

## President Arroyo of the Philippines Visits Philippine EPA Nurse Candidates

June 20 has become a historical date for AOTS, worthy of the celebration of its 50th anniversary in August 2009. AOTS was honored with a visit by President Arroyo of the Philippines. This was the first time in its 50-year history that AOTS had received a head of a state.

President Arroyo was in Japan from June 17 to 20 this time, mainly for strengthening the relationship between the Philippines and Japan to overcome the current economic crisis. In the summit meeting held on June 19, one of the major topics discussed was the Japan-Philippine EPA, and the nurse and caregiver candidates, the first of whom were being dispatched this year, were given as a specific visible example of the EPA project.

Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) has designated AOTS as the implementing organization entrusted with Japanese language and other training for the nurse candidates (93 people, 36 at TKC, and 57 at KKC), and training has been in progress since May, 2009. On June 20, the Filipino candidates received President Arroyo dressed in their uniforms. When President Arroyo inspected the Japanese class, the trainees greeted her with a welcome in Japanese. Later, she joined the trainees for the refreshment, enjoying the conversation. During the meeting, the photo session was held, including the Presidential couple and the ministers in attendance. It proved to be a time of continuous high tension for the AOTS staff, receiving a

head of state for the first time, but it turned out to be a very memorable day, not only for the trainees, but also for the staff.

## A Notice Regarding the Personnel Changes for FY 2009

### Directors Newly Appointed



**Yutaka Miyahara,**  
Director  
Management Strategy  
Division



**Kenichiro Haruhara,**  
Director  
AOTS Japanese Language  
Training Center

### General Managers of AOTS Bangkok Office and of Kuala Lumpur Office Return

Accompanying the reorganization of FY2009, Mr. Mikiharu Taniguchi, General Manager of AOTS Bangkok Office and Mr. Masami Kodaira, General Manager of AOTS Kuala Lumpur Office have been posted back as of April 1, 2009. Currently, at the Bangkok Office, Mr. Toshiki Sadatani, General Manager of AOTS Bangkok Office is overseeing operations in Thailand and vicinity, while the Kuala Lumpur Office is being operated by the local staff. We look forward to your continued support in utilizing our overseas offices.

## Renewal of AOTS Website!

### Renewal of Top Page!

The top page of the AOTS website has been renewed this summer. The former NEWS section will now be divided into HIGHLIGHTS and TOPICS, so that changes made will be easier to see. In addition, the top navigation is now in text form, enabling easier access to other pages.

### Contact Forms in English and Chinese

An English version of the contact form is now available to visitors for the same convenience as the Japanese site. Please use the contact form when contacting our training centers and overseas offices. For inquiries to Beijing Office, we prepared the contact form in Chinese.

### KENSHU Magazine "CHANGE OF DETAILS" Contact Form

To our ex-trainees,  
Notification of any changes in contact information as requested using the CHANGE OF DETAILS CARD attached to the back of the KENSHU magazine can now be made from "KENSHU Magazine" Content of the AOTS website. When notifying any changes such as change of address, feel free to use the "Change of Details" Contact Form:

<https://www.aots.or.jp/eng/contact/magazine.html>

\*AOTS membership number is required for sending the form.

We hope you will continue to use the site in the future.



President Arroyo with the nurse candidates