

From the President's Desk,

Dear Members,

As we reflect on the first quarter from January to March, I am pleased to share the continued progress and vibrant activities of AAWI. This quarterly issue highlights the successful hosting of the WNF program in Mumbai—one of our flagship events that consistently attracts enthusiastic participation from international delegates and remains a key platform for global engagement. Our ongoing commitment to the promotion of the Japanese language continues to be a cornerstone of our efforts, fostering deeper cultural understanding and strengthening bilateral ties. These initiatives reflect not only our dedication to excellence but also the growing impact of our collective work. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all members and partners for their continued support, and I look forward to building on this momentum in the coming months.

The current bulletin (issue no 16) highlights the WNF program held in Mumbai. One of our major event where foreign participants look forward to attend. The promotion of Japanese language is our continuous endeavor.

Pravin Purav

WNF Face-to-Face Program:

The WNF Face-to-Face Vital Program was successfully conducted as an international capacity-building initiative exclusively for overseas participants. Under this program, AAWI hosted 10 participants for its WNF Physical Program on Advanced Training in Digital, Automation, and Proficiency Enhancement from 15–24 January 2026, in collaboration with Institute of Design of Measuring Instruments. The program brought together a diverse cohort comprising 4 participants from Ghana and 6 participants from Sri Lanka, fostering cross-cultural exchange and strengthening technical competencies in emerging industrial domains. Participants expressed highly positive feedback, appreciating the program's well-structured curriculum, hands-on training approach, and the expertise of the faculty. Many highlighted the practical relevance of the sessions and commended the organizers for their hospitality and seamless coordination, making the program both

professionally enriching and personally rewarding.



Group Photo at IDEMI



Classroom Session



WNF Participants visiting Solar Farm in , RCF, Chembur



Participants at Gateway of India



Concluding session with Principal Director, IDEMI



Japanese Language Courses in St. John College and Surya Valley School, Palghar

The Japanese language course initiated by AAWI at St. John college, Palghar has received an encouraging response from students, reflecting strong interest in acquiring global language skills. To further motivate and guide participants, AAWI invited Tomio Isogai from Japan to deliver an orientation session. He highlighted the academic, professional, and cultural advantages of learning the Japanese language, inspiring students to actively engage with the course and explore international opportunities.



Japanese Language Training at Surya Valley School, Palghar

As an observer and promoter of Japanese language and culture, **Tomio Isogai** performed his role with great effectiveness in Palghar College and School both.

President, AAWI: Addressing in college (up)

(Down) Tomio Isogai: Addressing in School



The excellent program, highlighted by a series of student demonstrations held in the capacious hall of the college in Palghar, created a truly pleasant and engaging environment for Japanese language learning. Demonstrations by students, along with positive feedback from earlier batches, contributed to an enchanting aura that inspired new learners to participate with enthusiasm. The well-organized setting and vibrant atmosphere made the initiative by AAWI both appealing and effective in fostering sustained interest in the Japanese language.

His keen observations and thoughtful suggestions for improvement added significant value to the program, providing constructive guidance that will help further enhance the quality and impact of future Japanese language initiatives.

The children and school staff were eagerly awaiting the arrival of a guest from Japan and performed a lively Japanese skit. Some students also sang a Japanese chorus song, showcasing their enthusiasm and growing familiarity with the Japanese language and culture.



Children singing Japanese song



Inter Alumni Seminar

The Federation of AOTS Alumni Associations of India (FAAAI) provides an annual opportunity of Inter-Alumni Program aimed at fostering the exchange of knowledge and strengths among its member alumni

societies. Under this initiative, a ZED (Zero Defect Zero Effect) Seminar was successfully conducted on 24 March 2026. AAAMI invited Mr. Chandrakant Dange as the faculty for the session.

The Ministry of MSME is actively promoting the ZED initiative to enhance quality standards and strengthen the global competitiveness of Indian industries. ZED inherently draws upon Japanese Lean Principles across many of its elements, including Daily Work Management. Given that a strong body of knowledge and practical expertise in Lean principles exist within Alumni Associations, the program was thoughtfully themed around the "Truthfulness of ZED."

The seminar was well received by participants, offering valuable insights and practical perspectives on ZED practices. It contributed meaningfully to knowledge sharing and the professional development of alumni.



Ashwin, an industrialist & AAAMI member- welcoming faculty.





Japan Agriculture & Logistics Team Visiting AAWI

Leading a team of Japanese professionals, Mr. Mayur Gondhalekar—an Indian-origin Japanese national—visited AAWI on 9 February 2026, for an Agriculture and Logistics Meet, fostering dialogue on innovative practices and collaborative opportunities between India and Japan. Among those who joined this meet, are Chandrakant Mali San, Nodal Officer, PIU-VSTF (Village Social Transformation Foundation), a Smart Project of Rural Development Department, GoM, Mumbai, and Dr. Umesh Kamble, Chair ASSOCHOM, Maharashtra State Development Council. The delegation shared insights into emerging techniques and discussed strengthening bilateral cooperation in the agriculture and Logistic sectors. Among the visitors, Mai Hatta san operates HASORA in Gurugram which was visited by Secretary, AAWI recently in further strengthening professional and cultural ties.



Our Japanese faculties with a Team Member.



Treasurer, AAWI: Welcoming C. Mali, Nodal Officer VSTF, Rural Development Department, GoM



Welcome to Dr. U. Kamble, Chairman, ASSOCHAM Maharashtra

AAAWI meets with members of a Japanese company

Sri Ashish Moradiya leading a team of Andaze Ltd, visited AAWI to explore the feasibility of Indian Cloud Engineers and Japanese language training at AAWI.



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Looking at the emerging opportunities before AAWI, there is a strong sense of admiration for the need to engage in thorough and intensive preparation, along with building meaningful partnerships, to actively participate in the Manpower Development Initiative for Japanese Industry and Society (MDI-JIS). This initiative presents a valuable platform for contributing to skill development, knowledge exchange, and capacity building aligned with the needs of Japanese industry and society. By aligning its strengths, expertise, and alumni network, AAWI is well positioned to play a proactive role in supporting this initiative, fostering deeper Indo-Japanese collaboration, and creating sustainable avenues for professional growth and institutional development.

AAAWI intends to develop a comprehensive course designed to prepare and qualify participants for opportunities in Japanese organizations. The program will focus on building relevant technical competencies, understanding Japanese work culture and business practices, and enhancing communication skills, including basic language proficiency where required. Through a structured curriculum combining practical training, case-based learning, and industry interaction, the course aims to bridge existing skill gaps and equip participants with the capabilities needed for a smooth transition into Japanese workplaces. This initiative reflects AAWI's commitment to fostering global career pathways and strengthening Indo-Japanese professional collaboration.