

## JAPANESE NIGHT VOL.8



Japanese Night Vol.8 was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 at Rani Seethai Hall organized by the Consulate-General of Japan in Chennai in association with ABK-AOTS Dosokai, Tamil Nadu Centre, Hayakawa Japanese Language School & Cultural Center, Indo-Japan Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Sethu Bhaskara Japanese Language Academy, Soka Ikeda College of Arts & Science for Women, SRM University, Sri Saratha Vidyavanam Higher Secondary School, Surya Nihongo Gakko, and Fatima College, Madurai.

Mr. Kojiro Uchiyama, Consul General of Japan in Chennai inaugurated the festival. The purpose of this event is to offer the opportunity for Indian people who learn Japanese Language to express their passion and skill on Japanese Language by performing Japanese Songs, Skits etc. From Japanese Association in Chennai, "the Chennai Chorus Club" members sang melodious Japanese songs, followed by a scintillating music performance by "Chennai Karaoke Band".

A special feature to the Japanese Night was the celebration of "Setsubun" with *Mamemaki* (Bean throwing). It is a Japanese tradition to scatter roasted beans on the day before "Risshun (beginning of spring)" to chase away evils and troubles. Participants tossed beans around inside and outside the entrance of the hall chanting "Oni Wa Soto" (Demons out) and "Fuku Wa Uchi" (Good Luck in).

The Japanese Night ended with interaction of the students, teachers, and Japanese association members, which was very fruitful. All the participants were very happy in meeting each other, since they were all from different schools. They were having a great fun. Every one really enjoyed the programme with joy and happiness "Yorokobi to kōfuku".

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## Photos of Participants



Indo-Japan Chamber of Commerce & Industry



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Chennai Karaoke Band