gave details of the JAAI activities organized since the last AGM on 22nd January 2005.

The activities organised **during 2004-05, after last AGM** were Programme for school children and Annual Get-Together.

An **Environment Awareness programme** for school children was organized on **29th January 2005** at **Bal Bharti Public School, Dwarka**. It consisted of Inter-School Debate, Inter-School Essay Writing and On-The-Spot Painting competitions. **16 Schools** participated in different events.

The Annual Get-together Dinner was organized at **Mariot Welcomhotel on 5th March, 2005**. The Ambassador of Japan H.E. Mr. Yasukuni Enoki graced the occasion as Chief Guest. In his address H.E. Mr. Enoki talked about Indo-Japan Cooperation gathering momentum and emphasized on JAAI's role in promoting technical and cultural cooperation between the two countries. The JAAI annual magazine **SAHYOG 2005** was released by H.E. Mr. Enoki.

JAAI has organized Ikebana, Cultural evening and Seminar **during 2005-06**.

Ikebana (the Japanese art of flower-arrangement) was organized on 27th November, 2005 at WWF India, Godrej Auditorium, Lodi Estate, New Delhi. Mrs. Ratna Guha, an Ikebana Master from Sogetsu School, Tokyo conducted the workshop.

A Cultural Evening in collaboration with Amar Jyoti Charitable Trust was organized on 24th December, 2005 with the title "Santa at the Cultural Evening at Amar Jyoti". Shri Shashi Kapoor, the Film Industry Icon, also graced the occasion as Guest of Honour. The objective of the programme was to create awareness about the abilities of the disabled through their unparalleled skill on the stage as well as academics.

A Seminar on Disaster Management was organized in the forenoon session of 28th January 2006 at India Habitat Centre, Lodi Road, New Delhi. The four speakers talked on various aspects of disaster management, such as role of geo-informatics and communication in disaster management, strategy to mitigate earthquake disaster, status of disaster management in Delhi and role of NGOs in disaster management.

The members were also informed about the forthcoming JAAI activities which included programme with school children at DPS Dwarka on 8th February, 2006, Excursion trip to Damdama on 12th February, 2006, Annual Dinner and Release of SAHYOG 2006 at Hotel Ashok on 12th March, 2006 and Membership campaign through advertisement in the newspaper.

Mr. S. K. Jain, Treasurer, presented the accounts for the year 2004-2005 to the house. He also requested the members to volunteer for auditing the accounts.

The Secretary's report and the vote of accounts was unanimously adopted and accepted.

The President, Dr. M.M.Singh, apprised the members about the widening of JAAI's scope of activities and outlined the guidance for future course of action.

Thereafter, the House discussed various suggestions received from members such as organizing seminar on agriculture, horticulture etc. Mr. Iijima, Assistant Resident Representative, JICA India Office, sought members's views on increasing the utilization rate of JICA training programmes offered to India. The members suggested that the age limit should be increased/relaxed.

The election for the new JAAI Executive Body for 2006-08 was held, as term of the present executive body is coming to an end on 31.3.2006.

Mr. Shekar Devasagayam from JICA India Office kindly agreed to be the 'Returning Officer' for elections.

The new Executive Body elected in the AGM for the period 2004-2006:

President	:	Dr. O. P. Dewal
Vice President	:	Mr. M. Z. Khan
Secretary	:	Mr. Rajesh Kumar Jaiswal
Joint secretary	:	Mr. T. P. S. Oberoi
Treasurer	:	Mr. S. K. Jain
Distinguished Member	:	Dr. M.M Singh
Members	:	1. Mr. K. Sitaraman
		2. Mr. Ramvir Singh
		3. Dr. Malti Goel
		4. Ms. Ashima Kapur
		5. Ms. Meenakshi Saxena
		6. Dr. Rajesh Rastogi

AGM ended with a vote of thanks.

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