

INTERVIEW SERIES WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF JAPAN-RELATED ORGANIZATIONS (No. 8)

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Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship (AOTS)

Introduction of your organization

ABK/AOTS (Asia Bunka Kaikan Dosokai/Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship) Alumni Penang is a non-profit organization, established in year 1970 and was officially registered with the ROS in May 1971. It was renamed as Pertubuhan Alumni ABK/AOTS in 1997. Currently there are a total of 70 Alumni Societies in 43 Countries.

involved in Japan culture related event such as Bon Odori.



How is your involvement in Japanese related activities?

- To recruit and recommend qualified scholarship applicants for technical or management training courses to AOTS Japan;
- To contribute further mutual understanding and closer technical cooperation between Malaysia and Japan by organizing and supporting technical and cultural exchange between the two countries.
- To facilitate and support the exchange of knowledge in technology and management

What is your relationship with Japan?

We are the former trainees and participants of AOTS Training Program in Japan. Our organization are mostly

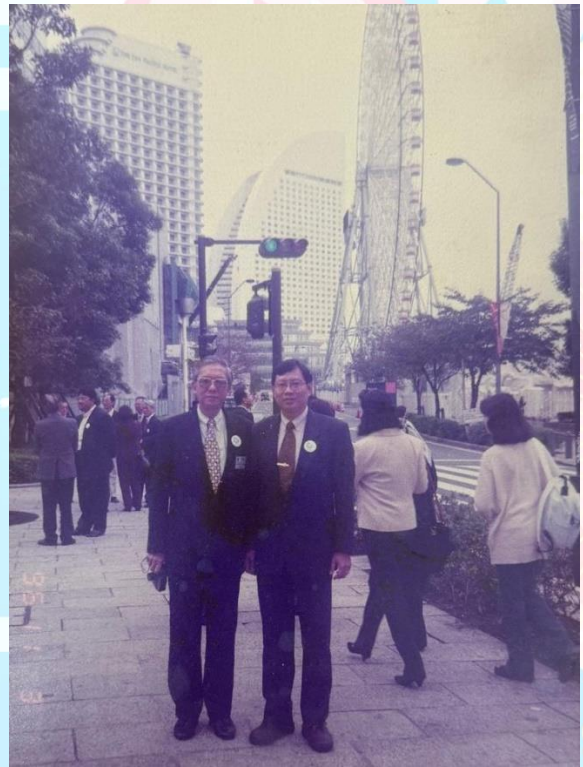
among AOTS Japan and Alumni Societies.

What is the Japan custom/culture that you like the most?

Politeness, dutiful, cleanliness, respect for elders.



1996-11-03 at Yokohama with Dato Koay Kar Huah and YB Kang Chin Seng attending business conference arranged by Penang Government



1996-11-03 at Yokohama with Tan Seri Sak Cheng Lam

What is the most interesting element about Japan?

Japan was once a very advanced country in industrial, mechanical, electronics and manufacturing. This is especially for the TOYOTA production system and culture.

Who is the Japanese person who has influenced you the most?

Mr. A. Tokushima, a Penang based Japanese expatriate working with a big shipping company. He described to me about his country and his fellow Japanese. His respect to his senior, his job and his responsibility that triggered my curiosity and interest to find out Japan for myself.

What is your favorite place in Japan?

Nagoya, Kyoto & looking forward to Hokkaido for the freezing experience.

What is your favorite Japanese food?

I like almost every kind of Japanese food, sashimi & sushi, Tempura, Miso & Ramen.

What are the future plans of your organization in terms of promoting Japan?

We are looking forward to AOTS organizing more courses in general field so that we can promote more people to Japan for training and to learn from Japan. As former trainees, we would like to share the experience of studying and living in Japan.

