

# HOW ARE THEY NOW? Ogenkidesuka?

## **Mr. Henry T. Go**

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How are you all? I hope you are doing great enjoying your work and making many new friends. I am from the city of Iloilo in the Philippines. Twenty-four years ago I was given the privilege and opportunity to stay at the TKC for 45 days to attend the General Orientation Course and Technical Training Course in the field of Service and Maintenance Pro-

cedures on Major Components of New Light Trucks, N Series, with Isuzu Motors Ltd. in Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo.

I am now retired from my career at Philam Life AIG Philippines as the Senior Business Development Manager, Chinese Market Segment for the Visayas area, and I am currently involved in non-life sales and marketing activities,

and a Board Director of Bank Victorias here in Iloilo and Bacolod in the Western Visayas area of the Philippines.

I sincerely hope I will be given the chance to visit your beautiful country again.

Best regards and I wish you all good health, joy, peace, wealth, abundance, success and happiness.

## **Mr. Sarath Wijekoon**

(Sri Lanka / AOTS / 9322031)

Thank you very much for sending me *KENSHU* magazine regularly since I returned from my training in Japan in 1994.

I participated in the PCCM-3 training course from January 18 - February 7, 1994 at TKC. It was my first visit to Japan and during that period I learned a great deal about Japanese culture, working conditions, and the lifestyle of Japanese people. I especially admire their dedication to the country's development. There were about 20 participants for the PCCM course, from different countries, and we were privileged

to be able to visit many important and delightful places in Japan. I had a wonderful experience during the training period; one that I will never forget.

After returning from Japan I was offered a managerial post in a leading ceramics sanitary ware manufacturing company in the United Arab Emirates in 1995. The company's workforce was made up of different nationalities, so I had to be effective in this cross-cultural environment. The experience I acquired through participation in the PCCM course helped me a great deal in negotiating with the staff. After hav-

ing served for nine years in the UAE, I am now back in Sri Lanka.

I would like to thank the AOTS staff (especially Ogawa-san, our coordinator) and management and my sponsors Noritake Co. Ltd. Japan and Noritake Lanka Porcelain Co. Ltd. Sri Lanka.

I also send my best wishes and greetings for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary.

I look forward to hearing from my colleagues.

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## **Mr. Subhas Mallik**

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*Minasan ogenki desuka?*

Hearty congratulations on celebrating the 50th anniversary of AOTS. During this long journey, AOTS has grown in strength. It has also played a vital role in connecting Japan and its friendly people with the rest of the world through various educational, technological and management programs.

I had the privilege of attending one such program at YKC in 1986, arranged by Honda Motor Co., Ltd. Our team of five young engineers from Tata Motors, India underwent language and cultural training at YKC. Our course coordinators were Kojima-san and Yoshimura-san. Please convey my best regards to both of them if they are still working with AOTS. We all had a great

time in Japan and all my happy memories are rekindled when I receive *KENSHU* magazine. We are fortunate to receive this information-packed magazine; thank you for very much for that.

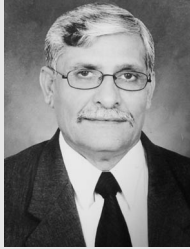
*Domo arigato gozaimashita!*

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## Mr. Bashir Ahmed

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Greetings to all AOTS staff, members and friends. I am pleased to have the opportunity to write to you. I am very fortunate to receive the AOTS

magazine *KENSHU* regularly. It keeps me updated and well informed on Japan and the activities of AOTS, as well as the former trainees. I love Japan and its people. I wish to express my deep thanks to AOTS and *KENSHU* and everyone who participated in making the course a success. I am working in Pa-

kistan and have been involved in the country's apparel industry for the last four decades. I am starting a business in Karachi for importing embroidery machines, called Imran Enterprises, with company branches are in Lahore, Faisalabad and Sialkot.

Thank you, Japan.



## Mr. Eric M. Huber

(Singapore / Asian Productivity Organization [APO] / 08NS201)

Greetings from Boncafé Roasting House in Singapore! I want to thank your office for sending me the AOTS magazine *KENSHU*, no. 186, summer 2009.

I am the Factory Manager of Boncafé International Pte Ltd in Singapore. I was a student in the AOTS-APO Joint Program, Executive Program on *Monozukuri* (Japanese Art of Manufacturing) EPMN. I completed the training from October 29-November 11, 2008.

I read with great interest and excite-

ment the article "Report of Training Program" and felt that perhaps I could share my reports with you on activity since I returned to Singapore from Tokyo after my *monozukuri* training at TKC. It has been eye-opening for me not just being aware of *monozukuri* but also resolutely applying the principles taught and personally seeing the progress made in my own factory. At Boncafé we manufacture roasted and ground gourmet coffee for customers in my country and beyond,

even as far as Korea.

I have submitted my short reports to APO and to my own country's equivalent, SPRING Singapore, which was instrumental in sending me to Tokyo for the *monozukuri* training at AOTS. I would very much like to submit these to you as well so that you can see the tremendous impact of the training at TKC that resulted in great improvements in my factory and manufacturing plant.

Thank you and have a *Bon* day.



## Ms. Subramaniam Sivaloganathan

(Sri Lanka / Asian Productivity Organization [APO] / 84AP039)

I came to Japan in 1984 to participate in the program that TKC conducted for APO.

I have been professionally trained by Japanese people. I learned even from small roadside vendors how to be kind, accurate and nice. I am thankful to AOTS for even arranging a visit with a Japanese family and letting me experience their wonderful hospitality.

For six years from 1967, I studied in Europe and traveled to many parts of Eastern and Western Europe. With the help of APO I have attended training in six countries in Asia and the Middle East. Japan stands out in my mind as the number one country.

Recently I was a special lecturer on the 5S's for about 200 students at a Colombo school. I gave many examples that Prof. Takanaka explained to me during my time at AOTS. His teaching method was outstanding. The teacher is the first to arrive at the classroom and the last to leave. I now practice that method and tell other teachers about its benefits for students who are reluctant to talk when there is a large audience.

I show the *KENSHU* magazine in class to explain how relationships are maintained. And my AOTS tie clip is still with me.

Thank you.



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